

# College Algebra

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Ann: BB gradesync is wrong, use Aleks for now

first: a few minutes of free talk, then move spots

2nd: Groups of 4

- designate talking stick
- in 2 minutes, give Name, major, fears, and expectations for class
- only talking stick person speaks
- rotate till done

3rd: Quick walk through on BB, syllabus, Aleks

4th: Get into rules/Axioms of Algebra

Notation:  $\forall$  - for all,  $\exists$  - there exists,  $\in$  - in, s.t. - such that  
 $\exists!$  - exists a unique,  $\mathbb{Z}$  - integers (Zahlen)  
 $\mathbb{N}$  - natural numbers, iff - if and only if

Group:  $(G, \cdot)$  is a group iff

closure 1) for all  $x, y$  in  $G$ ,  $x \cdot y$  is in  $G$ .  
 $\forall x, y \in G, x \cdot y \in G$

Associativity 2)  $\forall x, y, z \in G, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$

identity 3)  $\exists! e \in G$  s.t.  $\forall x \in G, x \cdot e = e \cdot x = x$ .

invertibility 4) for all  $x$  in  $G$ , there exists  $x^{-1}$  in  $G$  such that  
 $x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = e$

Example groups:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , a rubiks cube w/ d1p2

Non-examples:  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$

Rings:

$(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring if and only if

+ is  
commutative

• is  
associative

Distributivity  
must  
imply

Unity

- 1)  $(R, +)$  is a group
- 2)  $a+b=b+a$  for all  $a, b$  in  $R$
- 3)  $\forall a, b, c \in R, (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$
- 4) for all  $a, b, c$  in  $R$ ,  $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$   
and  $(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$
- 5)  $\exists 1 \in R$  s.t.  $\forall r \in R, r \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot r = r$

Examples:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ , working with remainders  
(like a clock)

$\mathbb{Q}$  - rationals,  $\mathbb{R}$  - reals,  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  - real polynomials

$\mathbb{R}(X)$  - real rational  
functions

Integral Domain (ID):  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is an

Integral domain if and only if (iff)

1)  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring

• is  
commutative

2)  $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

Cancellation  
property

3) for all  $a, b, c$  in  $R$  with  $a \neq 0$ ,  
if  $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$  then  $b = c$ .

Ex)  $\mathbb{Z}$ , all examples in rings

Field  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a field iff

- 1)  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain ( $\neq 0$ )
- 2) for all  $x \in F$  with  $x \neq 0$ , there exists  $x^{-1}$  such that  

$$x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$$

Side note on

Fractions From any integral domain  $R$   
 one may construct its field of fractions  
 $\text{Frac}(R)$  by

$$\text{Frac}(R) = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a, b \in R, b \neq 0 \right\}$$

and  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}, \quad \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$

ex)  $\text{Frac}(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$

$\text{Frac}(\mathbb{R}[X]) = \mathbb{R}(X)$

Now toward a k-Algebra

(homomorphism)

Ring map: Let  $A, B$  be rings.

Then  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a ring map iff  $\forall a, a' \in A$

- 1)  $f(a+a') = f(a) + f(a')$

$$2) f(a \cdot b) = f(a) f(b)$$

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$$3) f(1_A) = 1_B$$

K-Algebra Let  $K$  be a <sup>commutative</sup> ring. Then

$A$  is a  $K$ -Algebra iff  $A$  is a ring and there exists a ring map  $\mu: K \rightarrow A$

examples:  $\mathbb{C} \sim \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} \mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  — any ring is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra

$\mathbb{R}[X] \sim \mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}[X]$

Alternate view: it's a ring with an ability to be scaled by a "smaller" ring.

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Day 2

- Ann:
- DO IKC
  - Do HW1
  - Quiz due Sunday
    - ↳ requires 80
  - Alex and BB syncing weird
    - ↳ use Alex for grade
  - introduce yourself activity is extra credit participation
  - CEA talk to during Ohours or after class
  - Ohours: SCEN224
    - MWF - 9:40-10:30
    - ↳ email / VA success to guarantee i'll be there
    - ↳ more to come

Today: exponents

Preview: 1) simplify  $\frac{(7x)^{-2}}{7x^{-3}}$

2) solve:  $-3|v| + 3 = 0$

3) translate: three times a number is its double plus 5.

skip - 4) multiply:  $(3x)^2 y^3 x^{-2} y^4$

5) factor:  $6w^2 + 48w - 54$   
 $6(w^2 + 8w - 9)$   
 $-1 \quad 9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $6(w-1)(w+9)$

