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- Lectures in BLT1: Tuesday 1pm, Thursday 9am and Friday 2pm.
- Office hours in McCrea 240: Monday 4pm, Wednesday 10am and Friday 4pm.

Recommended Reading and Other Resources

- [1] *How to think like a mathematician*. Kevin Houston, Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- [2] A concise introduction to pure mathematics. Martin Liebeck, Chapman and Hall, 2000.
- [3] *Discrete Mathematics*. Norman L. Biggs, Oxford University Press, 2002.
 - Printed notes. But you should also make your own notes.
 - Handouts and slides on Moodle.
 - Problem sheets. Each of the eight marked problem sheets is worth 1.25% of your overall grade. This mark is awarded for any reasonable attempt.
 - Discuss questions with your colleagues.
 - Web: planetmath.org, http://math.stackexchange.com.
 - ► Check your answers to computational problems with computer algebra packages such as MATHEMATICA.

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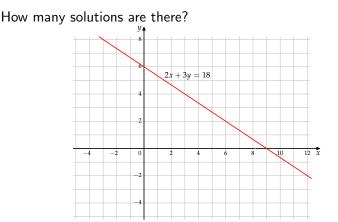
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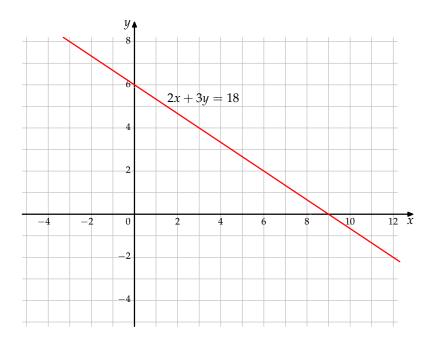
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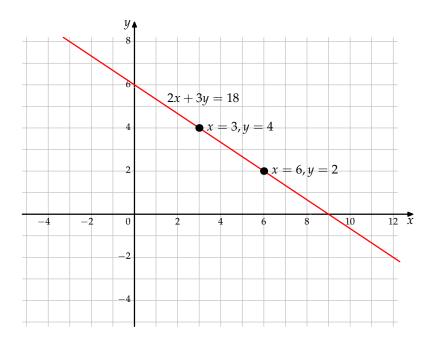
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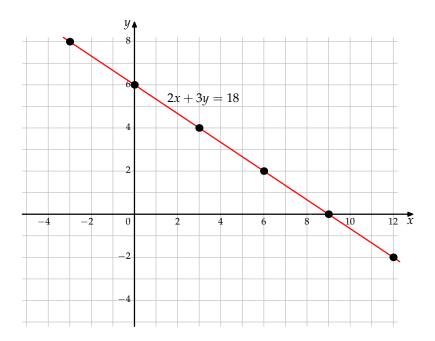
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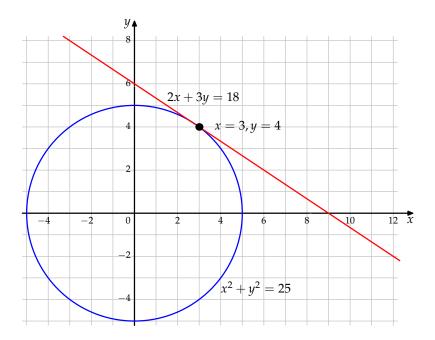
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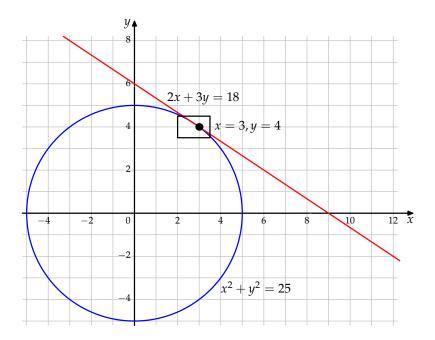


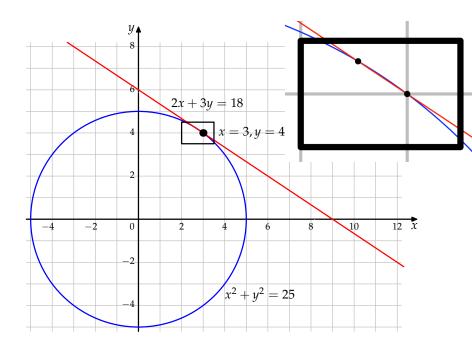












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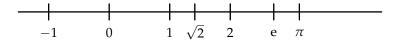
 $\mathbb{N}=\{1,2,3,4,\ldots\}.$

We write \mathbb{Z} for the set of integers:

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\ldots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}.$$

A number r/s with $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $s \neq 0$ is said to be *rational*. We write \mathbb{Q} for the set of rational numbers. Finally we write \mathbb{R} for the set of real numbers.

Some important real numbers are marked below.



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Exercise 1.3'. Find a simple expression for 0.99999.... Are you happy with the answer? (For another exercise on Example 1.2, see printed notes.)

An Encouragement to Use Implication Signs ' \Longrightarrow '

$$\sqrt{x} = x - 2, x = (x - 2)^2, x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0, x = 4$$
 and $x = 1$.

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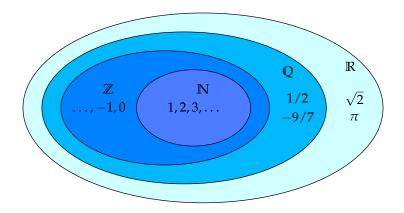
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Now $\sqrt{4} = 2 = 4 - 2$ but $\sqrt{1} = 1 \neq 1 - 2$. So $x = 4$ is the unique solution.

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Number Systems Seen So Far

In this diagram, sets are drawn as regions in the plane.

Note that a set contains all the numbers in the sets drawn inside it. It is therefore entirely correct to say that 1 is a real number, or that -1 is a rational number.



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There is a special notation for defining subsets of a set. For example if Y is the set of prime numbers and

$$X = \{x \in Y : x \le 13\}$$

then X is the set of prime numbers x such that $x \le 13$. The set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers can be defined as

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Exercise 1.7 Give an example of English sentences A and B such that $P \implies Q$ is true, but $Q \implies P$ is false.

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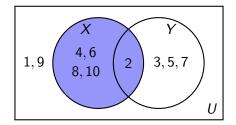
Venn Diagrams

A *Venn diagram* is a diagram, like the one on page 6, that represents sets by regions of the plane. For example, the sets

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9, 10\}$$

 $X = \{n \in U : n \text{ is even}\}$
 $Y = \{n \in U : n \text{ is a prime number}\}$

are shown in the Venn diagram below. The region representing X is shaded.



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Exercise 1.8

Draw Venn diagrams representing $X \cap Y$, $X \cup Y$ and X'.

Claim 1.9 (De Morgan's Laws)

Let X and Y be subsets of a set U. Then

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$$(X \cup Y)' = X' \cap Y'$$
,
(ii) $(X \cap Y)' = X' \cup Y'$.

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Student Representative Elections

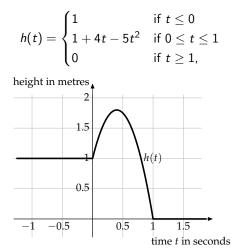
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$\S2$ Functions

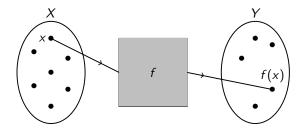
We need an idea of a function that is broad enough to cover everything that might be needed in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, probability and statistics. For example, this should definitely be a function:



Definition of Functions

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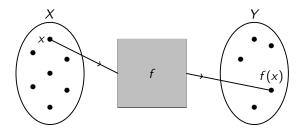
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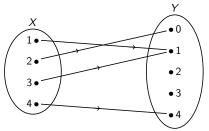


Question: When should two functions be said to be equal?

Let $f: \{1,2,3,4\} \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3,4\}$ be the function defined by

$$f(1) = 1, \quad f(2) = 0, \quad f(3) = 1, \quad f(4) = 4.$$

Define $g : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ by $g(x) = (x - 2)^2$. Then f = g, since f(x) = g(x) for all $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.



Definition 2.3

Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function. The set X of allowed inputs to f is called the *domain* of f. The set Y of allowed outputs is called the *codomain* of f. The set $\{f(x) : x \in X\}$ of all outputs that actually appear is called the *range* of f.

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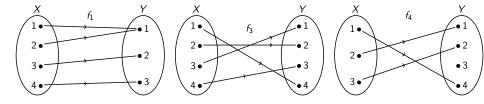
Bijective functions

Definition 2.5

Let X and Y be sets and let $f : X \to Y$ be a function. We say that f is *bijective* if for all $y \in Y$ there exists a unique $x \in X$ such that f(x) = y.

Example 2.6

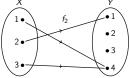
The function f_3 is the only bijective function below. For example f_4 is not bijective because there does not exists any $x \in X$ such that $f_4(x) = 3$, and f_1 is not bijective because f(1) = f(2) = 1.

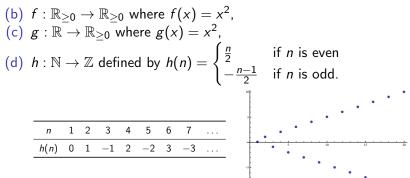


Quiz on Bijective Functions

Which of the following functions are bijective? In (b) and (c) define $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}.$

(a) $\mathit{f}_2:\{1,2,3\} \rightarrow \{1,2,3,4\}$ defined by the diagram below





Bijective Functions and Inverse Functions

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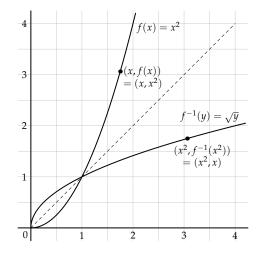
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Exercise 2.8

Suppose that $f: X \to Y$ is represented by a diagram, as in Example 2.6. How can you obtain the diagram representing the inverse function $f^{-1}: Y \to X$?

