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#### Sheet 01: Mathematical Foundations

Central Tutorial: Th 17.10.27 Posted: Mo 14.10.24 Due: Th 24.10.24, 14:00 (b)[2](E/M/A) means: problem (b) counts 2 points and is easy/medium hard/advanced Suggestions for central tutorial: example problems 9, 10, 4, 3. Videos exist for example problems 9 (C2.3.1), 10 (C2.3.3).

#### **Example Problem 1: Composition of maps [2]**

Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](E).

Let  $\mathbb{N}_0$  denote the set of all natural numbers including zero, and  $\mathbb{Z}$  the set of all integers. Consider the following two maps:

$$A: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}, \qquad n \mapsto A(n) = n+1,$$
  
 $B: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{N}_0, \qquad n \mapsto B(n) = |n| \equiv n \cdot \operatorname{sign}(n).$ 

- (a) Find the composite map  $C = B \circ A$ , i.e. specify its domain, image and action on n.
- (b) Which of the above maps A, B and C are surjective? Injective? Bijective?

#### Example Problem 2: The abelian group $\mathbb{Z}_2$ [3] Points: (a)[2](E); (b)[1](E).

(a) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \equiv (\{0,1\}, +)$ , where the addition operation + is defined by the adjacent composition table, is an abelian group.

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

(b) Construct a group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , using two integers as group elements and standard multiplication of integers as group operation. Set up the corresponding composition table.

### **Example Problem 3: Permutation groups [4]**

Points: (a)[3](E); (b)[0,5](E); (c)[0,5](E).

A map which reorders n labelled objects is called a **permutation** of these objects. For example,  $1234 \xrightarrow{[4312]} 4312$  is a permutation of the four numbers in the string 1234, where we use [4312] as shorthand for the map  $1 \mapsto 4$ ,  $2 \mapsto 3$ ,  $3 \mapsto 1$  and  $4 \mapsto 2$ . Similarly, if the same permutation is applied to the string 2314, it yields 2314  $\stackrel{[4312]}{\longleftrightarrow}$  3142. (In general, [P(1)...P(n)] denotes the map  $j \mapsto P(j)$  which replaces j by P(j), for j = 1, ..., n.) Two permutations performed in succession again yield a permutation. For example, acting on 1234 with P = [4312] followed by P' = [2413]yields  $1234 \xrightarrow{[4312]} 4312 \xrightarrow{[2413]} 3124$ , thus the resulting permutation is  $P' \circ P = [3124]$ .

The set of all possible permutations of n numbers, denoted by  $S_n$ , contains n! elements. Viewing  $P' \circ P$  (perform first P, then P') as a group operation,

$$\circ: S_n \times S_n \to S_n, \qquad (P', P) \mapsto P' \circ P,$$

we obtain a group,  $(S_n, \circ)$ , the **permutation group**, usually denoted simply by  $S_n$ .

(a) Complete the adjacent composition table for  $S_3$ , in which the entries  $P' \circ P$ are arranged such that those with fixed P' sit in the same row, those with fixed P in the same column.

$P' \circ P$	[123]	[231]	[312]	[213]	[321]	[132]
[123]	[123]	[231]	[312]	[213]	[321]	[132]
[231]		[312]	[123]	[321]	[132]	[213]
[312]			[231]	[132]	[213]	[321]
[213]					[312]	[231]
[321]						[312]
[132]						

- (b) Which element is the neutral element of  $S_3$ ? How can we see from the multiplication table that every element has a unique inverse?
- (c) Is  $S_3$  an abelian group? Justify your answer.

## Example Problem 4: Algebraic manipulations with complex numbers [4]

Points: (a-c)[0,5](E); (d)[0,5](M); (e)[0,5](E); (f)[0,5](E); (g)[1](M); (h)[1](M).

For  $z=x+\mathrm{i}y\in\mathbb{C}$ , bring each of the following expressions into standard form, i.e. write them as (real part) + i(imaginary part):

(a) 
$$z + \bar{z}$$
,

(b) 
$$z-\bar{z}$$
,

(c) 
$$z \cdot \bar{z}$$
.

(d) 
$$\frac{z}{\bar{z}}$$

(e) 
$$\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$$

(a) 
$$z + \overline{z}$$
, (b)  $z - \overline{z}$ , (c)  $z \cdot \overline{z}$ , (d)  $\frac{z}{\overline{z}}$ ,   
 (e)  $\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{\overline{z}}$ , (f)  $\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\overline{z}}$ , (g)  $z^2 + z$ , (h)  $z^3$ .

