

# Companion to Mathematics

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# Introduction

# 1 Number Theory

**Pythagorean Triples:** Three numbers are a Pythagorean triple if and only if they can be written in the form  $2mn, m^2 - n^2, m^2 + n^2$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Fermat's Last Theorem:** There does not exist positive integers  $a, b, c, n$  with  $n$  greater than 2 such that  $a^n + b^n = c^n$

# 2 Algebra

**Exponents and Roots:** An exponent is defined with repeated multiplication.  $a^b = c$  implies  $a * a * a * \dots * a$  a total of  $b$  times is equal to  $c$ . When  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ , it is expressed as  $\sqrt{a}$ , and when  $b = \frac{1}{n}$ , it is expressed as  $\sqrt[n]{a}$ .

**Exponent Laws:**

- $x^a x^b = x^{a+b}$
- $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$
- $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$  if  $x, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

**Rationalizing Denominators:** Given an expression of the form  $\frac{n}{a\sqrt{b}+c\sqrt{d}}$ , multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate  $a\sqrt{b} - c\sqrt{d}$ , and simplify to rationalize the denominator.

**Logarithm:** Informally, if  $a^b = c$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then a logarithm is defined such that  $\log_a c = b$ .

**Logarithm Laws:**

- $\log_a b + \log_a c = \log_a bc$
- $\log_a b - \log_a c = \log_a \frac{b}{c}$
- $\log_a b^c = c \log_a b$
- $\log_a c = \frac{\log_b c}{\log_b a}$

**Quadratic Equation:** A quadratic equation is of the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ . The roots are the values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 0$ .

**Quadratic Formula:** For all quadratics  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , the roots of  $f$  are:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ .

**Imaginary and Complex Numbers:** The imaginary unit  $i$  is defined such that  $i^2 = -1$ . A complex number is a number of the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  is the real part, and  $b$  is the imaginary part.

**Euler's Identity:**  $(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2)(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2) = (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + x_3y_3 + x_4y_4)^2 + (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 + x_3y_4 - x_4y_3)^2 + (x_1y_3 - x_3y_1 + x_4y_2 - x_2y_4)^2 + (x_1y_4 - x_4y_1 + x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)^2$

**Hyperbolic Sine Functions:** Hyperbolic sin, noted as  $\sinh$  is defined as  $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$ , and  $\cosh$  as  $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ . Other hyperbolic functions like  $\tanh$ , and  $\operatorname{sech}$  are defined as expected in terms of  $\sinh$  and  $\cosh$ . The inverses of the functions are  $\operatorname{arsinh}$  and  $\operatorname{arcosh}$ .

**Hyperbolic Sine Function Properties:**

- $\sinh x = -i \sin ix$
- $\cosh x = \cos ix$
- $\operatorname{arsinh} x = \ln x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$
- $\operatorname{arcosh} x = \ln x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

### 3 Trigonometry

**Trig Identities in a Triangle:** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the angles of a triangle, then:

- $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 1 + 4 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}$
- $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 4 \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2}$
- $\sin 2\alpha + \sin 2\beta + \sin 2\gamma = 4 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$
- $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2 + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$
- $\sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} = 1$
- $\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \tan \frac{\beta}{2} + \tan \frac{\beta}{2} \tan \frac{\gamma}{2} + \tan \frac{\gamma}{2} \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = 1$
- $\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma = \tan \alpha \tan \beta \tan \gamma$
- $\cot \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cot \frac{\beta}{2} + \cot \frac{\gamma}{2} = \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} \cot \frac{\beta}{2} \cot \frac{\gamma}{2}$

**Three Variable Trig Identities:**

- $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma - \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 4 \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\beta+\gamma}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma+\alpha}{2}$
- $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma + \cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 4 \cos \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \cos \frac{\beta+\gamma}{2} \cos \frac{\gamma+\alpha}{2}$

### 4 Combinatorics

**Squares of Binomial Coefficients:** For  $n \in \mathbb{W}$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$ .

**Vandermonde's identity:** For  $m, n, r \in \mathbb{W}$ , we have  $\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{r-k}$