Graph of a Bijective Function and its Inverse

Let $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$. The graph below shows the function $f : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ defined by $f(x) = x^2$. The inverse function to f is $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y}$.



Further Examples of Inverse Functions

Example 2.9 Let $Y = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \le y < 2\}$. Let $f : \mathbb{R}_{\ge 0} \to Y$ be the function defined by f(x) = 2x/(1+x). For $y \in Y$ we have

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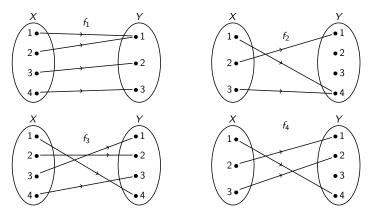
Example 2.10

Let $Y = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : -1 \le y \le 1\}$. Consider sin : $\mathbb{R} \to Y$. This function is not bijective. For example, sin $0 = \sin 2\pi = 0$, so the equation sin x = 0 does not have a unique solution. To find an inverse we must first restrict the domain.

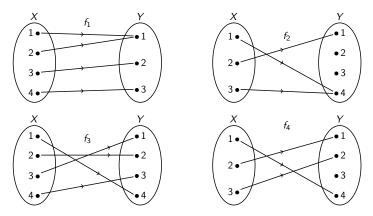
Injective and Surjective Functions

Definition 2.11 Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function. (i) We say that f is *injective* if for all $x, x' \in X$, $f(x) = f(x') \implies x = x'$. (ii) We say that f is currictive if for all $x \in Y$ there

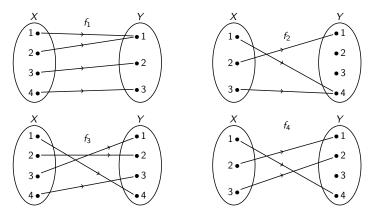
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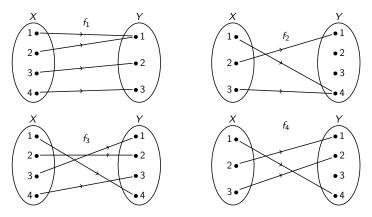
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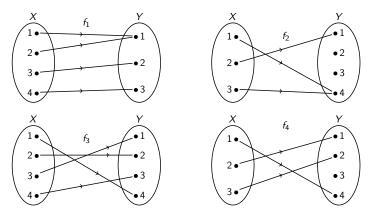
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- ▶ f_4 is injective; f_4 is not surjective, since there does not exist $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = 3 \in Y$.

We will see equivalent ways to state injective, surjective and bijective in Lecture 5. In particular we will see that

f is bijective $\iff f$ is injective and f is surjective.

A sadly **common error** is to write 'for all $x \in X$ there exists a unique $y \in Y$ such that f(x) = y' to mean f is injective. This is true by definition of a function, and **is nothing to do with** f **being injective**.

Feedback on Sheet 1

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- Sheet 1 was mostly done very well. I have updated the answers to Sheet 1 on Moodle with some feedback on common errors.
- ► Q2 and Q3 were used for the numerical mark. Some people gave examples when a general argument was needed. E.g.
 - ▶ To show $\mathbb{Q}_{<0}$ is not closed under multiplication, one example suffices, e.g. $-1 \times -1 = 1$;
 - ► To show Q_{<0} is closed under addition, a general argument is needed. One example is **not** enough.
- Many people had an extra 'false' solution in Q4(b). Correct use of implication signs would have avoided this: see model answers.
- ▶ In Q5, many answers showed that

 $z \in (X \cap Y)' \implies z \in X' \cup Y'$, and so $(X \cap Y)' \subseteq X' \cup Y'$, and then announced that $(X \cap Y)' = X' \cup Y'$. This does not follow. You must also show $X' \cup Y' \subseteq (X \cap Y)'$. Diagrams and the Horizontal Line Test

Exercise 2.13 Let $f: X \to Y$ be represented by a diagram. Then

f is injective \iff no element of the codomain Y has two (or more) arrows coming into it.

Give a similar condition for f to be surjective. Give a similar condition for f to be bijective.

Exercise 2.14

By looking at the graph of a function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$, where $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, we can detect whether f is injective by looking at the horizontal lines going through (0, y) for each $y \in \mathbb{R}$. This is called the *horizontal line test*:

f is injective \iff each horizontal line hits the graph of f at most once.

Give similar conditions for f to be surjective and bijective.

Composing Functions

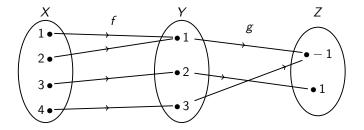
Let $f : X \to Y$ and $g : Y \to Z$ be functions. The composition of f and g is the function $gf : X \to Z$, defined by

(gf)(x) = g(f(x)).

Note that gf means 'do f, then do g'. One has to get used to reading function compositions from right to left.

Example 2.15

Let $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ be the function f_1 from Example 2.6. Let $g : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ be defined by $g(x) = (-1)^x$.



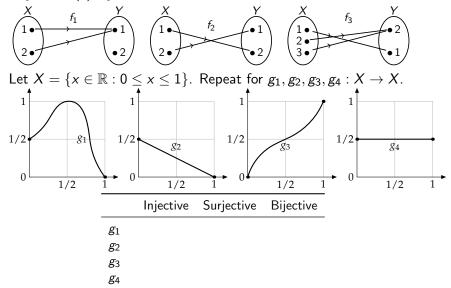
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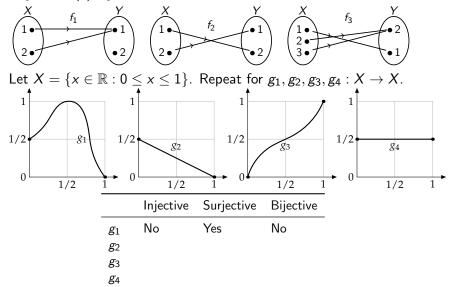
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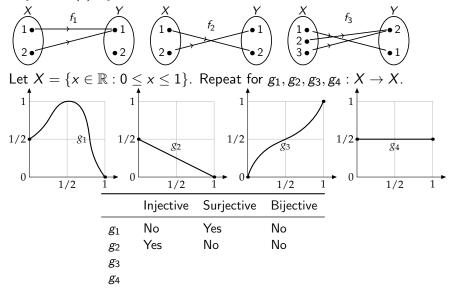
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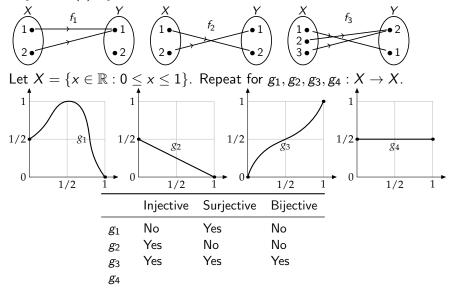
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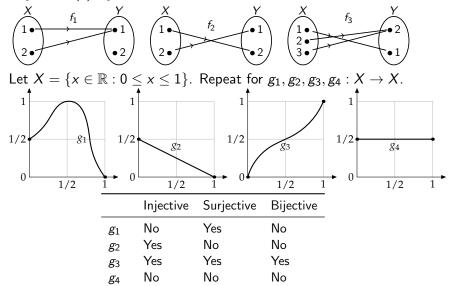
For (ii) see Question 5(a) on Sheet 2.











Inverse of a Composition of Functions

By (c), if $f: X \to Y$ and $g: Y \to Z$ are bijections, then $gf: X \to Z$ is a bijection, and so it has an inverse function. To undo the composition $gf: X \to Z$ we must first undo $g: Y \to Z$, then undo $f: X \to Y$. Hence

$$(gf)^{-1} = f^{-1}g^{-1}.$$

This result can be useful when finding inverse functions.

Example 2.17

Let

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2x^2}{1+x^2}}.$$

We can write f as a composition: $f = f_3 f_2 f_1$ where $f_1(x) = x^2$, $f_2(x) = 2x/(1+x)$ and $f_3(x) = \sqrt{x}$. In the lecture we will sort out the domains and codomains of f and f_1 , f_2 , f_3 , and hence find the inverse to f.

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The *identity* function on a set X is the function $id_X : X \to X$ defined by $id_X(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$.

Extra: Non-examinable, but Interesting Mathematics

Lemma 2.18

Let X and Y be non-empty sets and let $f : X \to Y$ be a function.

- (a) f is injective \iff there exists $g : Y \to X$ such that $gf = id_X$.
- (b) f is surjective \iff there exists $h: Y \to X$ such that $fh = id_Y$.

Moreover, if $gf = id_X$ and $fh = id_Y$ then f is bijective and $g = h = f^{-1}$.

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Please interpret the 'complex' in complex number as meaning 'made of more than one part', rather than 'difficult'. The word 'imaginary' is also standard—please do not be put off by it.

Exercise 3.2 Calculate $(1 + i)^3$.

