

Assignment 1  
Due on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 11:59pm

1. Write a short essay (300-400 words) on the life and work of Frank Ramsey.
2. Write a short essay (300-400 words) on the life and work of Paul Erdős.
3. Colour each point in the  $xy$  plane having integer coefficients Red or Blue. Then some rectangle has all its vertices the same colour.
4. You are attending a “Happy New Schoo Year” party.

At some point a person next to you says: “Do you know that at this party there must be at least two people with the exactly same number of friends among the party attendees?” You are puzzled: “How would you prove something like that?”

5. Prove that it is impossible to seat 10 people around a circular table with the diameter of 5 meters and keep the COVID imposed rule of the minimal distance of 2 meters between any two people.
6. Let  $A$  be a set of an odd number of consecutive positive integers. Say

$$A = \{k, k + 1, \dots, k + 2n\}$$

for some  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $B$  be any subset of the set  $A$  that contains at least  $n$  elements. Prove that there are must be  $a, b \in B$  such that  $a + b = 2k + 2n$ .

7. Consider the set

$$A = \{1, 11, 111, 1111, \dots\},$$

the set that contains all natural numbers whose decimal expression uses only the digit 1.

Prove that the set  $A$  contains an element that is divisible by 2021.

8. Show that  $R(3, 3, 3) \leq 17$ . (This means: Every 3-colouring of the edges of  $K_{17}$  gives a monochromatic  $K_3$ .)