(g) 
$$z^2 + z$$
,

(h) 
$$z^3$$

[Check your results for x=2, y=1: (a) 4, (b) i2, (c) 5, (d)  $\frac{3}{5}+i\frac{4}{5}$ , (e)  $\frac{4}{5}$ , (f)  $-i\frac{2}{5}$ , (g) 5+i5, (h) 2 + i11.

# Example Problem 5: Multiplication of complex numbers - geometrical interpretation

Points: (a)[2](E); (b)[2](E)

(a) Consider the polar representation,  $z_j = (\rho_j \cos \phi_j, \rho_j \sin \phi_j)$ , of two complex numbers,  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , with  $\phi_i \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Show that multiplying them,  $z_3 = z_1 z_2$ , yields the relations  $\rho_3 = \rho_1 \rho_2$ and  $\phi_3 = (\phi_1 + \phi_2) \mod(2\pi)$ . [The  $\mod(2\pi)$  is needed since we restricted polar angles to lie in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$ .] To this end, the following trigonometric identities are useful:

$$\cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 - \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 = \cos (\phi_1 + \phi_2),$$
  
$$\sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \cos \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 = \sin (\phi_1 + \phi_2).$$

(b) For  $z_1=\sqrt{3}+i$ ,  $z_2=-2+2\sqrt{3}i$ , compute the product  $z_3=z_1z_2$ , as well as  $z_4=1/z_1$  and  $z_5=\bar{z}_1$ . Find the polar representation (with  $\phi\in[0,2\pi)$ ) of all five complex numbers and sketch them in the complex plane (in one diagram). Is your result for  $z_3$  consistent with (a)?

## **Example Problem 6: Differentiation of trigonometric functions [1]**

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E).

Show that the trigonometric functions

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}, \qquad \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}, \qquad \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}, \qquad \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{1}{\tan x},$$

satisfy the following identities:

(a) 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$$
,

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, (b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -1 - \cot^2 x = -\csc^2 x$ .

Example Problem 7: Differentiation of powers, exponentials, logarithms [2] Points: [3](E).

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

(a) 
$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2x}}$$

$$\left[2,\frac{1}{8}\right]$$

(b) 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^{1/2}}{(x+1)^{1/2}}$$
  $\left[3, \frac{1}{16\sqrt{3}}\right]$ 

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(c) 
$$f(x) = e^x(2x - 3)$$

[1,e] (d) 
$$f(x) = 3^x$$

$$\left[-1, \frac{\ln 3}{3}\right]$$

(e) 
$$f(x) = x \ln x$$

(f) 
$$f(x) = x \ln(9x^2)$$

$$[\frac{1}{2}, 2]$$

Example Problem 8: Differentiation of inverse trigonometric functions [4]

Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](M); (c)[2](M).

Compute the following derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions,  $f^{-1}$ . For each case, make a qualitative scetch showing f(x) and  $f^{-1}(x)$ . If f is non-monotonic, consider domains with positive or negative slope separately. [Check your results: [a,b] stands for  $(f^{-1})'(a)=b$ .]

(a) 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x$$
  $\left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{8}}\right]$  (b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos x$   $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right]$  (c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x$   $\left[1, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ 

(b) 
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \arccos x$$

) 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x$$
  $\left[1, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ 

*Hint*: The identity  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  is useful for (a) and (b),  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$  for (c).

**Example Problem 9: Integration by parts [6]** 

Points: [6](M)

Integrals of the form  $I(z)=\int_{z_0}^z \mathrm{d}x\ u(x)v'(x)$  can be written as  $I(z)=\left[u(x)v(x)\right]_{z_0}^z-\int_{z_0}^z \mathrm{d}x\ u'(x)v(x)$  using integration by parts. This is useful if u'v can be integrated — either directly, or after further integrations by parts [see (b)], or after other manipulations [see (e,f)]. When doing such a calculation, it is advisable to clearly indicate the factors u, v', v and u'. Always check that the derivative I'(z) = dI/dz of the result reproduces the integrand! If a single integration by parts suffices to calculate I(z), its derivative exhibits the cancellation pattern I' = u'v + uv' - u'v = uv' [see (a,c,d)]; otherwise, more involved cancellations occur [see (b,e,f)].

Integrate the following integrals by parts. [Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for I(a) = b.