Adding, Subtracting and Multiplying in $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$

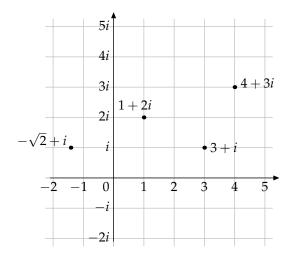
The rules for adding, multiplying and subtracting complex numbers follow from the property that $i^2 = -1$. If a + bi and $c + di \in \mathbb{C}$ are complex numbers in Cartesian form then

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

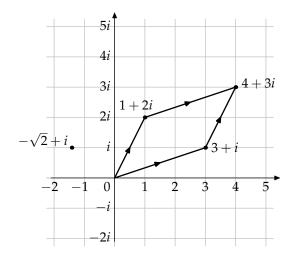
 $(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i$
 $(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i.$

So the set ${\mathbb C}$ of complex numbers is closed under addition, subtraction and multiplication.

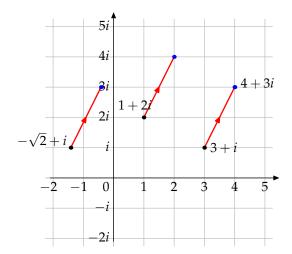
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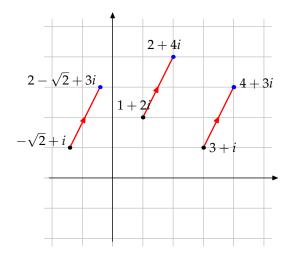
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Complex Conjugate and Modulus

We define the *modulus* of z, written |z|, to be $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. We define the *complex conjugate* of z, written \overline{z} , to be a - bi.

We read |z| as 'mod z' and \overline{z} as 'z bar'.

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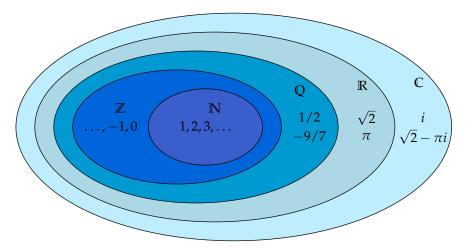
Let z \in \mathbb{C}. Then

(a) |z|^2 = z\overline{z}.

(b) If z \neq 0 then 1/z = \overline{z}/|z|^2.

(c) The set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers is closed under division.
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Number Systems So Far



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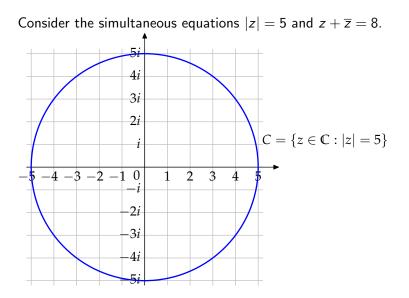
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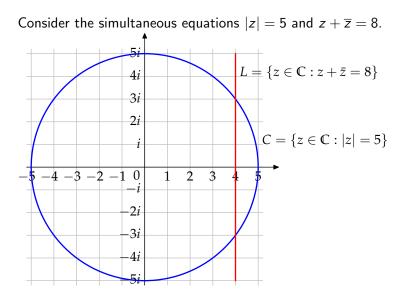
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 - ► Q3 and Q4 were marked by the postgraduates.
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Please see lecturer if you have any queries about the marking.

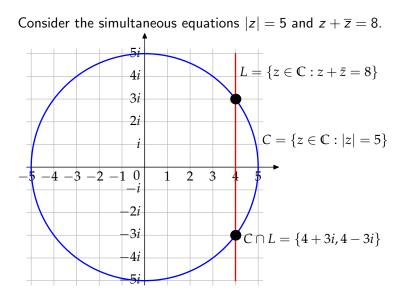
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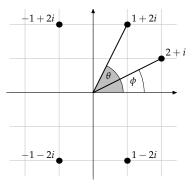
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Principal Arguments

Example 3.7

We will find the principal arguments of the complex numbers shown on the Argand diagram below in terms of the angles θ and ϕ .



There is an often misapplied 'rule' that $Arg(a + bi) = tan^{-1}(b/a)$. This only works when a > 0 and b > 0. Multiplication (and Division) in Polar Form Example 3.8 (See board)

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Let $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ and $w = s(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$ be complex numbers in polar form. Using the formulae

$$\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos\theta\cos\phi - \sin\theta\sin\phi$$
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it follows that

$$zw = rs(\cos(\theta + \phi) + i\sin(\theta + \phi)).$$

In short: to multiply numbers in polar form, multiply the moduli and add the arguments.

Exercise 3.10

Let z and w be as in Example 3.10 and suppose that $w \neq 0$. Express z/w in polar form.

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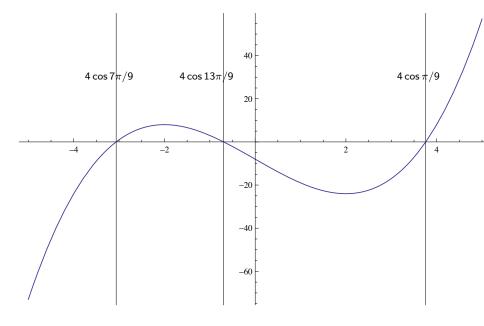
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$$f(x) = 0 \iff 64 \cos^3 \theta - 48 \cos \theta - 8 = 0$$
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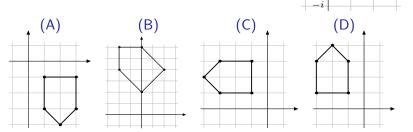
Exercise: [this got rushed in the lecture on Tuesday: I will do it carefully on Thursday] by drawing the graph for cos show that $\cos 3\theta = 1/2 \iff 3\theta = \pm \pi/3 + 2n\pi$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Deduce that the roots of f are

$$4\cos\frac{\pi}{9}, \quad 4\cos\frac{7\pi}{9}, \quad 4\cos\frac{13\pi}{9}.$$

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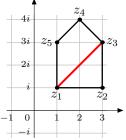
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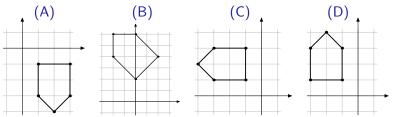
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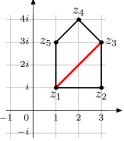
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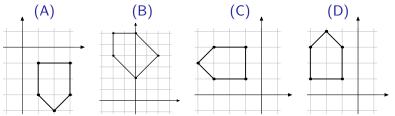
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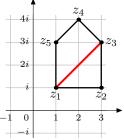
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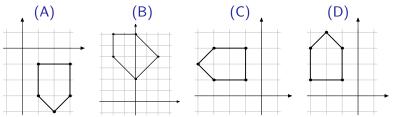
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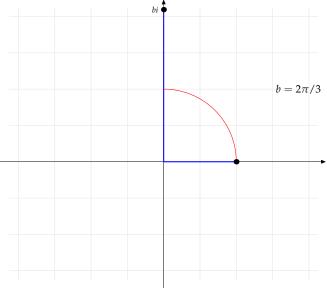




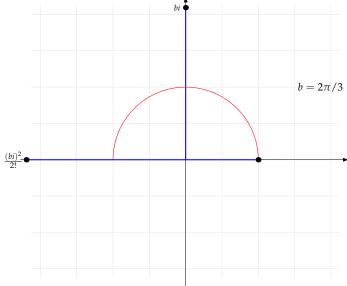
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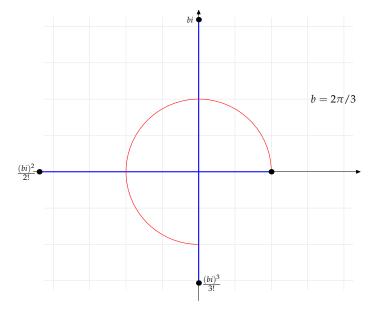
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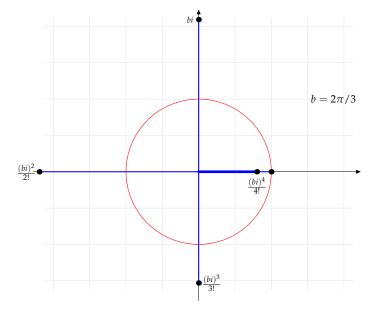
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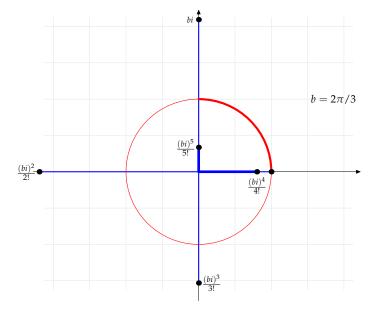
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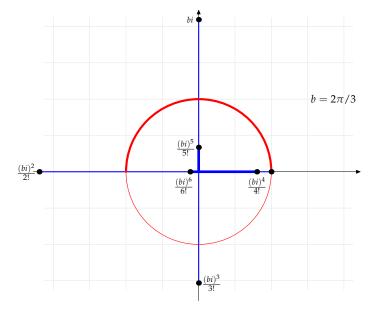
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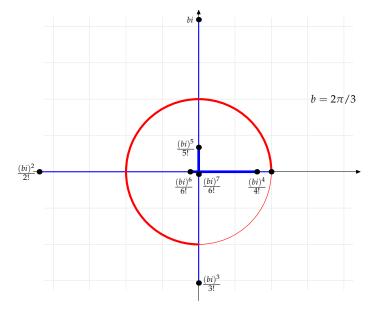
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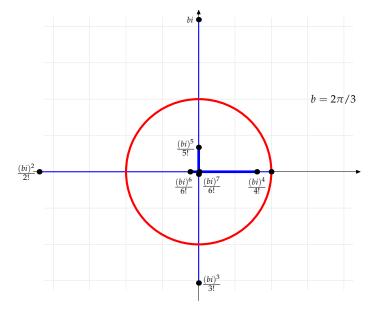
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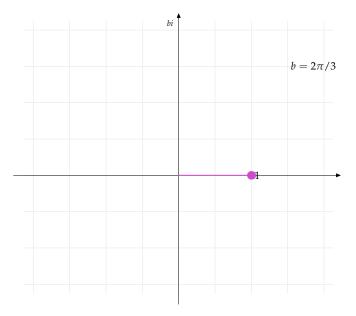


