

CSSS Math Camp Lecture 1a

Review of Math Notation and Algebra

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Introductions

- ▶ Name and pronouns
- ▶ Program / school / department
- ▶ One goal you have for math camp
- ▶ One thing you are nervous about for math camp (optional)

Math camp overview

Monday: Algebra, Linear equations and systems of equations,
Functions and limits

Tuesday: Matrices

Wednesday: Derivatives

Thursday: Introduction to probability

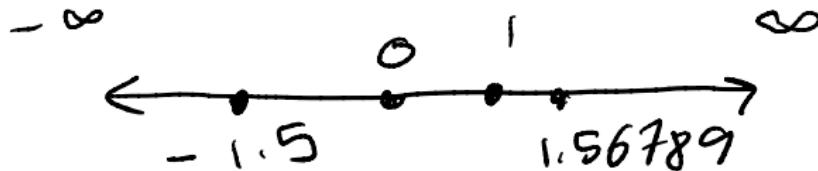
Friday: Integrals

Lecture 1a: Review of Math Notation and Algebra

- ▶ Math notation
- ▶ Fractions
- ▶ Rules of exponents, logarithms
- ▶ Order of operations

Notation

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OR
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Variables

- ▶ Can take on different values
- ▶ Often represented by x, y, z

Notation

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A hand-drawn diagram illustrating a function f . It shows a horizontal arrow pointing from a variable x on the left to a square box containing the letter f in the middle. Another horizontal arrow points from the box to the expression $f(x)$ on the right.

$$f(x) = x^2$$
$$f(3) = 3^2 = 9$$

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end at 3 start at 1
(variable is i)

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 $3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$
 $4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$

Products

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- ▶ Example: $\prod_{k=1}^3 (y_k + 1)^2 = (y_1 + 1)^2 \times (y_2 + 1)^2 \times (y_3 + 1)^2$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$$

Fractions

Multiplying & Dividing

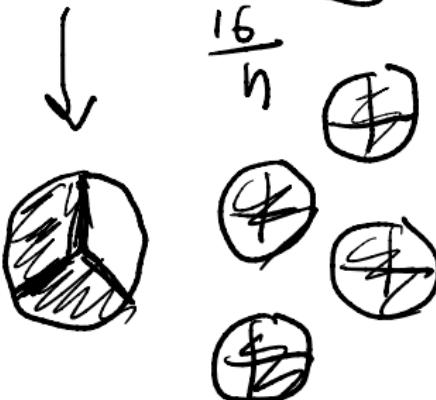
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$$\frac{2}{4} - \frac{2/2}{4/2} = \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cancel 2's}} 2 \text{ pieces into 1}$$

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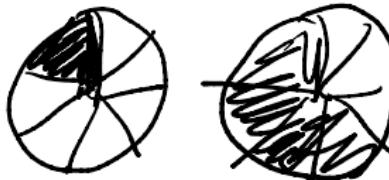
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Simplify: $\frac{\boxed{8}}{14} = \frac{8/2}{7/2} = \frac{4}{7}$

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Adding & Subtracting



Adding and subtracting requires that fractions must have the same denominator. If not, we need to find a common denominator (a larger number that has both denominators as factors) and convert the fractions. Then add (or subtract) the two numerators.

Examples:

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{4}{7} = \frac{1+4}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1 \times 4}{3 \times 4} + \frac{1 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$\frac{17}{20} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{17}{20} - \frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 5} = \frac{17}{20} - \frac{15}{20} = \frac{2}{20}$$

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$$\frac{1 \times 9}{3 \times 4} = \frac{9}{12}$$



$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{12}$$

Exponents

$$2+2+2 = 2 \times 3 \quad [\text{mult is repeated addition}]$$

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3$$

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Exponents do not have to be whole numbers. They can be fractions or negative.

Examples:

$$4^{1/2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

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$$(a \times \dots \times a) \times (a \times \dots \times a)$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{k} \qquad\qquad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{l}$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{k+l}$

The diagram illustrates the multiplication of two powers of a. It shows two groups of factors, each enclosed in a bracket. The first group has k factors and the second has l factors. A large bracket below them indicates that the total number of factors is $k + l$.

