

MATH 135 - F21

Abstract Algebra

Full Course Notes

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① Warm-up Lecture

① Statements: sequence of ideas that give meaning; are true or false.

② Sets: a group of elements "axiom of set theory" \emptyset - no elements $\{\emptyset\}$ - one element

③ Proof: something that gives evidence of truth "to everyone." ① proof ② restatement ③ QED

[eg:] for any positive integer n , n^2+1 is not a perfect square. → any math 135 student

proof:

let n be a positive integer. $n^2 < n^2+1 < n^2+2n+1 = (n+1)^2$

where the last inequality is true since n is positive. Finally, notice that there cannot be perfect squares between n^2 and $(n+1)^2$. This completes the proof. ■ = QED

[eg:] for any positive integer n , n^2+13 is not a perfect square; prove or disprove

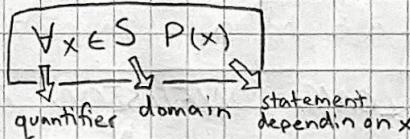
proof:

It is false. $n=6$ is a counter-example.

④ Quantifiers:

\forall = all, any, every.

\exists = exists at least 1.



OPEN SENTENCE: contains a variable where the truth of the sentence is determined by the value of the variable chosen, within the variable's domain.

[eg:] Are the following statements quantified?

① 64 is a perfect square. YES

because there exists an integer n such that $64 = n^2$, and this integer happens to be 8.

[eg:] NESTED QUANTIFIERS

$\neg \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$ FALSE

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$ TRUE

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$ TRUE

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$ FALSE

proof:

Assume x is such a real number; pick y to be x . Thus, $x^3 - x^3$ must equal 1, yet it does not. QED.

② Lecture 2

Method of Negation: 1 step at a time.

$$\begin{array}{c} \neg \leftrightarrow A \\ \geq \leftrightarrow C \\ \text{or} \leftrightarrow \text{and} \end{array}$$

Truth Table

A	B	$\neg(A \vee B)$
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

$$\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

DeMorgan's law

LAWS

$$A = \neg \neg A$$

double negation

$$A \wedge B = B \wedge A$$

commutative law

$$A \vee B = B \vee A$$

law

$$A \wedge (B \wedge C) = (A \wedge B) \wedge C$$

Associative law (with or)

$$A \wedge (B \vee C) = (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

Distributive law

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) = (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

law

$$A \Rightarrow B = \neg A \vee B$$

$$\neg(A \Rightarrow B) \equiv A \wedge \neg B$$

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

$$\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A$$

Contrapositive

(logically equivalent)

Used to prove that two statements are logically equivalent

③ Lecture 3

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

Hypothesis Conclusion

$$\text{Converse: } B \Rightarrow A$$

(of $A \Rightarrow B$)

If and only if: $A \Leftrightarrow B \equiv A \Rightarrow B \wedge B \Rightarrow A$

\downarrow
A is sufficient
 \downarrow
A is necessary

Read On Own

Something short & sweet?
no

You can express Everything using only \neg and \wedge (or \neg and \vee)

Proving Mathematical Statements

$a \mid b : a \text{ divides } b : \exists m \in \mathbb{Z} [b = ma]$

$a \neq 0$

④ Lecture 4

universally quantified: prove for all
 disproving universals: 1 counterexample
 proof by cases!

Proving Existentially Quantified Statements: Find 1 example. \exists
 Proving Implicative Statements: Natural steps of a proof

Perturbation: add then subtract the same thing

Fun fact: $\frac{0}{0} = \text{undefined}$

⑤ Divisibility of Integers

Definition of divisibility: $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ divides $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ if $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n = km$.

$\frac{d|x|}{dy} \Big|_{0,0} = \text{undefined}$

PROPOSITIONS

$$m \mid n \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = km$$

Check a proof/disproof:

Not violate the negation

① (Transitivity of divisibility) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

② (proposition two) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$, then $a \mid bc$.