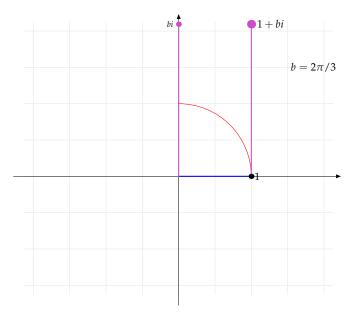
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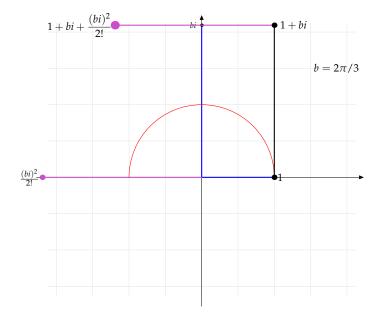


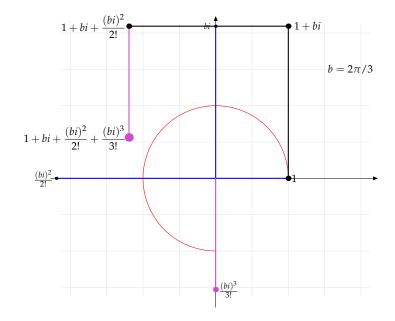
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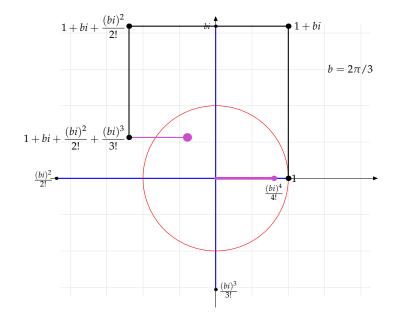


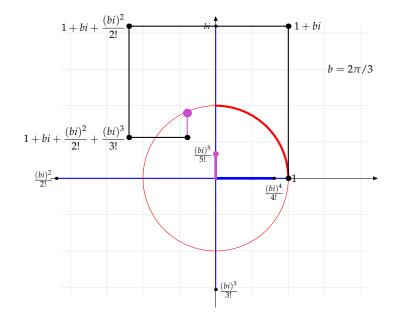


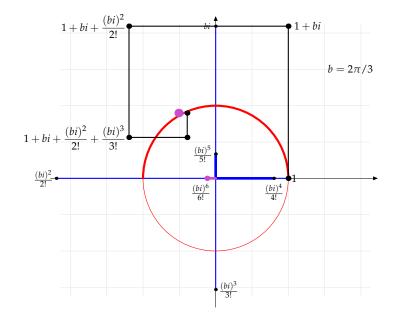


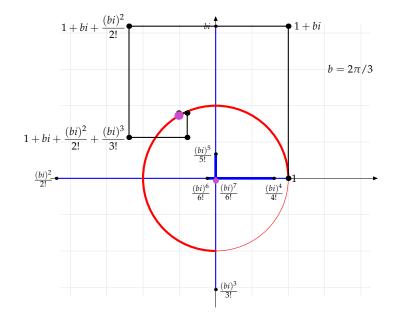


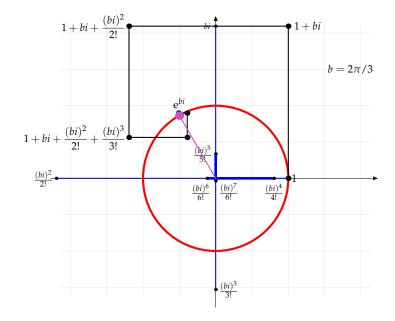












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Show that $\exp(z + w) = \exp z \exp w$ for all complex numbers z and w. [*Hint:* write z = a + bi, w = c + di and use Example 3.9.]

A complex number written as $re^{i\theta}$ where $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ is said to be in *exponential form*. It is easy to convert between polar and exponential form:

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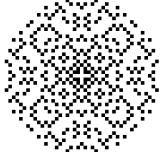
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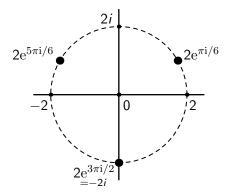
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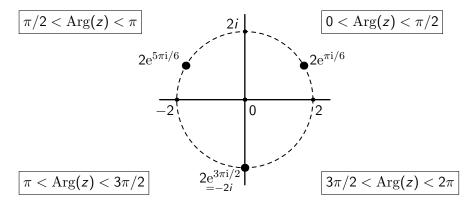
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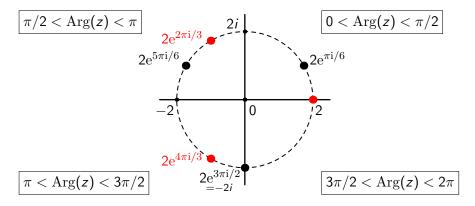
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Consider exp : $\mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$. What are the domain, codomain and range of exp? Is exp surjective? Is exp injective?

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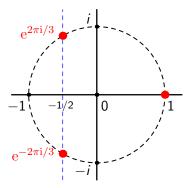
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Example 3.20

Observe that $z^3 - 1 = (z - 1)(z^2 + z + 1)$. So if z is a third root of unity other than 1 then z is a solution of $z^2 + z + 1 = 0$. Using Lemma 3.19 we get

$$z=-\frac{1}{2}\pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i.$$

Since the third roots of unity are 1, $e^{2\pi i/3}$ and $e^{4\pi i/3}$, this shows that $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.



Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Theorem 3.21 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra) Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_d \in \mathbb{C}$ with $a_d \neq 0$. Then the equation

$$a_d z^d + a_{d-1} z^{d-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0 = 0$$

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$$(-1)^4 + 2(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 + 4(-1) + 2 = 0,$$

-1 is a root. So z - (-1) = z + 1 is a factor and

$$z^4 + 2z^3 + 3z^2 + 4z + 2 = (z + 1)(z^3 + z^2 + 2z + 2).$$

Now -1 is again a root of the cubic $z^3 + z^2 + 2z + 2$, and we get

$$z^{3} + z^{2} + 2z + 2 = (z + 1)(z^{2} + 2).$$

Hence

$$z^4 + 2z^3 + 3z^2 + 4z + 2 = (z+1)^2(z^2+2)$$

and the roots are -1 (twice), $i\sqrt{2}$ and $-i\sqrt{2}$.

Part B: Natural Numbers and Induction

$\S4$ Induction

A *proposition* is a self-contained statement which is either true or false. For example the statement

There is a real number x such that $x^2 + 1 = 0$

is a false proposition. More briefly, we can write

P: The integers are closed under addition.

This defines P to be the true proposition that the integers are closed under addition. Some statements are too vague or subjective to be considered propositions. For instance:

Q: Houses in Englefield Green are too expensive.

We often want to consider statements that depend on the value of a variable. For example, for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, define

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The Principle of Mathematical Induction

Suppose that P(n) is a proposition for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The Principle of Mathematical Induction states that if

▶ *P*(1) is true

•
$$P(n) \Longrightarrow P(n+1)$$
 for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

then P(n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example 4.3

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$1+2+\cdots+n=\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Administration

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- ▶ Questions 3, 5 and 6 were marked. All answers on Moodle.
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$$z = (a + bi)(a - bi)(c + di)(c - di)$$

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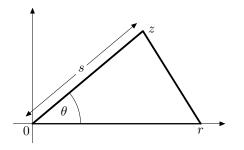
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Sheet 4 Question 5

The Argand diagram below shows a triangle with vertices at 0, $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Let s be the length of the side with vertices at 0 and z and let θ be the marked angle.



(a) Express the lengths of the other two sides of the triangle in terms of r and z. [*Hint:* for the side from r to z, Question 4(a) has a relevant idea.]

(b) Show that $z + \overline{z} = 2s \cos \theta$. [*Hint:* what is z in polar form?] (c) By expanding $|z - r|^2 = (z - r)\overline{(z - r)}$ prove the cosine rule.

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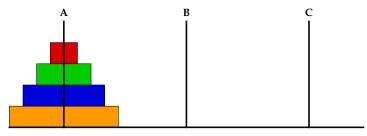
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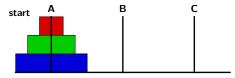
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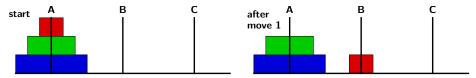
Problem 4.6 (Towers of Hanoi)

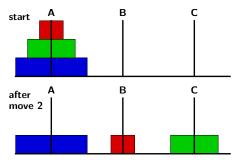
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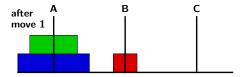


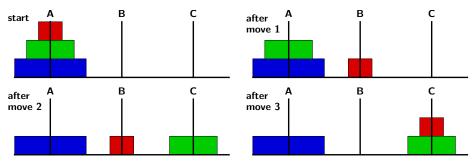
A move consists of taking a single disc at the top of the pile on one peg, and moving it to another peg. At no point may a larger disc be placed on top of a smaller disc. Your aim is to transfer all the discs from peg A to one of the other pegs. How many moves are required?