**Generalization of Vandermonde's Identity:** For  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_p, m \in \mathbb{W}$ , we have  $\binom{n_1+n_2+\dots+n_p}{m} = \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p=m} \binom{n_1}{k_1} \binom{n_2}{k_2} \dots \binom{n_p}{k_p}$

## 5 Inequalities

### Trivial Inequalities:

- If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$  for any  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$
- If  $x \leq y$  and  $a \leq b$ , then  $x + a \leq y + b$  for any  $x, y, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
- If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x + z \leq y + z$  for any  $x, y, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
- If  $x \leq y$  and  $a \leq b$ , then  $xa \leq yb$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$  or  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$
- For  $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^2 \geq 0$  with equality if and only if  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n$

**Nesbitt's Inequality:** For  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have  $\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{3}{2}$

**Root Mean Square:** For any  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the RMS (root mean square) to be  $\sqrt{\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}{n}}$ .

**Arithmetic Mean:** For any  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the AM (arithmetic mean) to be  $\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}$ .

**Geometric Mean:** For any  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the GM (geometric mean) to be  $\sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}$ .

**Harmonic Mean:** For any  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the HM (harmonic mean) to be  $\frac{n}{\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}}$ .

**Inequalities Between Means:** For any  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , let  $RMS$ ,  $AM$ ,  $GM$ , and  $HM$  be the root mean square, arithmetic mean, geometric mean, and harmonic mean respectively. Now we have  $RMS \geq AM \geq GM \geq HM$  with equality if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n$ .

**Jensen's Inequality:** Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave up function on  $(a, b)$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$  and any  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in (a, b)$ , we have  $f(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f(x_i)$ .

**Young's Inequality:** For  $a, b > 0$ , and  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then  $ab \leq \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^q}{q}$ . Equality exists if and only if  $a^p = b^q$ .

**Hölder's Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $p, q > 1$  such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1^p}{b_1^q} = \frac{a_2^p}{b_2^q} = \dots = \frac{a_n^p}{b_n^q}$ .

**Weighted Hölder's Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $p, q > 1$  such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i m_i \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p m_i)^{\frac{1}{p}} (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q m_i)^{\frac{1}{q}}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1^p}{b_1^q} = \frac{a_2^p}{b_2^q} = \dots = \frac{a_n^p}{b_n^q}$ .

**Generalized Hölder's Inequality:** Let  $a_{i,j}, i \leq m, j \leq n$  and  $i, j \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$ . Now  $\sum_{i=1}^m \left( \prod_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}^{\alpha_j} \right) \leq \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{i,j} \right)^{\alpha_j}$

**Minkowski's First Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $p > 1$ , we have  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

**Minkowski's Second Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $p > 1$ , we have  $\left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^p + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^p + b_i^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

**Minkowski's Third Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have  $\sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} + \sqrt[n]{b_1 b_2 \dots b_n} \leq \sqrt[n]{(a_1 + b_1)(a_2 + b_2) \dots (a_n + b_n)}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

**Weighted Minkowski's Inequality:** For  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $p > 1$ , we have  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)^p m_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p m_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^p m_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

**Weighted Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:** For  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}, m_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , now we have  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i m_i \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 m_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 m_i \right)$  with equality if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

**On Sequences with the same Orientation:** Let there be non-negative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  and positive real numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , with the property that  $\frac{a_1}{c_1} \geq \frac{a_2}{c_2} \geq \dots \geq \frac{a_n}{c_n}$  and  $\frac{b_1}{c_1} \geq \frac{b_2}{c_2} \geq \dots \geq \frac{b_n}{c_n}$ . Now we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i b_i}{c_i} \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i}$ .

## 6 Geometry

**Cyclic Quadrilaterals:** A convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic if and only if  $\angle ADB = \angle ACB$  or if and only if  $\angle DAB + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$

**Power of a Point:** In a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , let  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect at  $P$ , and let  $AC$  and  $BD$  intersect at  $Q$ .  $ABCD$  is cyclic if and only if either  $AQ \cdot CQ = BQ \cdot DQ$  or if and only if  $AP \cdot BP = CP \cdot DP$ .

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