③ (Divisibility of integer combinations (OR DIC)) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \mid (xb + yc)$.

⑥ Proving implications

BIG LONG CONFUSION TO FINALLY FIND

TO PROVE AN IMPLICATION

~~ASSUME THE HYPOTHESIS~~

⑦ Proving by contrapositive

If $A \Rightarrow B$ is hard to prove, try proving $\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A$ (contrapositive)!

Proving by Contradiction

If A is hard, prove $\neg A$.

⑧ (3.6) Proof by Contradiction

You can be creative and create new things.

if $1 \in \emptyset$, then $1=2$

⑨ Method of Elimination

$$A \Rightarrow B \vee C$$

$$\text{prove } (A \wedge \neg B) \Rightarrow C$$

Proving Uniqueness

Group (G, \otimes, e) such that for all $a, b, c \in G$,

↓ set ↓ identity element
↓ operation

- ① $a \otimes b \in G$
- ② $a \otimes (b \otimes c) = (a \otimes b) \otimes c$
- ③ $a \otimes e = a$
- ④ $\exists a' \in G, a \otimes a' = e$

Proving a' is unique

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= a' \otimes e = a' \otimes (a \otimes a'') \\ &= (a' \otimes a) \otimes a'' = e \otimes a'' = a'' \end{aligned}$$

⑩.1 Products... $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n$

⑩.2 Proof by Mathematical Induction (POMI)

1 Prove that a base value is true. $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k)$

2 Prove that $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$

3 Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \text{ or } \mathbb{Z}$ nor \mathbb{R} !!!

$$\sum_{j=0}^{10} j = 1+2+\dots+10=55$$

$$S = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \leftarrow \text{simple summation}$$

$$\sum_{i=m}^n cx_i + \sum_{j=m}^n cy_j \Rightarrow \sum_{k=m}^n (cx_k + cy_k)$$

$$c \sum_{i=m}^n x_i$$

$$\text{sum of squares: } \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

⑪ Lecture 11

Lemma: Something you need before going into your proof.

Corollary: Consequence of a proof.

★ Principle of Strong Induction (PSI)

① Base Case: Prove that $P(i)$ is true.

② Induction Step: Assume $P(i)$ is true for all $1 \leq i \leq k$, and use this to prove $P(k+1)$.

⑫ Binomial Theorem

For any non-negative integer n and $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} a^{n-m} b^m$$

"Such that" $\rightarrow ;, \text{ or } |$

$\binom{n}{m}$
• choose m
• binomial coefficient
• C_m^n (combinations)

$$\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m! \cdot (n-m)!} \quad \binom{0}{0} = 1$$

$$\text{Fact: } \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n-1}{m} + \binom{n-1}{m-1}$$

Sets

- Set-builder notation: $\{x \in U \mid P(x)\}$
- Union: $S \cup T = \{x \mid x \in S \vee x \in T\}$
- Intersection: $S \cap T = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge x \in T\}$
- Difference: $S - T = S \setminus T = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge x \notin T\}$

Universal Set
Condition

⑬ BIG BRAIN Summations

(not mathematically)

A summation can be logically broken up how you like (even/odd, perhaps), and after more algebra, reindex to finish mathematically.

⑭ TEXTBOOK (5.1) Set intro...

$$\emptyset = \{\}$$

Cardinality: # of elements in $S \dots = |S|$

⑤.3 See operations above \uparrow [PLUS]:

Complement: $\bar{S} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin S\}$

⑮.2 Set builder Notation.

See section ⑫

$$\text{eg } \{3a \mid 2 \mid a, a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

⑮.4 Disjoint: $S \cap T = \emptyset$ \rightarrow don't share any elements.

Subset: S subset of T : $S \subseteq T$

Proper Subset: $S \subset T \rightarrow$ when $\exists x \in T \ (x \notin S)$

Superset: T superset of S : $S \subseteq T$

Proper Superset: same same

of Subsets: $n = |S| \dots S$ has 2^n subsets

⑯ GCD - Greatest Common Divisor.