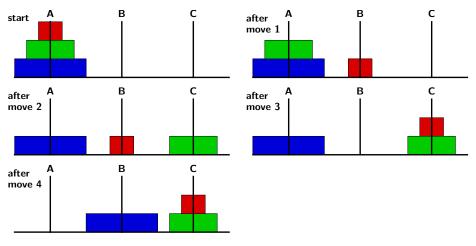


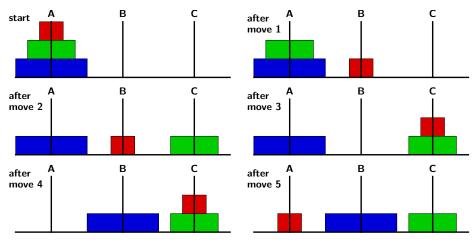


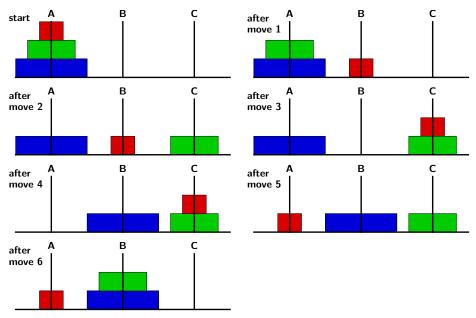


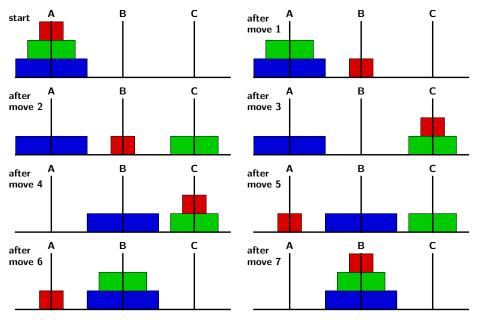


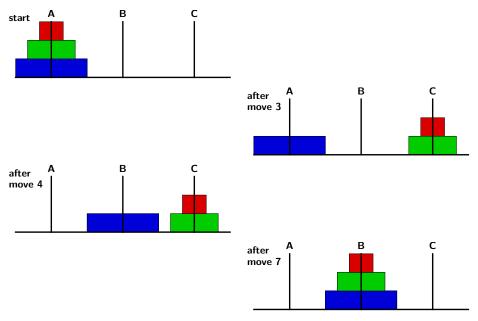












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Exercise 4.8

(i) Express the sums $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1)$ and $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n$ using Σ notation.

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Rules for Manipulating Sigma Notation

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A similar renaming is possible for sets: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 \ge 2\}$ is exactly the same set as $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y^2 \ge 2\}$.

(2) In a product, expressions not involving the summation variable can be taken outside the sum:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} 5(j+1)^2 = 5 \sum_{j=0}^{n} (j+1)^2$$

and

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} 5m(j+m)^2 = 5m \sum_{j=0}^{n} (j+m)^2.$$

(3) Sums can be split up and terms taken out.(4) The limits can be shifted.

Example 4.10

Define

$$P(n): \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1).$$

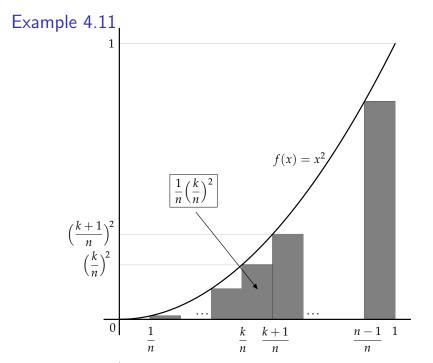
Now consider $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^2$. Split off the final summand using rule (3), and then use the inductive assumption P(n) to get

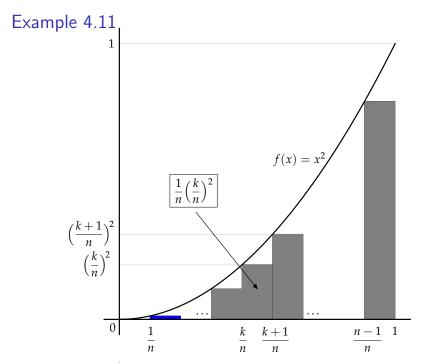
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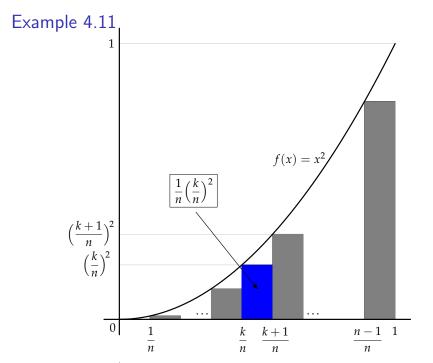
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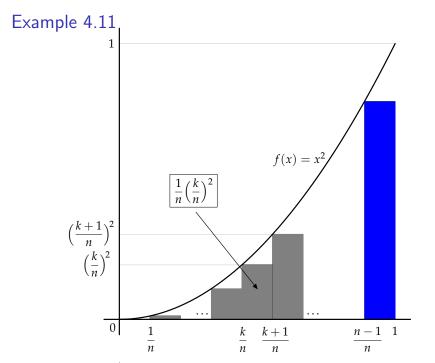
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Hence P(n+1) is true. Therefore $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$. By induction P(n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.









Full Calculation of $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$

[On Tuesday: I wrote *n* rather than n-1 as the upper limit in the sum at least twice. This was pointed out, but I only changed it once.]

By Example 4.10 we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k^2 = \frac{(n-1)n(2n-1)}{6n^3} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right).$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{3}\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{2n}\right) \le \int_0^1 x^2 \, \mathrm{d}x \le \frac{1}{3}\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{2n}\right) + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Now 1/n converges to 0 as *n* tends to infinity, and so the left-hand side and right-hand side both converge to 1/3. Hence $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$ is sandwiched between two sequences that converge to 1/3. Therefore

$$\int_0^1 x^2 \,\mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{3}.$$

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Integer Division

We say that q is the quotient, and r is the remainder when n is divided by m. If r = 0 then we say that m divides n, or that n is a multiple of m.

Example 5.2

- (i) Let n = 44 and m = 6. Then $44/6 = 7\frac{2}{6}$ and so, when 44 is divided by 6, the quotient is 7 and the remainder is 2. Note that for this calculation it is better to leave the fractional part as $\frac{2}{6}$ than to simplify it to $\frac{1}{3}$.
- (ii) Let n = 63 and m = 7. Then 63/7 = 9 so 7 divides 63. The quotient is 9 and the remainder is 0.
- (iii) Since $-13 = -3 \times 6 + 5$, when -13 is divided by 6 the quotient is -3 and the remainder is 5.

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Factorization Into Primes

Definition 5.4

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose that n > 1.

- (i) We say that *n* is *prime* if the only natural numbers that divide *n* are 1 and *n*.
- (ii) We say that *n* is *composite* if it is not prime.

The first few prime numbers are

 $2, \ 3, \ 5, \ 7, \ 11, \ 13, \ 17, \ 19, \ 23, \ 29, \ 31, \ 37, \ 41, \ 43, \ 47, \ \ldots.$

By Definition 5.4, the number 1 is neither prime nor composite.

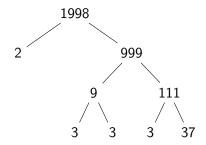
Prime Factorization Example

Example 5.5

Take n = 1998. We might spot that $n = 2 \times 999$ and that $999 = 9 \times 111$. Then $9 = 3 \times 3$, and $111 = 3 \times 37$, so

$$1998 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 37 = 2 \times 3^3 \times 37.$$

The tree below records these steps. (For some reason mathematical trees usually grow downwards.)



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The first five prime numbers are $p_1 = 2$, $p_2 = 3$, $p_3 = 5$, $p_4 = 7$, $p_5 = 11$, $p_6 = 13$. Show that $p_1 + 1$, $p_1p_2 + 1$, $p_1p_2p_3 + 1$, $p_1p_2p_3p_4 + 1$ and $p_1p_2p_3p_4p_5 + 1$ are all prime, but

 $p_1p_2p_3p_4p_5p_6 + 1 = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 + 1 = 59 \times 509.$

So the number N in Euclid's proof is not always prime.

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- (a) Not surjective since $\exp z = 0$ has no solution.
- (b) Not injective since exp 0 = exp(2πi) = 1. (Or in Question 3 you should have found infinitely many z such that exp z = 1 + i.)

(c)
$$L = \{2 + ib : b \in \mathbb{R}\} \implies$$

$$\{\exp z : z \in L\} = \{e^2 e^{ib} : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
$$= \{e^2(\cos b + i \sin b) : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
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Writing out prime factorizations in the form in this theorem is a bit long-winded. For example

$$31460 = 2^2 \times 3^0 \times 5^1 \times 7^0 \times 11^2 \times 13^1 \times 17^0 \times 19^0 \dots,$$

where all the exponents of the primes 17 or more are zero. But thinking about prime factorizations in this way is useful in proofs.

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This contradicts unique factorization.

- Please hand in work for Sheet 6 promptly at the end of the lecture.
- If you miss me, please leave in the box outside my office by 5pm.

Claim 5.10

 $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

We will prove Claim 5.10 using *proof by contradiction*. While related, this is not the same proof by contradiction you will have seen if you are doing 194 Numbers and Functions.

All we do in the proof is generalize the pattern from Example 5.9. Suppose someone claims to you that

$$\sqrt{3}=\frac{362}{209}.$$

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This implies that

$$3 \times 209^2 = 362^2$$
.