(a) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \ x \ e^{2x}$$
  $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right]$ 

(b) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \ x^2 e^{2x}$$
  $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{e}{8} - \frac{1}{4}\right]$ 

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{e}{8} - \frac{1}{4}\right]$$

(c) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \ln x$$
 [1, -1]

(d) 
$$I(z) = \int_{0}^{z} dx \ln x \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$
 [1, -4]

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(e) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \sin^2 x$$
  $\left[\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ 

(f) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \sin^4 x$$
  $\left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{8}\right]$ 

$$\left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{8}\right]$$

#### Example Problem 10: Integration by substitution [4]

Points: [4](M)

Integrals of the form  $I(z) = \int_{z_0}^z \mathrm{d}x \ y'(x) f(y(x))$  can be written as  $I(z) = \int_{y(z_0)}^{y(z)} \mathrm{d}y f(y)$  by using the substitution y = y(x), dy = y'(x)dx. When doing such integrals, it is advisable to explicitly write down y(x) and dy, to ensure that you correctly identify the prefactor of f(y). Always check that the derivative I'(z) = dI/dz of the result reproduces the integrand! You'll notice that the factor y'(z) emerges via the chain rule for differentiating composite functions.

Calculate the following integrals by substitution. [Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for I(a) = b.

(a) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z \mathrm{d} x \, x \cos(x^2 + \pi)$$
  $\left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$  (b)  $I(z) = \int_0^z \mathrm{d} x \sin^3 x \cos x$   $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{16}\right]$ 

(c) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \sin^3 x$$
  $\left[\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5}{24}\right]$  (d)  $I(z) = \int_0^z dx \cosh^3 x$   $\left[\ln 2, \frac{57}{64}\right]$ 

[Total Points for Example Problems: 34]

#### Homework Problem 1: Composition of maps [2]

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E); (c)[0,5](E); (d)[0,5](E).

- (a) Consider the set  $S = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ . Find its image, T = A(S), under the map  $n \mapsto$  $A(n) = n^2$ . Is the map  $A: S \to T$  surjective? Injective? Bijective?
- (b) Find the image, U = B(T), of the set T from part (a) under the map  $n \mapsto B(n) = \sqrt{n}$ .
- (c) Find the composite map  $C = B \circ A$ .
- (d) Which of the above maps A, B and C are surjective? Injective? Bijective?

#### Homework Problem 2: The groups of addition modulo 5 and rotations by multiples of $72 \, \, \text{deg} \, \, [3]$

Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](E); (c)[0,5](E); (d)[0,5](E).

(a) Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , endowed with the group operation

$$+: \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \to \mathbb{Z}_5, \qquad (p, p') \mapsto p + p' \equiv (p + p') \mod 5.$$

Set up the composition table for the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +)$ . Which element is the neutral element? For a given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which element is the inverse of n?

(b) Let  $r(\phi)$  denote a rotation by  $\phi$  degrees about a fixed axis, with  $r(\phi + 360) = r(\phi)$ . Consider the set of rotations by multiples of 72 deg,

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$$\mathcal{R}_{72} = \{r(0), r(72), r(144), r(216), r(288)\},\$$

and the group  $(\mathcal{R}_{72}, \bullet)$ , where the group operation  $\bullet$  involves two rotations in succession:

•: 
$$\mathcal{R}_{72} \times \mathcal{R}_{72} \to \mathcal{R}_{72}$$
,  $(r(\phi), r(\phi')) \mapsto r(\phi) \cdot r(\phi') \equiv r(\phi + \phi')$ .

Set up the multiplication table for this group. Which element is the neutral element? Which element is the inverse of  $r(\phi)$ ?

- (c) Explain why the groups  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +)$  and  $(\mathcal{R}_{72}, \cdot)$  are isomorphic.
- (d) Let  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  denote the group of integer addition modulo n of the elements of the set  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Which group of discrete rotations is isomorphic to this group?

# Homework Problem 3: Decomposing permutations into sequences of pair permutations [2]

Consider the permutation group  $S_n$ . Any permutation can be decomposed into a sequence of **pair permutations**, i.e. permutations which exchange just two objects, leaving the others unchanged. Examples:

The last three lines illustrate that a given permutation can be pair-decomposed in several ways, and that these may or may not involve different numbers of pair exchanges. However, one may convince oneselve (try it!) that all pair decompositions of a given permutation have the same **parity**, i.e. the number of exchanges is either always **even** or always **odd**.

To find a 'minimal' (shortest possible) pair decomposition of a given permutation, say [2413], we may start from the naturally-ordered string 1234 and rearrange it to its desired form, 2413, one pair permutation at a time, bringing the 2 to the first slot, then the 4 to the second slot, etc. This yields  $1234 \stackrel{[2134]}{\longrightarrow} 2134 \stackrel{[4231]}{\longrightarrow} 2431 \stackrel{[3214]}{\longrightarrow} 2413$ , hence  $[2413] = [3214] \circ [4231] \circ [2134]$ .

Find a minimal pair decomposition and the parity of each of the following permutations:

**Homework Problem 4: Algebraic manipulations with complex numbers [3]** Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](M); (c)[1](E).