BBD: Bounds By Divisibility

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (b \mid a \wedge a \neq 0) \Rightarrow b \leq |a|$$

Proof:

- Use definition of divisibility
- Use inequality, cause $k \geq 1$

⑯ Greatest Common Divisor

GCD With Remainders

$$\forall a, b, q, r, a = qb + r \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$$

Finding GCD: Euclidean Algorithm

GCD Characterization Theorem (alternative way to define gcd) \leftarrow GCDCT

$\gcd(a, b) \mid d \rightarrow$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d \geq 0$:

① if $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, and

② if $\exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$, $d = sa + bt$, then

$$d = \gcd(a, b)$$

Converse is also true here. Called Bezout's Lemma.

$$\text{BL: } \exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z} [as + bt = \gcd(a, b)]$$

Theorem: Division Algorithm

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \ \forall b \in \mathbb{N}, \exists q \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{Z} \ [a = qb + r \wedge 0 \leq r < b]$$

remainder
quotient

Remainder Theorem

$$\forall a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}, a = qb + r \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$$

GCD ① $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$

② $\forall c \in \mathbb{Z} [c \mid a \wedge c \mid b \Rightarrow c \mid d]$

GCD

$$\gcd(a, b) = d$$

$$\gcd(0, 5) = 5$$

17 Extended Euclidian Algorithm

assume $a \geq b > 0$ without loss of generality.

x	y	r	q
1	0	a	0
0	1	b	0
x _i	y _i	r _i	q _i
as+bt=0	ax+by=d	ax+by=d	ax+by=d

$$\textcircled{1} q_i = \lfloor \frac{r_{i-2}}{r_{i-1}} \rfloor$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{Row}_i = \text{Row}_{i-2} - q_i \cdot \text{Row}_{i-1}$$

Stop when $r_i = 0$.

$$\text{Output: } \gcd(a, b) = r_{i-1}$$

$$s = x_{i-1}, t = y_{i-1}$$

18 More GCD Theorems:

CDD(GCD): Common Divisor Divides GCD

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, (c|a \wedge c|b) \Rightarrow c|\gcd(a, b)$$

CCT: Coprimeness Characterization Theorem

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, [\gcd(a, b) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}, as + bt = 1]$$

DB(GCD): Division by the GCD

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (a=b=0) \Rightarrow (d=\gcd(a, b)) \Rightarrow \gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$$

CAD: Coprimeness and Divisibility [IMPORTANT]

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, (c|ab \wedge \gcd(a, c) = 1) \Rightarrow c|b$$

DFFP: Divisors from prime factorization \rightarrow Use: find divisors.

Integer c is a positive divisor of n if and only if c can be written as $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$ when $p = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$.

UNKNOWN Lemma \rightarrow if $p, q \in P$, and $p|q$, then $p=q$

+ positive divisors: $(\beta_1 + 1) \dots (\beta_k + 1)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \beta_1 \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_1 p_k \end{array} \quad 0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha_i \quad \alpha_i > 0$$

$$B_1, B_2, B_k \quad \text{When } p = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$$

Let a, b be expressed as

GCD PF: GCD from prime Factorization: $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}, b = p_1^{\beta_1} \dots p_k^{\beta_k}$. Then, $\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min\{\alpha_1, \beta_1\}} \dots p_k^{\min\{\alpha_k, \beta_k\}}$

22 Diophantine Equations in Two Variables: $ax + by = c$; $a, b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

LDET1: Linear Diophantine Equation Theorem 1: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, ax + by = c$ has solutions $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b)|c$

LDET2: (x_0, y_0) is solution to $(ax + by = c)$. Then all solutions is $\{(x, y) | x = x_0 + \frac{b}{d}n, y = y_0 - \frac{a}{d}n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Finding a Particular solution: EEA to get $as + bt = d$, so $\frac{c}{d} = x, \frac{c}{d}t = y$, iff $d|c$.