Take prime factorizations and get contradiction.

 $3 \times 11^2 \times 19^2 = 2^2 \times 181^2$.

Binary and Other Bases

Example 5.11

To write 145 in base 3:

Divide 145 by 3: $145 = 48 \times 3 + 1$ Divide the quotient 48 by 3: $48 = 16 \times 3 + 0$ Divide the quotient 16 by 3: $16 = 5 \times 3 + 1$ Divide the quotient 5 by 3: $5 = 1 \times 3 + 2$ Divide the quotient 1 by 3: $1 = 0 \times 3 + 1$

We now stop, because the last quotient was 0. Reading the list of remainders from bottom to top we get

$$145 = 1 \times 3^4 + 2 \times 3^3 + 1 \times 3^2 + 0 \times 3^1 + 1 \times 3^0.$$

Hence 145 is 12101 in base 3. We write this as $145 = 12101_3$.

Our usual way of writing numbers uses base 10. If no base is specified, as is usually the case, then base 10 is intended.

Writing a Number in Base b

The example above should suggest a general algorithm.

Algorithm 5.12

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $b \in \mathbb{N}$. To write *n* in base *b*, divide *n* by *b*, then divide the quotient by *b*, and so on, until the quotient is 0. If $r_0, r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_k$ is the sequence of remainders then

$$n = r_k b^k + r_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + r_1 b + r_0$$

and $n = (r_k r_{k-1} \dots r_1 r_0)_b$.

In Example 5.11, the base was 3 and the sequence of remainders was $r_0 = 1$, $r_1 = 0$, $r_2 = 1$, $r_3 = 2$ and $r_4 = 1$.

If time permits we will prove that the algorithm is correct by induction on k, taking as the base case k = 0.

Binary

Base 2 is known as *binary*. Binary is particularly important because computers store and process data as sequences of the *bi*nary digi*ts*, or *bits*, 0 and 1.

Exercise 5.13

Show that $21 = 10101_2$ and write 63, 64 and 65 in binary.

Exercise 5.14

Let $n = r_k r_{k-1} \dots r_1 r_0$ be a number written in binary. Describe, in terms of operations on the string of bits $r_k r_{k-1} \dots r_1 r_0$, how to

- (i) Multiply *n* by 2,
- (ii) Add 1 to *n*,
- (iii) Subtract 1 from n,

(iv) Find the quotient and remainder when n is divided by 2. [*Hint:* for base 10, you probably learned how to do these at school. The MATHEMATICA command BaseForm[n,2] will write $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ in binary.]

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'And', 'or' and 'not'

One word that is used in mathematics in a way that may seem non-standard is 'or'. Let P and Q be propositions.

(i) P or Q, written P ∨ Q, means at least one of P and Q is true.
(ii) P and Q, written P ∧ Q, means P and Q are both true.
(iii) not P, written ¬P, means that P is false.

There is a correspondence between the logical operations \land,\lor and \neg and the set operations $\cap,\,\cup$ and set complement.

Example 6.1

Consider the following propositions, depending on a natural number n.

P(n): *n* is even Q(n): *n* is a multiple of 3 R(n): *n* is prime

Will discuss

(a) $\neg P(n) \land Q(n)$ (b) $P(n) \land Q(n)$ (c) $\neg P(n)$ and find $\{n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\} : P(n) \land (Q(n) \lor R(n))\}.$

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Answer: Think of $P \Longrightarrow Q$ as a promise. The only time this promise is broken is if P is true and Q is false. So

 $P \Longrightarrow Q$ is false when P is true and Q is false, and true in all other cases

Please Collect Work from Sheet 6

- ► A–K in green folder
- L–Z in red folder
- Older work: folders at front (please claim)

Questions 4, 5 and 6 were marked and I looked briefly at Questions 2 and 7. Please see me if you have any queries. Will update model answers with feedback soon.

Question 2 on Towers of Hanoi. The point was to show that

 $2^n - 1$ moves are necessary to move *n* discs.

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- ► Why nothing faster? Many answers showed 2ⁿ 1 moves suffice, but didn't show that there was no faster method.
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Exercise 6.3

Which of the following propositions are true for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$?

(a)
$$P(x): x \ge 4 \Longrightarrow x \ge 3$$
, True

(b)
$$Q(x): x \ge 3 \Longrightarrow x \ge 4$$
, False

(c)
$$R(x)$$
: $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \implies x = -1, x = 3 \text{ or } x = 37$, True

(d)
$$S(x)$$
: $x \ge 0$ and $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \implies x = 3$, True

Which of the following propositions are true for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$?

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Logically $P \Longrightarrow Q$ says nothing about $Q \Longrightarrow P$. This was already seen in Example 1.6 and in (c) above.

Example 6.4

Suppose we want to find all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\sqrt{x+3} = x+1.$$

There is a correct chain of implications: $\sqrt{x+3} = x+1 \Longrightarrow$ $x+3 = (x+1)^2 \Longrightarrow x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow (x+2)(x-1) = 0$. But because the first implication sign is not reversible, it does not follow that both -2 and 1 are solutions.

Exercise 6.5

Each of Persons A, B, C is either a *Knight* who always tells the truth, or a *Knave*, who always lies.

- (a) Person A says 'If I'm a Knight then I'll give you £1000'. What do you conclude?
- (b) Person B says of Person C: 'If C is a Knight then I am a Knave'. Deduce the identities of B and C.

Logical equivalence and Tautologies

Definition 6.6

Let *P* and *Q* be propositions. If $P \iff Q$ is true then we say that *P* and *Q* are *logically equivalent*. If a proposition is always true, then it is said to be a *tautology*.

Claim 6.7 (De Morgan's Laws for propositions)

Let P and Q be propositions. Then the following are tautologies:

(i)
$$\neg (P \lor Q) \iff \neg P \land \neg Q$$
,
(ii) $\neg (P \land Q) \iff \neg P \lor \neg Q$.

The proof of (ii) is left to you in Question 2(c) on Sheet 7. It can be more illuminating not to use truth tables. Example: will show that

$$((P \Longrightarrow Q) \land (Q \Longrightarrow R)) \Longrightarrow (P \Longrightarrow R)$$

is a tautology. (This is Question 2(f) on Sheet 7.)

Proof by Contrapositive

The next claim can be proved easily using a truth table. But I am going to give you a direct proof since this seems best to explain *why* it is true.

Claim 6.8

Let P and Q be propositions. Then $P \Longrightarrow Q$ and $\neg Q \Longrightarrow \neg P$ are logically equivalent.

Switching to the contrapositive can be useful first step in a proof, particularly when statements appear in negated form.

Claim 6.9 Let $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ be non-zero and let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. If $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ then $ax \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Example 6.10 (See printed notes) If $f: X \to Y$ and $g: Y \to Z$ are functions then

gf surjective $\Longrightarrow g$ surjective.

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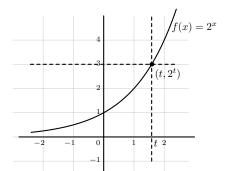
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Let *P* be a proposition. In a proof by contradiction, we suppose that *P* is false, so $\neg P$ is true. We then show that $\neg P \Longrightarrow C$ where *C* is a false statement. Since a true statement does not imply a false statement, $\neg P$ must be false. So *P* is true.

Example 6.11

The function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ defined by $f(x) = 2^x$ is bijective, so there exists a unique $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $2^t = 3$. We will use proof by contradiction to show that t is irrational.



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Exercise 6.14

Let X be the set of people doing 181 and for $x \in X$ let P(x) be the proposition 'x submitted answers to Sheet 6'. Show that

$$(\exists x \in X) (P(x) \Longrightarrow (\forall x \in X)P(x)).$$

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R: People who carry umbrellas never get soaked.

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$\S7$ Sets and Counting

Definition 7.1

Let X be a set. We say that X is *finite* if it has finitely many elements, and *infinite* otherwise. The *size* of a finite set X is its number of elements. We denote the size of X by |X|, Note that |X| is read as 'mod X'.

Elements, Subsets and Sizes

Exercise 7.2

State the truth value (true or false) of each of these propositions.

- (a) 1 is an element of \mathbb{N} .
- (b) $\{1\}$ is an element of \mathbb{N} .

(c)
$$|x \in \mathbb{R} : x^3 = 1\}| = 1.$$

(d)
$$|\{z \in \mathbb{C} : z^3 = 1\}| = 1.$$

(e) The set of natural numbers is infinite.

- (f) The empty set is a subset of every set.
- (g) The empty set is an element of every set.

Proving that Two Sets are Equal

Claim 7.3
Let X, Y and Z be sets. Then
(i)
$$(X \cup Y) \cap Z = (X \cap Z) \cup (Y \cap Z)$$
,
(ii) $(X \cap Y) \cup Z = (X \cup Z) \cap (Y \cup Z)$.

Recall that, by the definition on page 7,

$$X \subseteq Y \iff (x \in X \Longrightarrow x \in Y).$$

We will also use the following fact:

$$X = Y \iff X \subseteq Y$$
 and $Y \subseteq X$.

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we have

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Exercise on Inclusion / Exclusion

Exercise 7.4

At the University of Erewhon, there are 100 students. At each algebra lecture there are 65 students and at each analysis lecture that are 70 students. Let b be the number of students doing both algebra and analysis.

- (i) If b = 50, how many students are doing neither algebra nor analysis?
- (ii) What is the greatest possible value of b?
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Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion for Three Sets

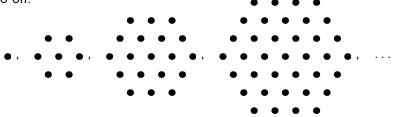
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Exercise 7.6

Suppose that X, Y, Z are subsets of a finite universe set U. Use Claim 7.5 to write down a formula for the size of $|(X \cup Y \cup Z)'|$.