6) Solve:  $|2y - 14| = 8$

Content: Exponents

Notation:  $(\text{expr})^p$  means  $\underbrace{\text{expr} \cdot \text{expr} \cdot \dots \cdot \text{expr}}_{p\text{-times}}$   
where  $\text{expr}$  is some expression

ex)  $5^3 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

ex)  $(7x+12)^{97} = \underbrace{(7x+12)(7x+12)\dots(7x+12)}_{97 \text{ times}}$

Properties : 1)  $x^1 = x$

2)  $X^{-1} = \frac{1}{X}$

$$3) x^0 = 1$$

$$47) x^a x^b = x^{a+b}$$

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$$5) (a \cdot b)^c = a^c \cdot b^c$$

$$6) (a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$$

"Proof" of 4+5: 4)  $x^a \cdot x^b = \underbrace{x \cdots x}_{a \text{ times}} \cdot \underbrace{x \cdots x}_{b \text{ times}} = \underbrace{x \cdots x}_{a+b \text{ times}}$

$$5) (a \cdot b)^c = (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b) \cdots$$

by associativity and

commutativity,

$$= \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdots a}_{c \text{ times}} \cdot \underbrace{b \cdots b}_{c \text{ times}}$$

$$= a^c \cdot b^c$$

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$$\text{ex) } \frac{(7x)^4}{7^3 x^{-8}} = \frac{(7x)^4}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{7^3 x^{-8}}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} (7x)^4 (7^3 x^{-8})^{-1}$$

$$\stackrel{(5)}{=} 7^4 x^4 \cdot (7^3)^{-1} (x^{-8})^{-1}$$

$$\stackrel{(6)}{=} 7^4 x^4 \cdot 7^{-3} x^8$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Com} + (4)}{=} 7^{4+(-3)} x^{4+8}$$

$$= 7x^{12}$$

BB Mod 1 - notes - Basic, me, you style  
L1-9 as groups (3).

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Filling in yesterday - Simplifying  
exponents:  
a process

Steps

1) distribute power,  
cross multiplication  
and multiply powers

(bottom)  
2) move denominator  
to numerator, negative  
powers (top)

3) combine like  
terms

4) move negative  
pieces to denominator  
negative power

example

$$\frac{(7x^2)^3}{7y^4x^2z}$$

$$= \frac{7^3 x^6}{7y^4 x^2 z}$$

$$= 7^3 x^6 7^{-1} y^4 x^{-2} z^{-1}$$

$$= 7^2 x^4 y^4 z^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{7x^4 y^4}{z}$$

Now 3 Q's from BB, me, them, them



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(P)review:

1) Solve for C:  $1 = \frac{5A}{2C} + 3B$   
ans  $\downarrow \cdot 2C$

$$2C = 5A + 6BC$$

$\downarrow$  like on same side

$$2C - 6BC = 5A$$

$\downarrow$  distributive prop.

$$(2 - 6B)C = 5A$$

$\downarrow \downarrow$

$$C = \frac{5A}{2 - 6B}$$

2)  $f(x) = 4x^2 + 2x - 1$

evaluate when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

ans)  $f(\frac{1}{2}) = 4(\frac{1}{2})^2 + 2(\frac{1}{2}) - 1$

$$= 4(\frac{1}{2}) + 1 - 1$$

$$= 2 + 0$$

$$= 2$$

3) factor:  $x^2 + 2x - 8$

$$LC = 1 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \wedge \\ 4-2 \end{array} \rightarrow 2$$

$$(x-2)(x+4)$$

4) translate: the quotient of your score

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remove four and 72 is 89.

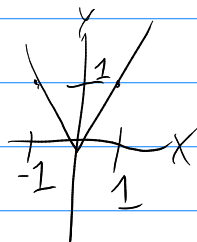
$$\text{ans)} \frac{n-4}{72} = 89$$

Content: Absolute value and factoring  
II-Prag: (657-)  
(59%)

## Absolute value:

Def:  $| \cdot |$  is the absolute value function.  
It measures distance from zero.

graph:  $y = |x|$



properties: a)  $|x| \geq 0$

b)  $|ab| = |a||b|$

c)  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$

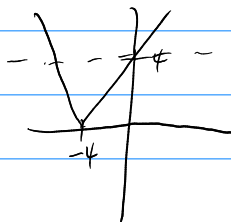
ex)  $3|x+4| - 2 = 10$

$$3|x+4| = 12$$

$$|x+4| = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x-4 &= 4 \\ x &= -8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x+4 &= 4 \\ x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



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procedure for abs. value:rules)  $|expr| = n$ a) isolate  $| \cdot |$ 

b) split into 2

equations if not neg.

 $-expr = n$  $expr = n$ 

c) solve both

d) answer

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex) } 4|x-1|-2 &= 6 \\ &= 4|x-1|=8 \\ &= |x-1|=2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} & \wedge \\ x-1=2 & -x+1=2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} x=3 & -x=1 \\ & x=1 \end{array}$$

$$x=3 \text{ or } 1$$

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Factoring: taking an expression and  
 rewriting it as a product.

process: for  $ax^2+bx+c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \text{ factor out } a: & a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a}) \\ & = a(x^2 + dx + e) \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \text{ find } f, g \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} f \cdot g = e \\ f + g = d \end{cases}$$

$$3) ax^2+bx+c = a(x+f)(x+g)$$

4) combine like terms if applicable.

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$$\text{ex) } 2x^2 + 4x + 2$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 2x + 1)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \wedge \\ 1 \quad 1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{+} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \end{array} \checkmark$$

$$= 2(x+1)(x+1)$$

$$= 2(x+1)^2$$

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BB Factoring quadratics odds fill 10 min.

