

1. Find the interval of convergence for the power series  $x + \frac{x^2}{1+x} + \frac{x^3}{(1+x)^2} \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(1+x)^{n-1}}$$

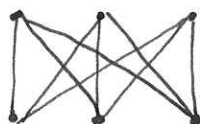
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(1+x)^n} \cdot \frac{(1+x)^{n-1}}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{1+x} \right| < 1. \Rightarrow x > -\frac{1}{2}$$

When  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(1+x)^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2}$ , which diverges.

i.e. interval of convergence is  $]-\frac{1}{2}, \infty[$

2. Draw a simple connected non-planar graph with three or more vertices for which  $e \leq 3v - 6$ .

$$K_{3,3}: e = 9; v = 6. \quad 9 \leq 18 - 6 = 12.$$



it's non-planar.

3. Prove that a non-Abelian group cannot be isomorphic to an Abelian group.

Proof by contradiction:

Let  $G$  be a non-Abelian group and  $H$  an Abelian group.

Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be an isomorphism.

Since  $G$  is non-Abelian,  $\exists a, b \in G$  such that

$ab \neq ba$ . and since  $f$  is a bijection,

$a \mapsto f(a)$ ,  $b \mapsto f(b)$ , and  $f(a) \cdot f(b) \in H$ .

Since  $H$  is abelian,  $f(a)f(b) = f(b)f(a)$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(ab) = f(ba). \Leftrightarrow ab = ba,$$

which is a contradiction.

Therefore, such an isomorphism does not exist.  $\square$ .

4. The discrete random variable  $X$  has the Poisson distribution with mean  $\mu$ .

(a) Denoting  $P(X = k)$  by  $p_k$ , show that  $p_{k+1} = \frac{\mu}{k+1} \cdot p_k$

$$p_k = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!}$$

$$p_{k+1} = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k \cdot \mu}{k! (k+1)} = p_k \cdot \frac{\mu}{k+1}.$$

(b) If  $\mu = 7.8$ , determine the modal value of  $X$ .

We want to find  $k$  such that  $p_k$  is largest.

$$p_{k+1} = \frac{7.8}{k+1} \cdot p_k.$$

$$p_{k+1} > p_k \text{ until } \frac{7.8}{k+1} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 7.8 \approx 7.$$

Therefore,

$$p_7 = \frac{e^{-7.8} 7.8^7}{7!} = 0.143 \text{ (3 s.f.)}.$$

5. Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$  given  $a_0 = 2, a_1 = 7$ . Hence find the least  $n$  for which  $a_n > 1\,000\,000$ .

AQF:

$$r^2 - r - 2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = -1, r_2 = 2.$$

$$\therefore a_n = \alpha(-1)^n + \beta(2)^n$$

Substituting  $a_0 = 2$ , gives  $\alpha = 7$  gives

$$\begin{cases} 2 = \alpha + \beta \\ 7 = -\alpha + 2\beta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = -1 \\ \beta = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } a_n = (-1)^{n+1} + 3(2)^n.$$

Using technology,  $a_{19} = 1.57 \text{E}6 > 1 \times 10^6$  is the  
~~where  $n$~~  least such term.

1. There are nine men at a party. By considering an appropriate graph, explain why it is impossible for each man to shake hands with exactly five other men.

Let each vertex be a man and each edge be a hand-shake.

Then  $V = 9$ , and  $\deg(v) = 5$ .

$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 5 \times 9 = 45$ . According to hand-shaking thm,

$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2e$ , which is even, therefore, such graph doesn't exist.

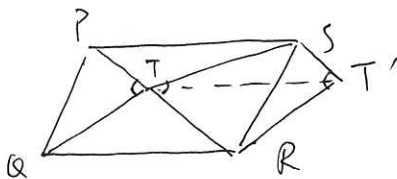
2. For what values of  $x$  is the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{kx}$  convergent? For these values of  $x$ , find the sum as a simple function of  $x$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e^{(k+1)x}}{e^{kx}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e^x| < 1 \Rightarrow x < 0.$$

When  $x = 0$   $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{k \cdot 0} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1$ , which is not convergent.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{kx} &= e^x + e^{2x} + e^{3x} + \dots \\ &= \frac{e^x}{1 - e^x} \quad x < 0. \end{aligned}$$

3. Point  $T$  lies inside parallelogram  $PQRS$  so that  $\angle PTQ + \angle RTS = 180^\circ$ . Show that  $PT \times TR + ST \times TQ = PQ \times QR$ .