Example 7.7

Define $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ so that f(n) is the number of dots in the *n*th diagram below. So f(1) = 1, f(2) = 7, f(3) = 19, f(4) = 37, and so on.



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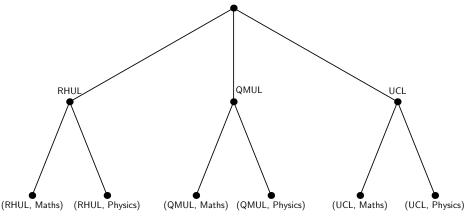
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The principle that numbers of independent choices can be multiplied to find the size of a set, is very useful when solving combinatorial problems.

Example 7.9

A menu has three starters, four main courses and six desserts.

- (a) How many ways are there to choose a three course meal, having a starter, main course and dessert?
- (b) How many two course meals, each having exactly one main course, can be chosen?

Example Menu

Starters

- (1) Bruschetta
- (2) Ravioli di granchio
- (3) Zucchini fritti

Main courses

- (1) Daube de boeuf
- (2) Sole meunière
- (3) Risotto des légumes et truffes noires
- (4) Truite sauce vierge

Desserts

- (1) Sticky toffee pudding
- (2) Vanilla icecream
- (3) Chocolate icecream
- (4) Banana pancakes
- (5) Cheeseboard
- (6) Affogato

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Part D: Integers and rings

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Exercise 8.3 Find gcd(m, n) in each of these cases:

(i)
$$m = 310, n = 42,$$

(ii)
$$m = 23$$
, $n = 46$,

(iii) $m = 31460, n = 41\,991\,752.$

Hint: on page 38 we saw that $31460 = 2^2 \times 5 \times 11^2 \times 13$. You do not need to factor *n* completely to find the gcd. You can use

 $41\,991\,752 = 121 \times 347039 + 33 = 3230134 \times 13 + 10.$

Sheet 8

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Mostly well done! Questions 4, 5 and 6 were marked. Model answers are on Moodle.

 Note that quantifiers should come before the thing they quantify. So

$$(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})(b = \pi/2 + 2n\pi)$$

is correct, and

$$(b = \pi/2 + 2n\pi) \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

is probably comprehensible, but is strictly speaking wrong. If you have not yet completed a questionnaire please take one at end.

Euclid's Algorithm

Lemma 8.4 (Examinable) Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. If n = qm + r where $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

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Algorithm 8.5 (Euclid's Algorithm)

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Find the quotient q and the remainder r when n is divided by m.

- If r = 0 then m divides n and gcd(n, m) = m.
- Otherwise repeat from the start with *m* and *r*.

Example 8.6

Let n = 3933 and let m = 389. The equations below show the quotient and remainder at each step of Euclid's Algorithm:

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$$389 = 9 \times 43 + 2$$

$$43 = 21 \times 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 \times 1.$$

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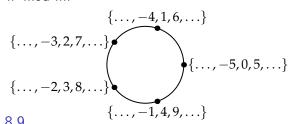
Example 8.7: Work backwards to get

 $1 = 43 - 21 \times 2$ = 43 - 21 × (389 - 9 × 43) = 190 × 43 - 21 × 389 = 190 × (3933 - 10 × 389) - 21 × 389 = 190 × 3933 - 1921 × 389.

Congruences

Definition 8.8

Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $n, n' \in \mathbb{N}$. If n and n' have the same remainder on division by m then we say that n is *congruent to* n' modulo m, and write $n \equiv n' \mod m$.



Example 8.9

- (a) Since 17 and -4 both have remainder 3 on division by 7, we have $17 \equiv -4 \mod 7$.
- (b) Since 19 12 is divisible by 7, 19 and 12 have the same remainder on division by 7. Hence $19 \equiv 12 \mod 7$.
- (c) We have $0 + 0 \equiv 0 \mod 2$, $0 + 1 \equiv 1 \mod 2$, $1 + 0 \equiv 1 \mod 2$ and $1 + 1 \equiv 0 \mod 2$.

The Square Code

The square code is the set of all sequences

 $\left\{ \left(u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{1}+u_{2}, u_{3}+u_{4}, u_{1}+u_{3}, u_{2}+u_{4}\right) : u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4} \in \{0, 1\} \right\}$

where the addition is done mod 2, as in Example 8.9(c). The name comes from the representation of the sequences as a square of four message bits, (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) , surrounded by four check bits.

<i>u</i> ₁	<i>u</i> ₂	$u_1 + u_2 \\ u_3 + u_4$
U3	<i>U</i> 4	$u_3 + u_4$
$u_1 + u_3$	$u_2 + u_4$	

The elements of the square code are called *codewords*.

Example 8.10

Suppose we want to send 7. Since 7 is 111 in binary, we put in an initial 0 to get 0111, so $u_1 = 0$ and $u_2 = u_3 = u_4 = 1$. The sent codeword is 01111010.

Decoding using the Square Code

If at most one position in the sent codeword gets flipped (either from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0) then the receiver will still be able to work out what number was sent.

Example 8.11

- (i) Suppose you receive 01011100. What number was probably sent?
- (ii) Suppose you receive 10000011. What number was probably sent?

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Lemma 8.12 justifies many other manipulations with congruences.

For example, $3^6 \equiv 9 \mod 10 \implies 3^7 \equiv 9 \times 3 \equiv 7 \mod 10$. The only calculation needed is $9 \times 3 = 27$: there is no need to calculate 3^7 .

Exercise 8.14 Find 3²⁰¹⁴ mod 10.

Exercise 8.15

(a) Find $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $0 \le x < 11$ and $x + 9 \equiv 7 \mod 12$.

(b) Find an $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3x \equiv 2 \mod 5$.

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When the modulus m is larger, Euclid's algorithm can be used.

Example 8.16' See board.

The printed notes have a similar example using larger numbers.

Not all congruences can be solved. For example $2x \equiv 3 \mod 4$ has no solution, because 2x is always even, but any number congruent to 3 modulo 4 is odd.

The Square Code as a Party Trick

Question *i* can be stated more briefly as: is the *i*th position of the codeword for your number equal to 1?

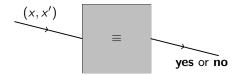
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2	"	"	"	4,	5,	6, 7, 12, 13, 14 or 15?
3			"	2,	3,	6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15?
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6		"		1,	2,	5, 6, 9, 10, 13 or 14?
7				2,	3,	6, 7, 8, 9, 12 or 13?
8	"	,,	"	1,	3,	4, 6, 9, 11, 12 or 14?

$\S9$ Relations and the Integers Modulo m

The following definition generalizes the congruence relation.

Definition 9.1

Let X be a set. A *relation* on X is a black box which, given an ordered pair (x, x') where $x, x' \in X$, outputs either **yes** or **no**. A **yes** means x is related to x', and a **no** means x is not related to x'.



Two relations on a set X are equal if they agree on all ordered pairs (x, x'). As for functions, it is irrelevant how the black box arrives at its answer.

Examples of Relations

Example 9.2

- (i) Fix m ∈ N. Let n, n' ∈ Z. For the input (n, n'), let the black box output yes if n ≡ n' mod m and no otherwise. This defines the congruence modulo m relation on Z.
- (ii) Let P be the set of all subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Given an ordered pair (X, Y) of elements of P, let the black box output **yes** if $X \subseteq Y$ and **no** otherwise.

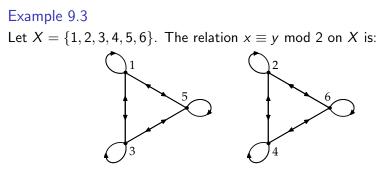
Relations can be defined more briefly. For example, suppose that $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Then

x relates to
$$y \iff x < y$$

defines the relation 'strictly less than' on X. An analogous relation can be defined replacing X with any other subset of \mathbb{R} .

Diagrams

Let X be a set and let \sim be a relation defined on X. To represent \sim on a diagram, draw a dot for each element of X. Then for each x, $y \in X$ such that $x \sim y$, draw an arrow *from* x to y. If $x \sim x$ draw a loop from x to itself.



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Feedback on Sheet 9

Please take answers to Sheet 9:

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- L–Z in green folder

Questions 2, 4 and 5 were marked. Model answers are on Moodle. (Updated with missing answers to Question 2.)

Note there is no 0/1 or 1/1 mark: the first eight sheets will be used for the eight marks.

Size of square code: there are 2 independent choices for each of u₁, u₂, u₃, u₄ so 2 × 2 × 2 × 2 = 2⁴ codewords.

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- Congruences: mostly done well.
- Write a question on functions: some good efforts. Difficulty usually underestimated.

There are some revision questions on Moodle. Answers to come.

Properties of relations

Definition 9.4

Let \sim be a relation on a set X. We say that \sim is

(i) reflexive if
$$x \sim x$$
 for all $x \in X$;

(ii) symmetric if for all $x, y \in X$,

$$x \sim y \Longrightarrow y \sim x;$$

(iii) *transitive* if for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$x \sim y$$
 and $y \sim z \Longrightarrow x \sim z$.

A relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive is said to be an *equivalence relation*.

Example 9.5

Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. The congruence relation $n \equiv n' \mod m$ is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .

In general a relation can have any combination of the properties reflexive, symmetric and transitive. See Question 2 of Sheet 10.

Exercise 9.7

Let X be the set of people sitting in a full lecture room. For each of the following relations, decide whether it is (i) reflexive, (ii) symmetric and (iii) transitive.