23 Congruence and Modular Arithmetic

1 $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$ 2 $a \equiv b \Leftrightarrow b \equiv a$

3 $a_1 \equiv a_2 \wedge b_1 \equiv b_2 \Rightarrow a_1 + b_1 \equiv a_2 + b_2$

(Congruence is an) Equivalence Relation;

let S be a set, and Δ be an equivalence relation. Then:

1 $\forall a \in S, a \Delta a$ (Reflexivity)

2 $\forall a, b \in S, a \Delta b \Leftrightarrow b \Delta a$ (Symmetry)

3 $\forall a, b, c \in S, a \Delta b \wedge b \Delta c \Rightarrow a \Delta c$ (Transitivity)

$$A \equiv B \pmod{m} \text{ if } m|a-b$$

modulo: produces remainder
modulus: is remainder

$$\begin{array}{l} 42 \not\equiv -11 \pmod{3} \\ 13 \not\equiv -13 \pmod{4} \end{array}$$

If $a_1 \equiv a_2 \pmod{m} \wedge b_1 \equiv b_2 \pmod{m}$,
then $a_1 + b_1 \equiv a_2 + b_2 \pmod{m}$
AND $a_1 \cdot b_1 \equiv a_2 \cdot b_2 \pmod{m}$

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24 More Congruence

Use congruence EXACTLY as you do equality!
Since $7^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{10}$, we can sub in -1 for 7^2 !

CISR → Congruence iff Same Remainder

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, a \equiv b \pmod{m} \iff a$ and b have the same remainder when divided by m .

25 More Congruence

CD → Congruence Divide
If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$, $\gcd(c, m) = 1$, then $a \equiv b$.

Linear Congruence $\rightarrow ax \equiv c \pmod{m}$

"linear congruence in the variable x "

LCT → Linear Congruence Theorem

$ax \equiv c \pmod{m}$ has solutions $\iff \gcd(a, m) | c$ ($a \neq 0$)

PLUS

if x_0 is a solution to the congruence,

then all solutions is $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: x \equiv x_0 \pmod{\frac{m}{\gcd(a, m)}}\}$

CP → Congruence Power

$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \Rightarrow a^n \equiv b^n$

To find a particular solution to $ax \equiv c \pmod{m}$, we consider

$ax + my = c$

$\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: x \equiv x_0, x \equiv x_0 + \frac{m}{d}, \dots, x \equiv x_0 + \frac{(d-1)m}{d} \pmod{md}\}$

26 More congruence

(Exhaustive search!)

example: $4x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$: we would list all congruencies here:

$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 4x & 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}\}$

Congruence Classes

The Congruence Class of $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ modulo m

is the set $[a] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: x \equiv a \pmod{m}\}$, and we have

$$\mathbb{Z}_m = \{[0], [1], \dots, [m-1]\}$$

In \mathbb{Z}_m : algebra to ELIMINATE Y

Multiplication: $[a][b] = [ab]$

Addition: $[a] + [b] = [a+b]$

Multiplicative Inverse: $[a]^{-1}[a] = [1]$

INV \mathbb{Z}_m Inverses in \mathbb{Z}_m

$\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $1 \leq a \leq m-1$, a multiplicative inverse for $[a]$ exists $\iff \gcd(a, m) = 1$. ($\text{if } m \in \mathbb{P}$, then $\forall a, [a]^{-1}$ exists)

27 Fermat's Little Theorem, & Chinese Remainder Theorem

FLT $\forall p \in \mathbb{P}, \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, p \nmid a \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Actual Fact: $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \dots$

$\gcd(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow (a|c \wedge b|c \Rightarrow ab|c)$

CRT $\forall a, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N},$

$\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1 \Rightarrow x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \wedge x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$
has a solution x_0 .

