

MATH 135 - F21

Abstract Algebra

Full Course Notes

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① Warm-up Lecture

statement with definite state of being either true or false.

① Statements: sequence of ideas that give meanings, 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." @ proof: ① restatement ② QED

eg: for any positive integer n , $n^2 + 1$ is not a perfect square. \rightarrow any math 135 student

proof:

let n be a positive integer.

Now, notice that:

$$n^2 < n^2 + 1 < n^2 + 2n + 1 = (n+1)^2$$

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

$$\forall x \in S \quad P(x)$$

quantifier domain statement depend on x

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

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

$$\exists \leftrightarrow \forall$$

$$\geq \leftrightarrow <$$

or \leftrightarrow and

Truth Table

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

Used to prove that two statements are logically equivalent

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

DeMorgan's law

LAWS

$A \equiv \neg \neg A$ double negation

$A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A$ commutative

$A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$ law

$A \wedge (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \wedge C$ Associative law

$A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$ Distributive law

$A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$ law

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

\wedge = conjunction (and)

\vee = disjunction (or)

\Rightarrow = implies (if-then)

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

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

Contrapositive

(logically equivalent)

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

③ Lecture 3

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

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

Hypothesis Conclusion

If and only if:

$$A \Leftrightarrow B$$

$$\equiv A \Rightarrow B \wedge B \Rightarrow A$$

A is sufficient

A is Necessary

Read On Own

Something short, no worries!

Proving Mathematical Statements

$a \neq 0$
 $a|b$: a divides b : $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z} [b=ma]$

④ Lecture 4

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

Proving Existentially Quantified Statements: Find 1 example.

Proving Implicative Statements: Natural steps of a proof

Perturbation: add then subtract the same thing

fun fact: $\frac{0}{0}$ = 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 $n=km$.

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

PROPOSITIONS

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

Check a proof/disproof:

Not violate the negation

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

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

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

⑥ Proving implications

BIG LONG CONFUSION TO FINALLY FIND

TO PROVE AN IMPLICATION

\Rightarrow ASSUME THE HYPOTHESES

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

$$A \Rightarrow B \vee C$$

prove

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

Proving Uniqueness

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

set \downarrow 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

$$a' = a' \otimes e = a' \otimes (a \otimes a'')$$

$$= (a' \otimes a) \otimes a'' = e \otimes a'' = a''$$

⑩ Summation...

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

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

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

$$\sum_{i=m}^n c x_i + \sum_{j=m}^n y_j \Rightarrow \sum_{k=m}^n (c x_k + y_k)$$

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

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 $n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ or \mathbb{Z} NOT \mathbb{R} !!

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 $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

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

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

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

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

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

Sets

Universal Set \uparrow Condition

- 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: $S - T = S \setminus T = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge x \notin T\}$

13 BIG BRAIN Summations

(not mathematically)

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

14 TEXTBOOK 5.1 Set intro...

$$\emptyset = \{\}$$

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

5.2 Set builder Notation.

See section 12

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

5.3 set operations above PLUS:

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

5.5 Subsets

$$S \subseteq T \equiv \forall x \in U, (x \in S) \Rightarrow (x \in T)$$

• Equality: $S \subseteq T \wedge T \subseteq S \Rightarrow S = T$

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

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

• Proper Subset: $S \subsetneq T \rightarrow$ 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

15 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:

- ① Use definition of divisibility
- ② Use inequality, cause $k \geq 1$

Theorem: Division Algorithm

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

quotient remainder

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

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

$\gcd(a, b) = d$ if and only if $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, and $\exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}, d = sa + bt$, then

converse is also true here! Called Bézout's Lemma.

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

GCD ① $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$
② $\forall c \in \mathbb{Z} [c \mid a \wedge c \mid b \Rightarrow c \leq d]$

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

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

17 Extended Euclidian Algorithm

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

s and t are called the Certificate of Correctness

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

$$② Row_i = Row_{i-2} - q_i Row_{i-1}$$

Stop when $r_i = 0$.

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

$$s = x_{i-1} \quad t = y_{i-1}$$

$$as + bt = d$$

x	y	r	q
1	0	a	0
0	1	b	0

x	y	d
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$$ax + by = d$$

s	t	0
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↑	↑	↑
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x_i	y_i	r_i	q_i
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18 More GCD Theorems:

CDGCD: 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

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

DBGCD: Division by the GCD

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

CAD: Coprimeness and Divisibility **IMPORTANT**

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

DFPF: 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 $p_1^{B_1} p_2^{B_2} \dots p_k^{B_k}$ when $p = p_1^{A_1} p_2^{A_2} \dots p_k^{A_k}$.