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$$(\underbrace{ax \cdots x}_k) \times \cdots \times (\underbrace{ax \cdots x}_k)$$

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$$\hookrightarrow \frac{a \times \dots \times a}{a \times \dots \times a}$$

$$\underbrace{a \times \dots \times a}_e$$

ex

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 3 & \frac{a \times a \times a}{a \times a} \\ l &= 2 & = a \end{aligned}$$

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- definition

ex $4^{1/2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

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→ general
version

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- ▶ $a^0 = 1$ → Definition

$$2^0 = 1 \quad 37^0 = 1$$

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Examples:

$$\blacktriangleright 2^3 = 8 \Rightarrow \log_2(8) = 3$$

$$\log_c(a) = x \Rightarrow c^x = a \rightarrow \text{answer}$$

answer *exp*
base *power* *base*

↳ what power do we raise
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$$\sqrt{9}$$

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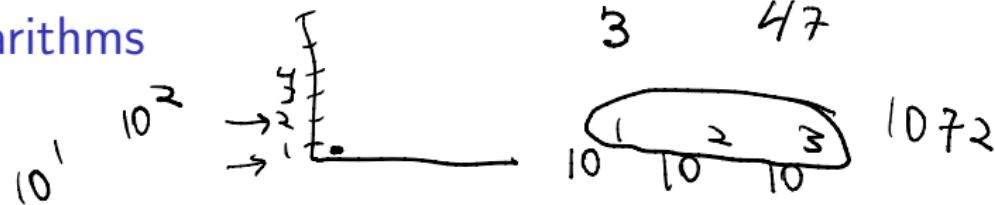
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$$\log = \log_e$$

natural log

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The natural logarithm (\log_e) is the most common; used to model exponential growth (populations, etc). If no base is specified, i.e. $\log(a)$, most often the base is e . Sometimes written as $\ln(a)$.

Ex $\log(e) \rightarrow e' = e$
 $= \log(e) = 1$

Logarithms

What is e?

Fractions

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

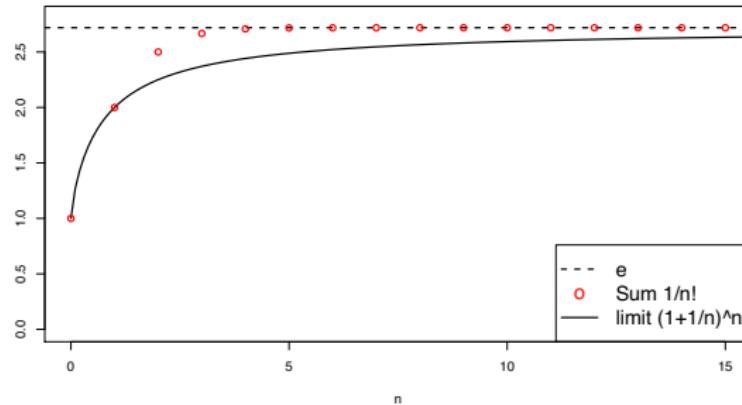
$$0! = 1$$

The number e is a famous irrational number. The first few digits are $e = 2.718282\dots$

Two ways to express e:

$$\blacktriangleright \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\blacktriangleright \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots = e$$



Logarithms

Rules

$$a^{k+l} = a^k a^l$$

$$\log(a \cdot b) = x$$

$$= x_1 + x_2$$

$$= \log_c(a) + \log_c(b)$$

$$\log_c(a \cdot b) = \log_c(a) + \log_c(b)$$

Proof:

$$\log_c(a \cdot b) = x \rightarrow c^x = a \cdot b$$

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

$$\rightarrow c^{x_1 + x_2} = a \cdot b$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{c^{x_1}}_{a} \underbrace{c^{x_2}}_{b} = \underbrace{a}_{\frac{a}{b}} \underbrace{b}_{\frac{b}{b}}$$

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$$\log_c(a) = x_1$$

$$\log_c(b) = x_2$$

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Rules

$$\log_c(a^n) = n \cdot \log_c(a)$$

Proof for $n = 2$:

$$x = \log_c(a^2) \iff c^x = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{x_1+x_2} = a \cdot a \text{ where } x_1 + x_2 = x$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{x_1} \cdot c^{x_2} = a \cdot a \Rightarrow c^{x_1} = a; c^{x_2} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \log_c(a); x_2 = \log_c(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = x_1 + x_2 \Rightarrow \log_c(a^2) = \log_c(a) + \log_c(a) = 2 \cdot \log_c(a)$$

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$$\boxed{\log_c\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log_c(a) - \log_c(b)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow c^{x_1} \cdot c^{x_2} = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow c^{x_1} = a; c^{x_2} = \frac{1}{b} = b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \log_c(a); x_2 = (-1) \cdot \log_c(b)$$

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- ▶ $\log(x^3) = 3 \cdot \log(x)$

Order of Operations

$$1 + 1/2$$

Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally

- ▶ Parentheses
- ▶ Exponents
- ▶ Multiplication
- ▶ Division
- ▶ Addition
- ▶ Subtraction

ex

$$\begin{aligned} & (1+1)/2 \quad \downarrow P \\ & = 2/2 \quad \downarrow D \\ & = 1 \end{aligned}$$

1 together] together] together

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + 1/2 \quad \downarrow D \\ & = 1 + 0.5 \quad \downarrow A \\ & = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

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