Computing for Mathematics: Week 1

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(Gauss, 1777-1855)

$$\sum_{i=0}^{100} i$$

Cryptography:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i-TcU0zLE0

Programming and Mathematics

There are various areas in which computers are of major importance to Mathematicians:

- Computer assisted proofs;
- Implementation of mathematics;
- Computer generated proofs;
- Everyday mathematics.

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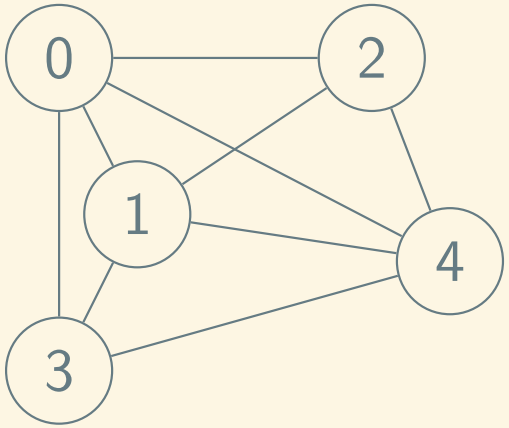

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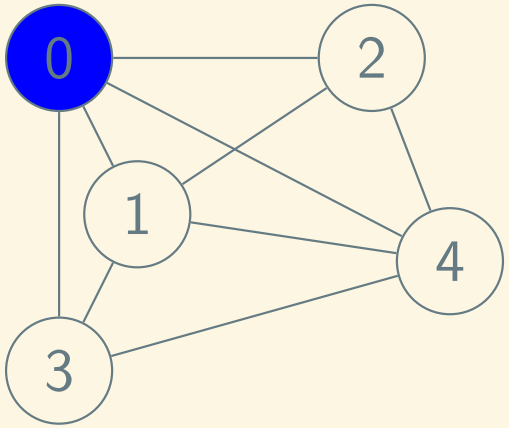

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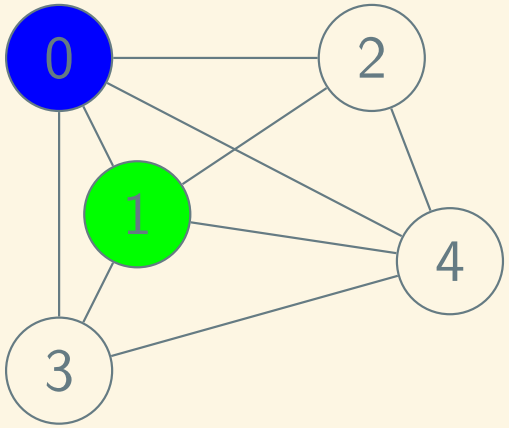

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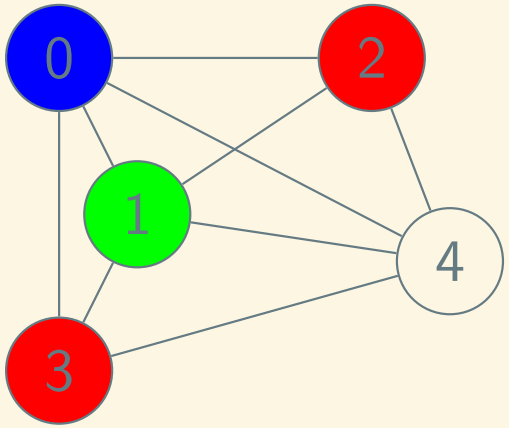

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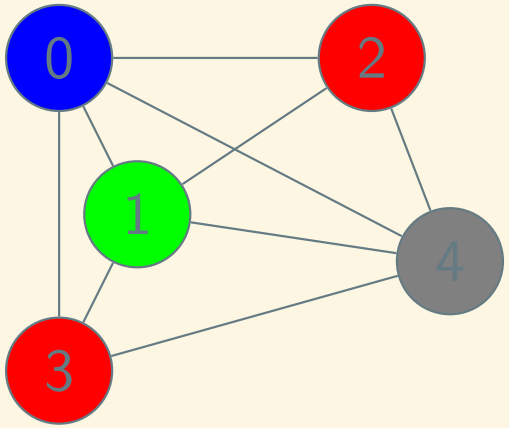

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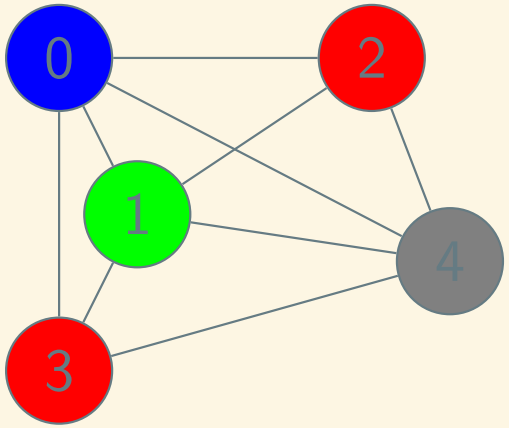

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- Proved in 1976 by Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken:

  Used computers to check 1936 particular cases.