Draw  $ST' \parallel PT$ ,

$T'R \parallel TR$ .

Since  $PQ \parallel SR$ .

$$\Rightarrow \angle RST' = \angle QPT.$$

$$\angle SRT' = \angle PQT.$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle SRT' \cong \triangle PQT.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow PT \times TR + ST \times TQ \\ &= ST' \times TR + ST \times T'R. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \angle PTQ + \angle RTS = 180^\circ$$

$$= \angle ST'R + \angle RTS = 180^\circ.$$

So  $T, S, T', R$  are concyclic.

$$\Rightarrow ST' \times TR + ST \times T'R = TT' \times SR.$$

Since  $ST' \parallel PT$ .

$TST'R$  is a parallelogram.

$$TT' = PS = QR,$$

$$\text{and since } SR = PQ.$$

$$\Rightarrow PT \times TR + ST \times TQ = TT' \times SR = PQ \times QR.$$

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4. Is the series

$$\frac{1^1}{(101)!} + \frac{2^2}{(102)!} + \dots + \frac{n^n}{(100+n)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{(100+n)!}$$

convergent or divergent? Justify your answer.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(101+n)!} \cdot \frac{(100+n)!}{n^n} \right| \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^n \cdot (n+1)}{(101+n) \cdot n^n} \right| \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{101+n} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right| \\ = e > 1 \Rightarrow \text{divergent.} \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $S = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, a^2 + b^2 \neq 0\}$ . Prove that  $(S, \times)$  is a group. Is  $(S, \times)$  a group if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ ?

Proof:

let  $a + b\sqrt{2}, c + d\sqrt{2} \in S$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} (a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2}) \\ = (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} \in S, \end{aligned}$$

So it is closed.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \text{ since } (a + b\sqrt{2})(1 + 0\sqrt{2}) \\ = a + b\sqrt{2}, \end{aligned}$$

So  $1 + 0\sqrt{2} \in S$  is the identity.

$\textcircled{3}$  We want to find

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2}) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} ac + 2bd = 1 \\ ad + bc = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow d &= -\frac{bc}{a}. \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{4}$  Associativity? You should mention number multiplication is associative.

$$\text{So } ac + 2\left(-\frac{bc}{a}\right) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2c - 2b^2c = a.$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2}, d = \frac{b}{-a^2 + 2b^2}$$

since  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ .

such  $c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$  exist  $\forall a, b \in S$ .

Therefore,  $(S, \times)$  is a group.

If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2}, \frac{b}{-a^2 + 2b^2} \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(ac + 2bd), (ad + bc) \in \mathbb{R}$$

However, when  $a^2 = 2b^2$

$a = \pm\sqrt{2}b$ , inverse does not exist,

so it's not a group.

what if  $a = \sqrt{2}b$ ,  $b = 1$ ? doesn't this have an inverse?

More than this, only one real number has no inverse under  $\times$ .

1. The heights in centimetres of a random sample of five Pearson students were 158, 184, 177, 166, 170. Calculate unbiased estimates of the mean and variance of the population of heights of all Pearson students.

$$\mu = \bar{x} = E(x) = 171$$

$$\sigma^2 = S_{n-1}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = 100. \quad \checkmark$$

2. Consider the Mersenne number  $M_n = 2^n - 1$ . Prove that if  $M_n$  is prime then  $n$  is prime. Is the converse also true?

( $\Leftarrow$ ) converse not true.

A counterexample is when  $n=11$ ,

$$2^{11} - 1 = 2^{10} - 1 = 2047 \\ = 23 \times 89. \quad \checkmark$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) proof by contrapositive:

If  $n = km$ ,  $km \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k, m \neq 1$ .

then  $2^{km} - 1 = M_n$

$$\Rightarrow M_n = (2^k - 1)(2^{k(m-1)} + 2^{k(m-2)} + \dots + 2 + 1)$$

Since  $k, m > 1$ ,  $2^k - 1 \geq 3$ .