Besides, x_0 is unique $\pmod{m_1 m_2}$

If $p \nmid a, [a]^{-1}$

in \mathbb{Z}_p is $[a^{p-2}]$

also

$$a^p \equiv a$$

SMT Splitting the Modulus

$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ and

m_1 and m_2 coprime, then

$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \wedge x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \iff x \equiv a \pmod{m_1 m_2}$

28 More Modulo

FLT corollary

CRT

$$m_1 k + m_2 l = 1$$

$$x_0 = a_1 m_1 k + a_2 m_2 l$$

↳ CRT says x_0 is unique $\pmod{m_1 m_2}$

GCRT Generalized CRT

for $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1 \text{ iff } \exists \text{ a solution}$
to $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \dots x \equiv a_n \pmod{m_n}$
and the solution is unique.

29 The RSA Cryptosystem

Public-key encryption
Private-key decryption 1970's!

(a) Setting up RSA

A RSA Setup

① choose p, q ; very large primes; let $n = pq$

② select e so $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$ and $1 \leq e < (p-1)(q-1)$

③ solve $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ for d with $1 \leq d < (p-1)(q-1)$

④ Publish (e, n) — public key

⑤ Keep secret $(d, n), p, q$ — private key. (keep p, q private)

$$n = pq$$

(RSA) RSA Works

⑥ $R \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$

⑦ Then $R = M$.

B RSA Encryption

important

① Obtain public (e, n)

② Plaintext message $= M$, $1 \leq M \leq n$

③ Ciphertext $C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$ where $0 \leq C \leq n$

④ Send C !

C RSA Decryption

① Use the private key (d, n) to get

$R \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$ with $1 \leq R \leq n$

② R is the original M !

30 Complex numbers \mathbb{C} ($x^2 = -1$)

• Standard form $Z = a + bi$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$\text{Re}(Z) = a$ $\text{Im}(Z) = b$

• Multiplicative inverse: $\frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} = Z^{-1}$

• Conjugate: $\bar{Z} = a - bi$

• Modulus: $|Z| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$

$$\sum i^2 = -1$$

$$w = z \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Re}(z) = \text{Re}(w) \\ \text{Im}(z) = \text{Im}(w) \end{cases}$$

Polar Form

$$Z = a + bi, \quad \begin{cases} r \\ \theta \end{cases}$$

$$a = r \cos \theta$$

$$b = r \sin \theta$$

$$Z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$r = |z|$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{b}{r}$$

getting into polar form:

$$Z = a + bi = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \text{ and find } \theta!$$

$r \rightarrow$ radius
 $\theta \rightarrow$ argument

31 More Complex Modulus

① $|Z| \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow Z \neq 0$

② $|\bar{Z}| = |Z|$

③ $|zw| = |z||w|$

④ $|z|^l = \frac{1}{|z|^l}$

⑤ $z\bar{z} = |z|^2 \quad \Delta 1^\circ$

⑥ $|z+w| \leq |z|+|w|$

PMC = Polar Multiplication in \mathbb{C}

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$$

32 More Complexes

$Z^n = a$ has n roots, called an n^{th} root for a

$$(\text{NRT}) \quad \sqrt[n]{r} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n}\right)\right)$$

* helpful for the final *

(DMT) De Moivre's Theorem (any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$$\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}, (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta))$$

(CJRT) If $f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0 x^0 \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ with real coefficients (so $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$) and if $c \in \mathbb{C}$ is a root of $f(x)$ ($f(c) = 0$) then \bar{c} is also a root!

* $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$



a happy Ali to make you smile!

For studying for this class I recommend doing less note-rewriting and more practice problems. The course is testing your ability to try different proof methods, so an overpowered strategy is to write flash cards for yourself *while you do the problems* that contain notes specifically on **how to tie proof strategies to problem types**. At the end of the day it's more important to know which tools you should be using in a proof than it is to know how the tools work.

Oftentimes people think advice like this is wishy-washy and not helpful. I disagree! I followed nothing but that advice, and ended up acing this class.