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Implementation of mathematics

Here at Cardiff Dr Leanne Smith studied the best way to locate ambulances in Wales. This took in to account:

- Queues;
- Survival probabilities of patients;
- Time of the day...

Once the mathematics was done a computer program was built to be able to demonstrate to the Welsh Ambulance Trust.

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The above is an example of a computer generated proof. **You do not need to know any of this!**

Everyday mathematics

Everyday mathematicians might need to calculate an integral for a bigger project. This is some code to calculate an integral:

```
sympy.integrate(x ** 3, x)
```

which returns:

$$\frac{x^4}{4}$$

What we will learn

- Python: general purpose programming (Weeks 1-5).
- LaTeX: a package for writing mathematics (Week 6).
- Python: mathematical programming (Weeks 1-5).

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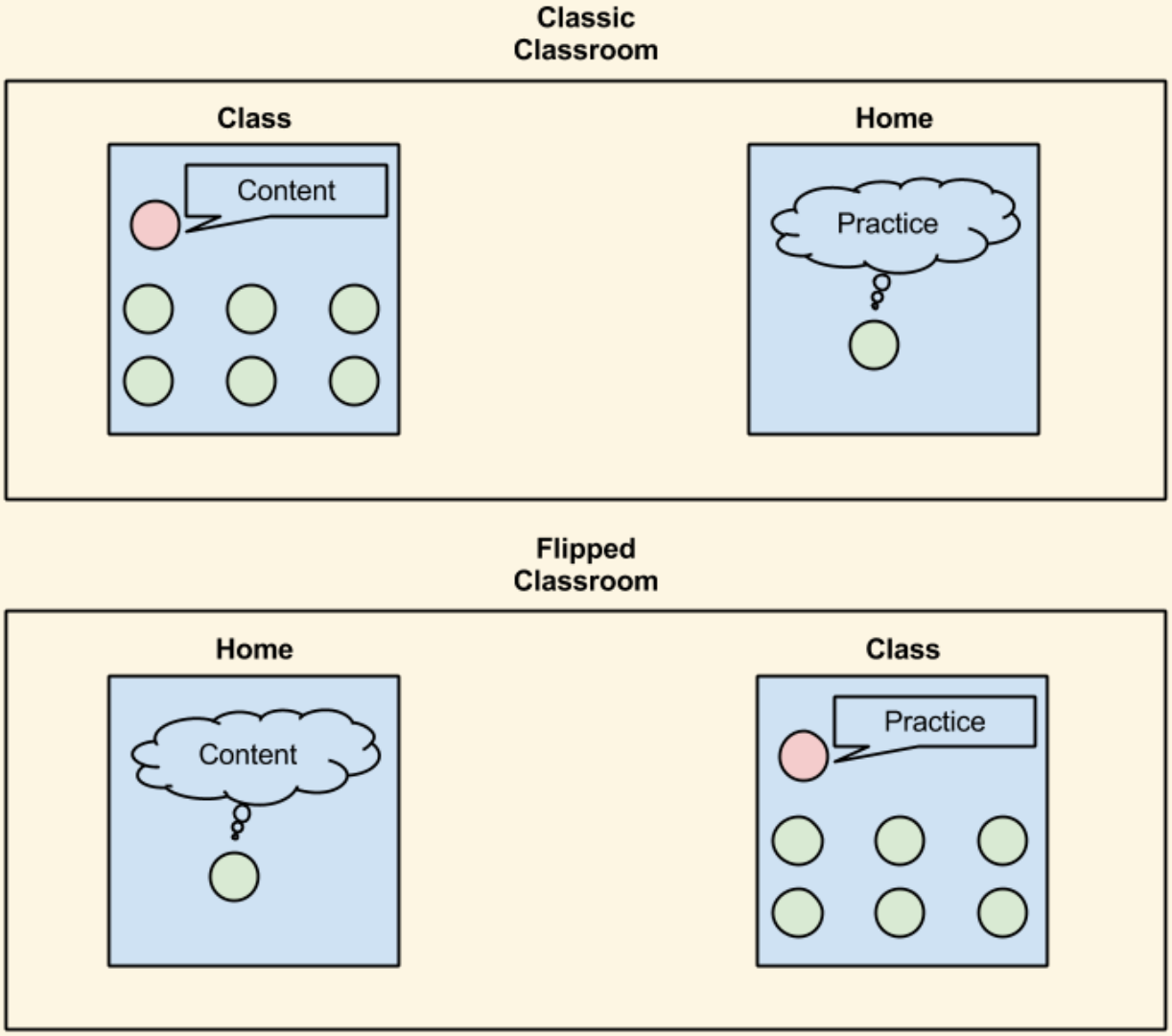
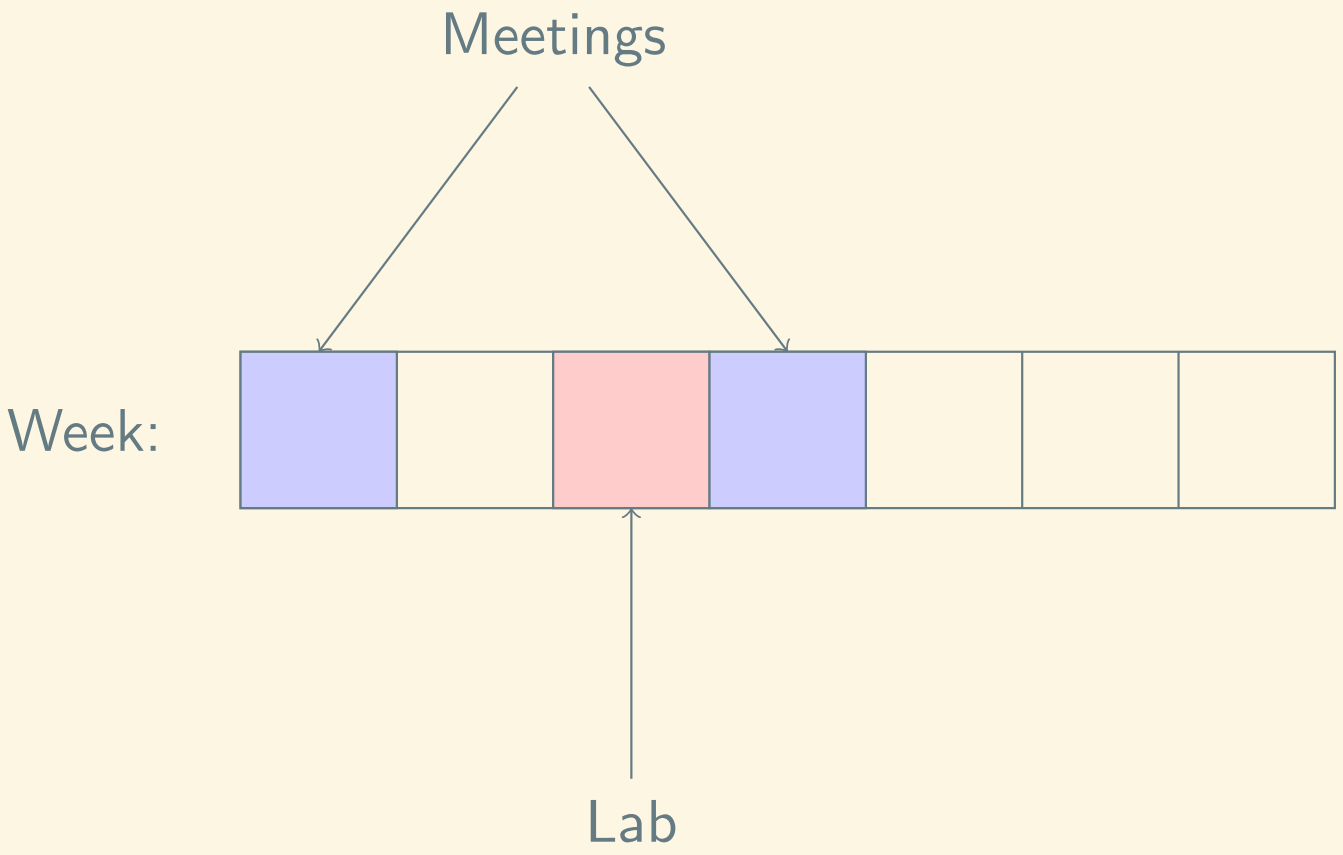


