

# Computing for Mathematics: Week 1

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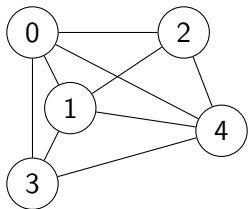
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# Programming and Mathematics

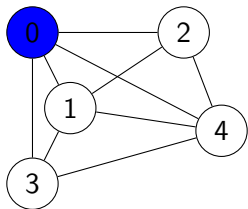
There are various areas in which computers are of major importance to Mathematicians:

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

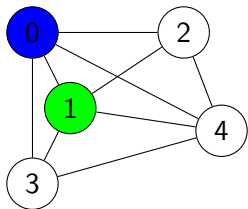
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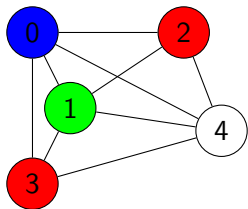
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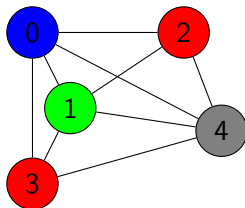


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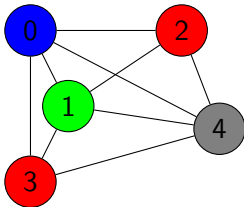


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Used computers to check 1936 particular cases.

# Risk boards



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- ▶ Referees are 99% sure.

# 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 Sage code to calculate an integral:

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1 integrate(x ^ 3, x)
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which returns:

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

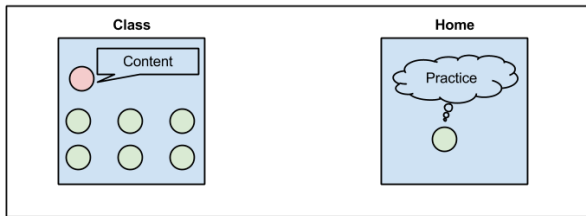
# What we will learn

- ▶ Python: general purpose programming language (Weeks 1-5).
- ▶ Sage: mathematics package (based on Python) (Weeks 5-9).
- ▶  $\text{\LaTeX}$ : a package for writing mathematics (Week 10).

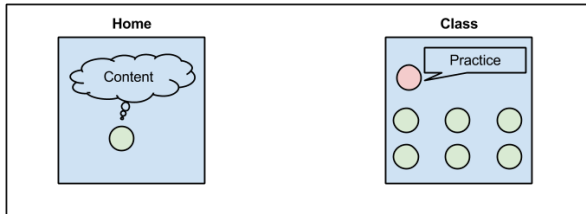
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## Labs and 'Tickables'

- ▶ Every week you have 2 computer lab sessions.
- ▶ You have until the end of the second lab session to complete all exercises marked as 'TICKABLE'.
- ▶ You will need to work on these outside of the lab sessions.

## Resources

[http://vincent-knight.com/Computing\\_for\\_mathematics/](http://vincent-knight.com/Computing_for_mathematics/)



Helping a final year student.

Imogen Dunne

<http://python-namibia.org/>