$2^{k(m-1)} + \dots + 2 + 1 \geq 7$ , so  $M_n$  is not prime.  $\checkmark$

3. Currently, the largest known prime number is the Mersenne prime  $2^{82589933} - 1$ .

- (a) How many digits does this number have in base 16?

$$2^{82589933} - 1 = 15 \sum_{i=0}^{20647482} 16^i + 16^{20647483} \\ = (2-1) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{20647482} 2^i \right) \\ = (1+2+4+\dots+2^{20647482}) \\ + 16^{20647483}$$

Therefore, there will be 20647484 digits.  $\checkmark$

- (b) How many digits does this number have in base 10?

$$\text{let } 2^{82589933} - 1 = N.$$

from (a) we know

$$1 + \lfloor \log_{16} N \rfloor = 20647484.$$

$$\text{so, } 20647483 \leq \log_{16} N < 20647484.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 24862047 \leq \log_{10} N < 24862048$$

therefore,

$$\lfloor \log_{10} N \rfloor + 1 = 24862048,$$

which is the number of digits of  $N$ .  $\checkmark$

4. Pippin chocolates are packed in boxes of 25. The weight in grams of a Pippin chocolate is distributed  $N(10, 2^2)$ .

(a) What is the probability that the contents of a box of Pippin chocolates weighs more than 245 grams?

Let  $X$  be the weight of a Pippin chocolate.  $X \sim N(10, 2^2)$ .

Then a box of chocolate  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_i$ ,  $Y \sim N(250, 25 \times 2^2)$

$$P(Y > 245) = \text{normalcdf}(245, \infty, 250, 10) \checkmark$$

$$\approx 0.691 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

(b) What is the probability that the mean weight of the chocolates in a box is between 9.9 and 10.1 grams?

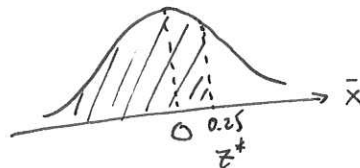
$$\bar{x} + z^* \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 10.1$$

$$10 + z^* \frac{2}{\sqrt{25}} = 10.1$$

$$\Rightarrow z^* = 0.25$$

$$P(\bar{x} < 0.25) = \text{normalcdf}(-\infty, 0.25, 0, 1)$$

$$= 0.599 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$



$$\Rightarrow P(9.9 < \bar{x} < 10.1)$$

$$= 0.599 \times 2 = 1$$

$$= 0.197 \text{ (3 s.f.)} \checkmark$$

5. Consider the permutations  $(1\ 2)$  and  $(1\ 2\ 3)$  in the symmetric group  $S_3$ .

(a) Let  $H = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle$ .

i. Determine the left cosets of  $H$  in  $S_3$  giving your answers in cycle notation.

$$H = \{e, (1\ 2)\} \checkmark \quad (1\ 3)H = \{(1\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3)\} \checkmark$$

$$eH = \{e, (1\ 2)\} \checkmark \quad (2\ 3)H = \{(2\ 3), (2\ 1\ 3)\} \checkmark$$

$$(1\ 2)H = \{(1\ 2), e\} \checkmark \quad (1\ 2\ 3)H = \{(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3)\} \checkmark$$

ii. Determine the right cosets of  $H$  in  $S_3$  giving your answers in cycle notation.

$$He = \{e, (1\ 2)\} \quad H(2\ 3) = \{(2\ 3), (3\ 1\ 2)\} \checkmark$$

$$H(1\ 2) = \{(1\ 2), e\} \quad H(1\ 2\ 3) = \{(1\ 2\ 3), (2\ 3)\} \checkmark$$

$$H(1\ 3) = \{(1\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\} \quad H(1\ 3\ 2) = \{(1\ 3\ 2), (1\ 3)\} \checkmark$$

(b) Describe the group  $\langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle$ .

$$|\langle (1\ 2) \rangle| = 2$$

$$|\langle (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle| = 3$$

$$\text{therefore } 2 \mid |\langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle|$$

$$3 \mid |\langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle|$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \mid |\langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle|$$

and since  $S_3 = 6$ ,

$$|\langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle| = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle = S_3$$

i.e.  $(1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3)$

generates the symmetric group  $S_3$ .  $\checkmark$

1. The weights of Pearson students are distributed normally. The weights in kilograms of a random sample of five Pearson students are 53, 72, 65, 58 and 61. Find a 95% confidence interval for the mean weight of all Pearson students.