Lab and Class meetings

- Every week you have 1 class meeting to look ahead.
- Every week you have 1 lab sheet: you should aim to work on your lab sheets before the lab session.
- Every week you have 1 class meeting to look back and address difficulties.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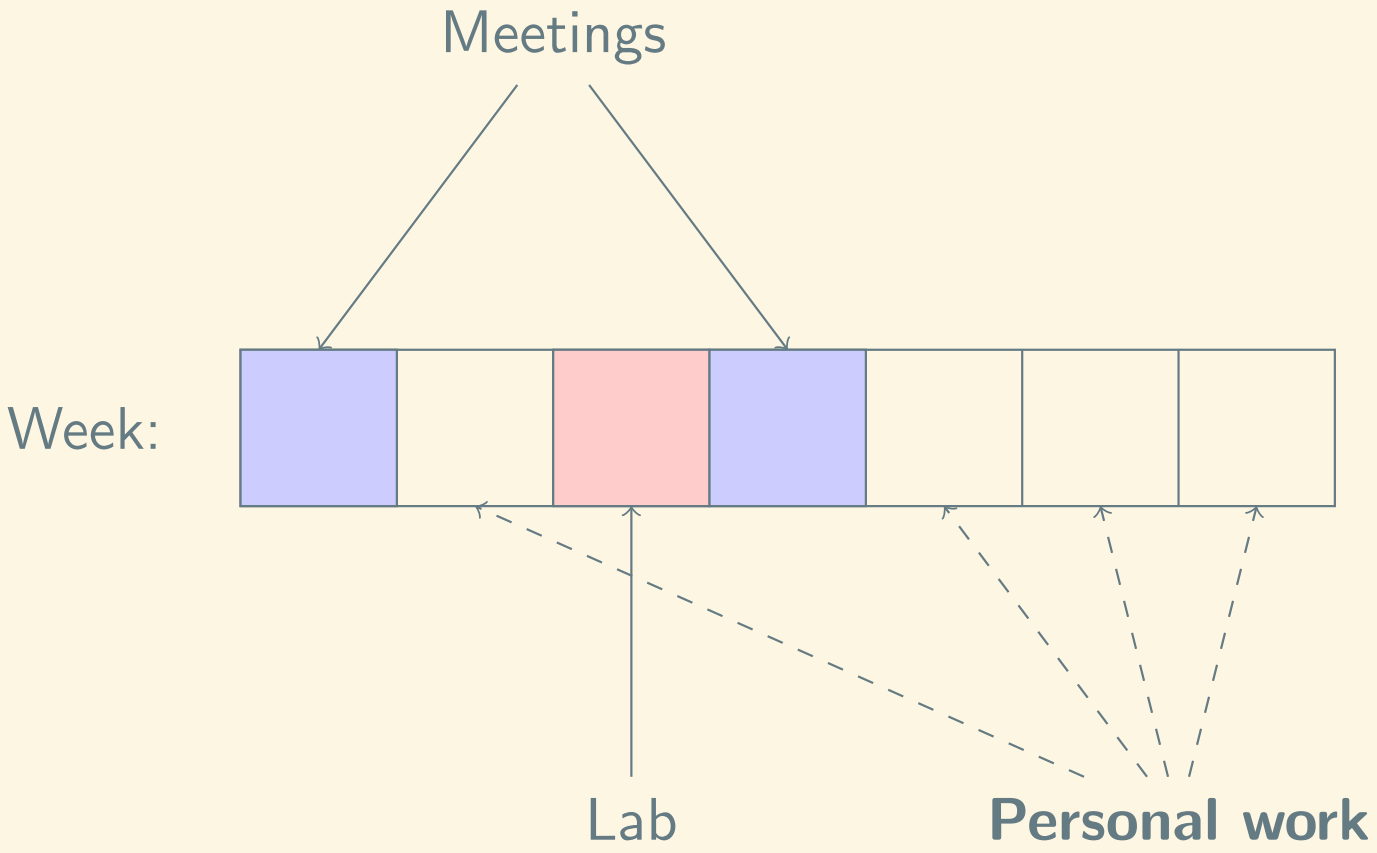
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Personal work

Resources

http://vknight.org/cfm/

Some Feedback

Vince

"Vince very approachable"

(50%)

"You are intimidating and I would personally rather approach a tutor for help - no offence. Where is your accent from?"

(20%)

The class meeting

"The lecture is useful to go over what we struggle with."

(60%)

"Would be better to discuss the upcoming lab sheets in lectures instead of the one we just did."

(4%)

"Some aspects should be taught first in lectures."

(4%)

Labs

"Some (not all) [tutors] just give us the answers and don't explain it clear enough **AND***."*

(3%)

"Sometimes asking if you're watched videos when you have is a bit demoralising, makes it hard to ask for help."

(3%)

"Would like to know about all assessment from the start, class test was only recently revealed and don't know much about the remaining 45%"

- Individual Coursework: Week 11 - 70%
- Group Coursework: Spring semester - 30%

“Do you have snapchat?”

Getting help

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- Message boards: `vknight.org/cfm`.
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http://www.pydiff.wales
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