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

21 More Primeness Theorems

Let a, b be expressed as

$$\text{GCD PF: } \gcd \text{ from prime Factorization: } a = p_1^{A_1} \dots p_k^{A_k}, b = p_1^{B_1} \dots p_k^{B_k}. \text{ Then, } \gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min\{A_1, B_1\}} \dots p_k^{\min\{A_k, B_k\}}$$

22 Diophantine Equations in Two Variables:

$$ax + by = c; a, b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

LDET1 Linear Diophantine Equation Theorem 1:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, ax + by = c \text{ has solutions } \Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b) | c$$

LDET2 II 2: (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 $\frac{cs}{d} = x, \frac{ct}{d} = y$, iff $d|c$.

23 Congruence and Modular Arithmetic

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

modulo: produces remainder
modulus: m is remainder

$$① a \equiv a \quad (\forall m \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$② a \equiv b \Leftrightarrow b \equiv a$$

$$\text{eg } 42 \equiv -11 \pmod{3}$$

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

$$13 \equiv -13 \pmod{4}$$

(Congruence is an) Equivalence Relation:

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

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

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

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

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

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24 More Congruence

Use congruence EXACTLY as you do equality!
Since $7^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$, we can sub in -1 for 7^2 !

25 More Congruence

CD → Congruence Divide

If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $\gcd(c, m) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$.

CP → Congruence Power

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

26 More congruence

Exhaustive search!

example: $4x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$:

$x \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 1$

$4x \mid 0 \mid 4 \mid 3 \mid 2 \mid 1 \mid 1$

$\rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}\}$

we would list all congruencies here:

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 $\gcd(a, m) = 1$. (if $m \in \mathbb{P}$, then $\forall a, [a]^{-1}$ exists)

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

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 $\forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1 \Rightarrow X \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{m_1} \wedge X \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m_2}$ 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 $X \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{m_1} \wedge X \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m_2} \Leftrightarrow X \equiv a \pmod{m_1 m_2}$

28 More Modulo

GCRT Generalized CRT

for $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$: $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1 \forall i \neq j \Rightarrow \exists$ a solution to $X \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{m_1} \dots X \equiv \alpha_n \pmod{m_n}$ and the solution is unique.

FLT corollary

CRT

$m_1 k + m_2 l = 1$
 $X_0 = \alpha_2 m_1 k + \alpha_1 m_2 l$
 $\begin{cases} X_0 \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ X_0 \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m_2} \end{cases}$

→ CRT says X_0 is unique $\pmod{m_1 m_2}$

(29) The RSA Cryptosystem

Public-key encryption
Private-key decryption 1976's!

$$n = pq$$

(a) Setting up RSA

(A) RSA Setup

(b) RSA Encryption

(c) RSA Decryption

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

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

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

(4) Publish (e, n) - public key

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

(RSA) RSA Works

$$R \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$$

$$R \equiv M \pmod{n}$$

(B) RSA Encryption

(1) Obtain public (e, n)

(2) Plaintext message $= M$, $1 \leq M < n$

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

(4) Send C !

(C) RSA Decryption

(1) Use the private key (d, n) to get

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

(2) R is the original M !

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

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

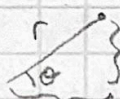
$\operatorname{Re}(Z) = a$ $\operatorname{Im}(Z) = b$

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

• Conjugate: $\bar{Z} = a - bi$

• Modulus: $|Z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Polar Form



$$Z = a + ib$$

$$a = r \cos \theta$$

$$b = r \sin \theta$$

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

$$r = |Z|$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r}$$

getting into polar form:

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

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

(31) More Complex Modulus

$$(1) |Z| = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z = 0$$

$$(2) |\bar{Z}| = |Z|$$

$$(3) |ZW| = |Z||W|$$

$$(4) \left| \frac{1}{Z} \right| = \frac{1}{|Z|}$$

$$(5) Z\bar{Z} = |Z|^2$$

$$(6) |Z+W| \leq |Z| + |W|$$

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

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

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

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

* helpful for the final *

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.