$$\bar{x} = 61.8$$

$$s = 7.19$$

$$n = 5,$$

$$df = 4.$$

by calculating

$$\bar{x} \pm t^* \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}},$$

where  $t^*$  is the critical value of the t-distribution on 4 degrees of freedom. at 95% level of confidence

$$\Rightarrow [52.9, 70.7].$$

2. Prove that every simple planar graph contains a vertex whose degree is at most five.

proof by contradiction:

if  $\deg(v) \geq 6 \quad \forall v \in V$ , then

by handshaking thm,

$$2e = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq 6|V|.$$

$$\Rightarrow e \geq 3|V|.$$

However, since for a planar graph,

$$e \leq 3|V| - 6 < 3|V|,$$

the graph cannot be planar, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Also connected and  $|V| \geq 3$ . This should be considered in your proof.

3. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy}$  given  $y(1) = 2$ .

let  $y = vx$ . then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{2y} + \frac{y}{2x}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2v} + \frac{v}{2} - v.$$

$$\int \frac{2v}{1-v^2} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx.$$

$$\text{let } u = 1 - v^2,$$

$$du = -2v dv.$$

$$\text{so } -\int \frac{1}{u} du = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$-\ln(1-v^2) = \ln x + C_1$$

$$\left[1 - \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right]^{-1} = C_2 x, \quad C_2 = e^{C_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{y^2}{x^2} = \frac{1}{C_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = x^2 + Cx, \quad C = -\frac{1}{C_2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt{x^2 + Cx}$$

$$\text{since } y(1) = 2.$$

$$2 = \sqrt{1+C} \Rightarrow C = 3$$

$$\text{So } y = \sqrt{x^2 + 3x}.$$

4. Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Prove that  $G$  and its complement  $\bar{G}$  cannot both be disconnected.

Proof:

If  $G$  is disconnected,  
we want to show that  
 $\bar{G}$  is connected, i.e.  
there exists a path btw  
any  $v_1, v_2 \in V_{\bar{G}}$ .

Case 1:  $v_1, v_2$  are  
adjacent in  $G$ .

Since  $v_1, v_2$  are connected,  
they must be in the same component  
of  $G$ .

Consider  $v_3$  in another component  
of  $G$ ,  $v_3$  is not adjacent to  $v_1$  or  $v_2$ .

So in  $\bar{G}$ ,  $v_3$  is adjacent to both  $v_1$   
and  $v_2$ .

Hence there exists the path  $v_1 v_3 v_2$   
in  $\bar{G}$  from  $v_1$  to  $v_2$ , so  $v_1$  and  
 $v_2$  are connected in  $\bar{G}$ ;

5. Suppose  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_{50} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{15}$  is a group homomorphism with  $\phi(7) = 6$ .

(a) Write down  $\phi(21)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(21) &= \phi(7+7+7) \\ &= 3\phi(7) = 18 = 3\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $\phi(1)$ .

$$\phi(49) = 7\phi(7) = 42 = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(1) &= \phi(49^{-1}) = 12^{-1} \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

(c) Find  $\text{ran}(\phi)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Since } \phi(x) &= x\phi(1), \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}_{50}, \\ \phi(x) &= 3x \pmod{15}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ran}(\phi) = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$$

(d) Find  $\ker(\phi)$ .

$$\ker(\phi) = \{x \mid \phi(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{Z}_{50}\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 3x &\equiv 0 \pmod{15} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker(\phi) = \{0, 5, 10, \dots, 45\}.$$

(e) Solve the equation  $\phi(x) = 12, x \in \mathbb{Z}_{50}$ .

$$3x \equiv 12 \pmod{15}.$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, 34, 39, 44, \text{ or } 49.$$

Case 2  $v_1, v_2$  are not  
adjacent in  $G$ .

So in  $\bar{G}$ ,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  have  
to be adjacent, and thus  
connected;

in either case,  $v_1, v_2$  are  
connected in  $\bar{G}$ ,  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V_{\bar{G}}$ .

Since  $\bar{\bar{G}} = G$ , if one of  
 $\bar{G}$  and  $G$  is disconnected, the  
other one has to be connected,  
so they cannot be both  
disconnected.  $\square$