

1. Is the group $(\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \otimes)$ cyclic? Justify your answer.

Yes.

$$\mathbb{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

which can be generated by ~~any element except 1~~ either 3 or 5.

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 1\}$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle = \{5, 4, 6, 2, 3, 1\}$$

2. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} + \dots + \cos \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right)$.

Let $f(x) = \cos x$, which is continuous and thus ~~differentiable~~ integrable on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

So the lower Riemann Sum, ~~which is~~ $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k)$ equals to $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) dx$ as n approaches ∞ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \dots + \cos \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right) &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(x) dx = [\sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

3. For each of the following either explain why the graph cannot exist or draw a graph with the given property.

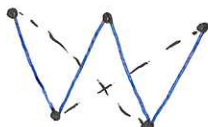
- (a) A graph with degree sequence 3, 2, 2, 1, 1.

Since $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2e$, where V is the set of vertices, and e is the number of edges.

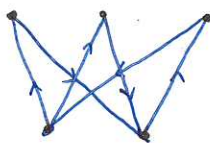
yet in this case, $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 9$, which is not a multiple of 2.

So the graph does not exist.

- (b) A complete bipartite graph on 5 vertices that has a Hamiltonian path and an Eulerian trail.



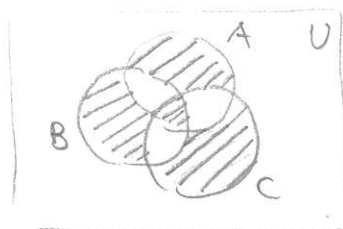
Hamiltonian path



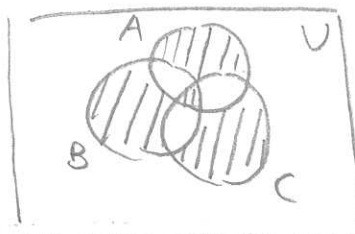
Eulerian trail.



4. Draw Venn diagrams illustrating the sets $A \Delta (B \Delta C)$ and $(A \Delta B) \Delta C$. What is your conclusion?



$$A \Delta (B \Delta C)$$



$$(A \Delta B) \Delta C$$

$$\Rightarrow A \Delta (B \Delta C) = (A \Delta B) \Delta C.$$

the operation of symmetric difference is associative.

5. The space $S = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . Find a Cartesian equation for S .

$$\text{Let } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_1, c_2 \text{ are constants.}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 + 3c_2 \\ 2c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 3c_1 + c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x + z = 2y.$$

which means, The space S is the plane $x - 2y + z = 0$.

6. Use the first three terms in the binomial expansion of $(1 + \frac{1}{8})^{1/3}$ to find an approximation to $\sqrt[3]{9}$. Give your answer as a fraction in simplest terms.

$$(1 + \frac{1}{8})^{1/3} = \binom{1/3}{0} + \binom{1/3}{1} \frac{1}{8} + \binom{1/3}{2} (\frac{1}{8})^2 + \dots$$

$$\sqrt[3]{9} = 9^{1/3} = (1+8)^{1/3} = 2(1 + \frac{1}{8})^{1/3}$$

$$\approx 2 \left[\binom{1/3}{0} + \binom{1/3}{1} \frac{1}{8} + \binom{1/3}{2} (\frac{1}{8})^2 \right]$$

$$= 2 \left(1 + \cancel{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8}} \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot (-\frac{2}{3})}{2 \cdot 64} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{576} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{576 + 24 - 1}{576} \right)$$

$$= \frac{599}{288}$$

7. Determine the rank, nullity and null space of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let $Ax=0$, which has AM:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

{using technology}.

let $x_3 = s$,

$x_4 = t$,

$x_5 = r$,

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + (-1)x_3 - 2x_4 - 3x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 + 4x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = s + 2t + 3r \\ x_2 = -2s - 3t - 4r \end{cases}$$

So Null A is

$s, t, r \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is the space spanned by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

So it has nullity = 3

and therefore ~~rank~~

$$\text{rank} = \text{column number} - \text{nullity} \\ = 5 - 3 = 2$$

8. Use the fourth degree Maclaurin polynomial for $\cos x$ to show that $\pi/3$ approximately satisfies the equation $x^4 - 12x^2 + 12 = 0$. Hence calculate an approximate value for π expressing your answer as a surd.

The fourth degree Maclaurin poly for $\cos x$ is:

$$P_4(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

when $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \approx P_4\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

which is equivalent to

$$x^4 - 12x^2 + 12 = 0$$

So $\frac{\pi}{3}$ approximately satisfies the equation.

let $x^2 = y$, $y \geq 0$.

$$\text{then } y^2 - 12y + 12 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{144 - 48}}{2}$$

~~and $y \geq 0$~~

$$y_1 = 6 + 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$y_2 = 6 - 2\sqrt{6}$$

we take $y_2 = 6 - 2\sqrt{6}$

$$\text{as } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\pi}{3} < \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{So } \pi = 3\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\approx 3\sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= 18 - 6\sqrt{6}$$

$$\sqrt{96} = 4\sqrt{6}$$

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9. Suppose $f: G \rightarrow H$ is a group homomorphism. Prove $\ker(f) \leq G$. "Quote any result you use".

proof. we use the 3-step subgroup test to show that $\ker(f) \leq G$.