(a)
$$x \sim y$$
 if x and y are sitting in the same row,

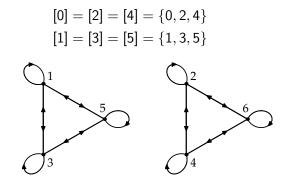
- (b) $x \sim y$ if x is sitting in a strictly higher row than y,
- (c) $x \sim y$ if x and y are friends.

Equivalence relations and partitions

Suppose that \sim is an equivalence relation on a set X. For $x \in X$, we define the *equivalence class of* x to be the set of all elements of X that relate to x. In symbols

$$[x] = \{z \in X : z \sim x\}.$$

For example, the equivalence classes for the relation $x \equiv y \mod 2$ on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ are



Main Theorem on Equivalence Classes

Theorem 9.8 Let ~ be an equivalence relation on a set X. Let $x, y \in X$. (i) $x \in [x]_{\sim}$, (ii) $x \sim y \iff [x]_{\sim} = [y]_{\sim}$, (ii) $x \nsim y \iff [x]_{\sim} \cap [y]_{\sim} = \emptyset$.

Thus, by (i), every element of X lies in an equivalence class, and by (ii) and (iii), X is a disjoint union of the distinct equivalence classes.

The proof of Theorem 9.8 is non-examinable and will be skipped if time is pressing. See Theorem 31.13 in *How to think like a mathematician* for a careful (and exhaustively analysed) proof.

Administration

- Please take
 - Final installment of Part D handout
- Answers to Question 1 to 4 on Sheet 10 are now on Moodle.
- Answers to Questions 5 to 10 will be added on Friday.
- You need not hand in answers to Sheet 10: you should be able to check Questions 1 to 4 using the model answers. Or see lecturer after a lecture or in an office hour.
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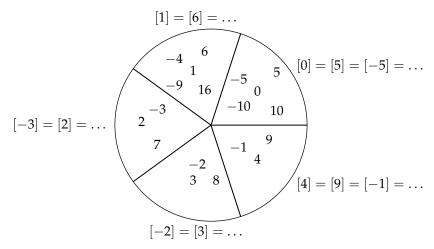
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Addition and Multiplication in \mathbb{Z}_m

We turn the set \mathbb{Z}_m of equivalence classes into a number system by defining addition and multiplication as follows.

Definition 9.9 Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Given $[r], [s] \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ we define [r] + [s] = [r+s] and [r][s] = [rs].

Addition and Multiplication Tables

Example 9.10

The addition and multiplication tables for \mathbb{Z}_5 are shown below. For example, the entry in the addition table in the row for [4] and the column for [3] is

$$[4] + [3] = [2]$$

since 4 + 3 = 7 and $7 \equiv 2 \mod 5$.

+	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	×	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
	[0]					[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]
[1]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[0]	[1]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
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You may omit [0] from the multiplication table if you prefer.

Sums of squares

Exercise 9.11

Recall that a square number is a number of the form n^2 where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- (i) Calculate $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2, 6^2, 7^2, \dots$ modulo 4. State and prove a conjecture on the pattern you observe.
- (ii) Is 2015 the sum of two square numbers?

$\S10 \text{ Rings}$

Definition 10.1

Suppose that *R* is a set on which addition and multiplication are defined, so that given any two elements $x, y \in R$, their sum x + y and product xy are elements of *R*. Then *R* is a ring if

- (1) (Commutative law of addition) x + y = y + x for all $x, y \in R$,
- (2) (Existence of zero) There is an element $0 \in R$ such that 0 + x = x for all $x \in R$,
- (3) (*Existence of additive inverses*) For each $x \in R$ there exists an element $-x \in R$ such that -x + x = 0, where 0 is the element in property (2),
- (4) (Associative law of addition) (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) for all $x, y, z \in R$,
- (5) (*Existence of one*) There exists an element $1 \in R$ such that 1x = x1 = x for all $x \in R$,
- (6) (Associative law of multiplication) (xy)z = x(yz) for all $x, y, z \in R$,
- (7) (Distributivity) x(y + z) = xy + xz and (x + y)z = xz + yz for all $x, y, z \in R$.

The number systems \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{Z}_m for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ are rings.

Fields

Definition 10.2

- (i) A ring R is commutative if xy = yx for all $x, y \in R$.
- (ii) A commutative ring R is a *field* if for all non-zero $x \in R$ there exists an element $y \in R$ such that xy = yx = 1, where 1 is the one element in property (5). We say that y is the *multiplicative inverse* (or just *inverse*, for short) of x and write $y = x^{-1}$.
- (iii) A commutative ring R is an *integral domain* if for all $x, y \in R$,

$$xy = 0 \implies x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0.$$

Some familiar examples of fields are $\mathbb{Q},$ \mathbb{R} and $\mathbb{C}.$ More interestingly, \mathbb{Z}_5 is a field.

Theorem 10.3 (Examinable [omitted from printed notes]) If p is prime then \mathbb{Z}_p is a field.

Properties of Rings

See Question 8, Sheet 10 for (ii), (vii), (viii) and (ix).

Lemma 10.5

Let R be a ring.

(i) There is a unique zero element in R satisfying property (2). (ii) There is a unique one element in R satisfying property (5). (iii) For each $x \in R$ there exists a unique $y \in R$ such that v + x = x + v = 0. (iv) If x, $z \in R$ and x + z = x then z = 0. (v) We have 0x = 0 = x0 for all $x \in R$. (vi) We have -x = (-1)x = x(-1) for all $x \in R$. (vii) For all $x \in R$ we have -(-x) = x. (viii) For all x, $y \in R$ we have

$$-(xy) = (-x)y = y(-x)$$
 and $(-x)(-y) = xy$.

(ix) 0 = 1 if and only if $R = \{0\}$.

Fields and Integral Domains

Exercise 10.6

Show that if R is a field then R is an integral domain, making it clear which ring axioms you use.

Theorem 10.3 is a special case of the following result which gives a partial converse to the previous exercise.

Theorem 10.7 If R is a finite integral domain then R is a field.

Polynomial Rings

We define polynomial rings over an arbitrary field: the main examples to bear in mind are \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{Z}_p for prime *p*.

Definition 10.8

Let F be a field. Let F[x] denote the set of all polynomials

$$f(x) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

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Polynomial Rings

We define polynomial rings over an arbitrary field: the main examples to bear in mind are \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{Z}_p for prime *p*.

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When writing polynomials we usually omit coefficients of 1, and do not include powers of x whose coefficient is 0. For example, in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$, we write $x^2 + [1]$ rather than $[1]x^2 + [0]x + [1]$.

The x in f(x) is called an *indeterminate*. You can think of it as standing for an unspecified element of F.

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Let F be a field and $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2 + \cdots + a_dx^d$ be a polynomial with $a_d \neq 0$.

- (i) The *degree* of f(x) is d. This is written deg f(x) = d.
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Theorem 10.11

Let F be a field, let $f(x) \in F[x]$ be a non-zero polynomial and let $g(x) \in F[x]$. There exist polynomials $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$ such that

$$g(x) = q(x)f(x) + r(x)$$

and either r(x) = 0 or deg $r(x) < \deg f(x)$.

Examples of Polynomial Division

Example 10.12

(1) Working in
$$\mathbb{Q}[x]$$
, let $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$ and let $f(x) = 2x + 1$. Then

$$g(x) = (\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{4})f(x) - \frac{5}{4}$$

so the quotient is $q(x) = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}$ and the remainder is $r(x) = -\frac{5}{4}$. If instead we take h(x) = x + 1 then

$$g(x)=(3x-1)h(x).$$

So when g(x) is divided by h(x) the quotient is 3x - 1 and the remainder is 0.

(2) Working in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$, let $g(x) = x^4 + x^3 + [2]x^2 + x + 1$ and let $f(x) = x^2 + x$. Then

$$g(x) = (x^2 + [2]x)f(x) + 2[x] + 1.$$

Remainder Theorem

Theorem 10.13

Let F be a field and let $f(x) \in F[x]$ be a polynomial. Let $c \in F$. Then

$$f(x) = q(x)(x-c) + r$$

for some polynomial $q(x) \in F[x]$ and some $r \in \mathbb{F}$. Moreover f(c) = 0 if and only if r = 0.

Example of Remainder Theorem

Example 10.14

Working in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$, let $g(x) = x^4 + x^3 + [2]x^2 + x + [1]$ as in Example 10.10(2). Since

$$g([1]) = [1] + [1] + [2] + [1] + [1] = [6] = [0],$$

the Factor Theorem says that x - [1] divides g(x). Division gives

$$g(x) = (x - [1])(x^3 + [2]x^2 + x + [2]).$$

The cubic $x^3 + [2]x^2 + x + [2]$ also has [1] as a root. Dividing it by x - [1] gives $\pi(x) = (x - [1])^2(x^2 + [1])$

$$g(x) = (x - [1])^2(x^2 + [1]).$$

Therefore g(x) has [1] as a root with multiplicity 2, and no other roots in \mathbb{Z}_3 .

We end with a corollary of Theorem 10.9 that gives a stronger version of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra (Theorem 3.21).

Corollary 10.15

Let $g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ be a polynomial of degree d. There exist distinct $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_r \in \mathbb{C}$ and $m_1, \ldots, m_r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m_1 + \cdots + m_r = d$ and

 $a_d z^d + a_{d-1} z^{d-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0 = a_d (z - w_1)^{m_1} (z - w_2)^{m_2} \dots (z - w_r)^{m_r}.$