For  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ , bring each of the following expressions into standard form:

(a) 
$$(z+i)^2$$
, (b)  $\frac{z}{z+1}$ ,

[Check your results for x=1, y=2: (a)  $-8+\mathrm{i}6$ , (b)  $\frac{3}{4}+\mathrm{i}\frac{1}{4}$ , (c)  $-\frac{1}{2}-\mathrm{i}\frac{3}{2}$ .]

Homework Problem 5: Multiplication of complex numbers – geometrical interpretation [2]

Points: [2](E)

For  $z_1=\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}i$ ,  $z_2=\sqrt{3}-i$ , compute the product  $z_3=z_1z_2$ , as well as  $z_4=1/z_1$  and  $z_5=\bar{z}_1$ . Find the polar representation (with  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$ ) of all five complex numbers and sketch them in the complex plane (in one diagram).

#### Homework Problem 6: Differentiation of hyperbolic functions [2]

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b,c)[0,5](E); (d)[0,5](E); (e)[0,5](E).

Show that the hyperbolic functions

$$\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}), \qquad \cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}), \qquad \tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x},$$

$$\operatorname{csch} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x}, \qquad \operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{\cosh x}, \qquad \operatorname{coth} x = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} = \frac{1}{\tanh x},$$

satisfy the following identities:

(a) 
$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1,$$

(b) 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \cosh x$$
, (c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \sinh x$ 

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, (c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \sinh x$ .  
(d)  $\frac{d}{dx} \tanh x = 1 - \tanh^2 x = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$ , (e)  $\frac{d}{dx} \coth x = 1 - \coth^2 x = -\operatorname{csch}^2 x$ .

#### Homework Problem 7: Differentiation of powers, exponentials, logarithms [2]

Points: [2](E) (Solve any 4 subproblems; beyond that: 0.25 bonus per subproblem.)

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

(a) 
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2}$$
 [8,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ] (b)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^{1/2}}$  [1,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}$ ] (c)  $f(x) = -e^{(1-x^2)}$  [1,  $2$ ] (d)  $f(x) = 2^{x^2}$  [1,  $4 \ln 2$ ]

(c) 
$$f(x) = -e^{(1-x^2)}$$
 [1, 2] (d)  $f(x) = 2^{x^2}$  [1, 4 ln 2]

### Homework Problem 8: Differentiation of inverse hyperbolic functions [2]

Points: [2](M) (Solve subproblem, (b); beyond that: 0.5 bonus points per subproblem.)

Compute the following derivatives of inverse hyperbolic functions,  $f^{-1}$ . For each case, make a qualitative sketch showing f(x) and  $f^{-1}(x)$ . If f is non-monotonic, consider domains with positive or negative slope separately. [Check your results: [a,b] stands for  $(f^{-1})'(a)=b$ .]

(a) 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arcsinh} x$$
  $\left[2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right]$  (b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arccosh} x$   $\left[2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right]$  (c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arctanh} x$   $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{3}\right]$ 

*Hint*: The identity  $\cosh^2 x = 1 + \sinh^2 x$  is useful for (a) and (b),  $\operatorname{sech}^2 x = 1 - \tanh^2 x$  for (c).

#### Homework Problem 9: Integration by parts [4]

Points: [4](M) (Solve any 4 subproblems; beyond that: 0.5 bonus per subproblem.)

Integrate the following integrals by parts. [Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for I(a) = b.

(a) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \ x \sin(2x)$$
  $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$  (b)  $I(z) = \int_0^z dx \ x^2 \cos(2x)$   $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ 

(c) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \; (\ln x) \; x$$
  $\left[1, -\frac{1}{4}\right]$  (d)  $I(z) \stackrel{[n>-1]}{=} \int_0^z dx \; (\ln x) \; x^n$   $\left[1, \frac{-1}{(n+1)^2}\right]$ 

(e) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \cos^2 x$$
  $\left[\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  (f)  $I(z) = \int_0^z dx \cos^4 x$   $\left[\pi, \frac{3}{8}\pi\right]$ 

#### Homework Problem 10: Integration by substitution [3]

Points: [3](M) (Solve any 3 subproblems; beyond that: 0.5 bonus per subproblem.)

Calculate the following integrals by substitution. [Check your results versus those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for I(a) = b.

(a) 
$$I(z) = \int_0^z dx \, x^2 \, \sqrt{x^3 + 1}$$
 [2,  $\frac{52}{9}$ ] (b)  $I(z) = \int_0^z dx \sin x \, e^{\cos x}$  [ $\frac{\pi}{3}$ ,  $e - \sqrt{e}$ ]

[Total Points for Homework Problems: 25]