(i) let $a, b \in \ker(f)$.

$$\text{i.e. } f(a) = f(b) = e_H.$$

$$\text{then } f(ab) = f(a) * f(b)$$

$$= e_H * e_H$$

$$= e_H.$$

because of homomorphism,
so $f(ab) \in \ker(f)$ and
 $\ker(f)$ is closed.

(ii) since

$$f(e_G) = e_H.$$

$$f(e_G \cdot a) = f(a)$$

$$= f(e_G) \cdot f(a).$$

$$10. \text{ Evaluate } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \binom{\frac{1}{x}}{1} \sin x + \binom{\frac{1}{x}}{2} \sin^2 x + \dots + \binom{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \sin^{\frac{1}{x}} x \right).$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \sin x + \frac{1}{x} \binom{\frac{1}{x}-1}{1} \sin^2 x + \dots \right).$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{1}{x}} \binom{\frac{1}{x}}{k} \sin^k x.$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{1}{x}} \frac{(\frac{1}{x})!}{(\frac{1}{x}-k)! k!} \sin^k x.$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{x})!}{(\frac{1}{x}-k)! k!} \sin^k x.$$

$$(\ln x)'$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$1 + \sin x$$

post multiply by $f^{-1}(a)$, we get

$$p e_H = f(e_G).$$

$$\text{so } e_G \in \ker(f).$$

so identity axiom holds.

$$(iii) f(a \cdot a^{-1}) = f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1})$$

$$= f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1})$$

$$= e_H \cdot f(a^{-1}).$$

on the other hand.

$$f(a \cdot a^{-1}) = f(e_G) = e_H.$$

$$\text{so } f(a^{-1}) = e_H.$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(a^{-1}) = e_H.$$

so $a^{-1} \in \ker(f)$. $\forall a \in \ker(f)$

Therefore, by the 3-step subgroup test, $\ker(f) \leq G$.

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{y!}{(y-n-1)!(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(y-n)!n!}{y!} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{y-n}{n+1} \right|$$

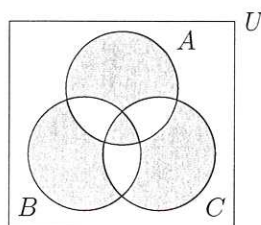
$$y-n > n+1$$

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Solutions to FM2 Test #3

1. Since $\mathbb{Z}_7^* = \langle 3 \rangle$, \mathbb{Z}_7^* is cyclic. (The only other generator of \mathbb{Z}_7^* is 5.)
2. We recognize this limit as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n$ for the integral $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \, dx$, which evaluates to 1.
3. (a) Not possible as a graph has an even number of vertices of odd degree. (b) $K_{3,2}$ fulfills the criteria.
4. The Venn diagrams for $A \triangle (B \triangle C)$ and $(A \triangle B) \triangle C$ are the same. The common result is illustrated below. Hence the operation of symmetric difference is associative on sets.



5. $x - 2y + z = 0$.
6. First observe $\sqrt[3]{9} = (8 + 1)^{1/3} = 2(1 + \frac{1}{8})^{1/3}$. The first three terms of this binomial expansion give

$$(1 + \frac{1}{8})^{1/3} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{-2}{3}}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{64} = \frac{599}{576}.$$

We conclude $\sqrt[3]{9} \approx \frac{599}{288}$.

7. Using the GDC to find $\text{rref}(A)$ we conclude $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ and therefore by the rank-nullity theorem $\text{nullity}(A) = 3$. The null space is

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

8. The fourth degree Maclaurin polynomial for $\cos x$ is $P_4(x) = 1 - x^2/2! + x^4/4!$. Now $\cos(\pi/3) = 0.5$. So $P_4(\pi/3) \approx 0.5$. That is $\pi/3$ approximately satisfies the equation

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} = 0.5 \Leftrightarrow x^4 - 12x^2 + 12 = 0.$$

Calculation gives the appropriate root as $\sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{6}}$. Hence $\pi \approx 3\sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{6}}$.

9. See class notes.
10. Notice that this limit has the indeterminate form 1^∞ . The standard approach for such a limit is to use logarithms. Letting $y = (1 + \sin x)^{1/x}$ gives $\ln y = \frac{\ln(1 + \sin x)}{x}$. Now using l'Hôpital's rule we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}}{1} = 1.$$

So our required limit is e .

