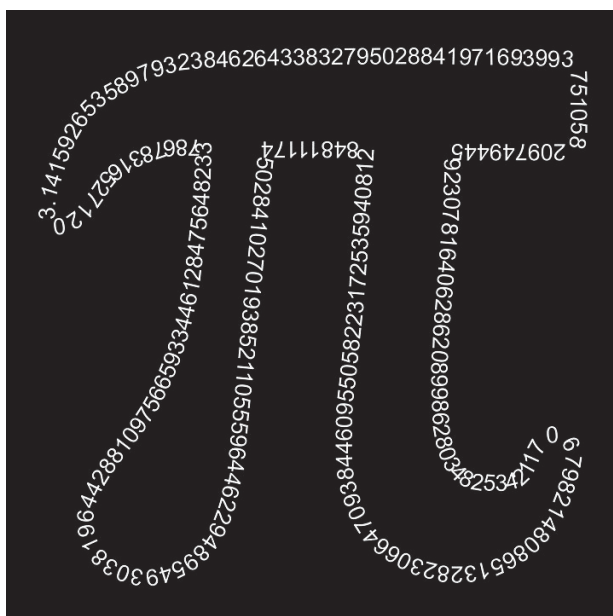


## MATHS BASIC COURSE FOR UNDERGRADUATES



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# TEST 1. STATEMENTS

**Exercise 1.** Prove by induction that the statement  $2^n > 2n + 1$  fulfills, for any  $n \geq 3$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by parts as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ x - 4, & \text{when } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

- (i) Is the function  $f$  injective? Is it surjective?
- (ii) Calculate  $f((1, 3))$  and  $f^{-1}((0, 1))$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } x \leq -1 \\ x + 2, & \text{when } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = 2x, \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (i) Analyze whether the composition function  $f \circ g$  is injective and/or surjective.
- (ii) In case it is possible, calculate  $(f \circ g)^{-1}(1)$  and  $(f \circ g)^{-1}(2)$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by parts as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{if } x < -2 \\ x^2 - 1, & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

- (i) Analyze whether the function  $f$  is injective and/or surjective.
- (ii) Calculate  $f((0, 3])$  and the inverse image of the set  $[-3, 3]$  by  $f$ :  $f^{-1}([-3, 3])$ .
- (iii) Consider the function  $g$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by the expression  $g(x) = |x|$ . Calculate the composition function  $g \circ f$ , and the inverse image of the set  $\{1\}$  by the function  $g \circ f$ :  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(1)$ .

**Exercise 5.** Assume that given the functions  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ , the function  $g \circ f$  is surjective. Then, prove that  $g$  is surjective, but that the converse implication does not fulfill.

**Exercise 6.** Prove that the square of any integer number is of type:  $5k$ ,  $5k + 1$  or  $5k + 4$ , for some  $k$  integer number.

**Exercise 7.** i) Assume that  $a = bq + r$ , being  $a, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ . Prove that  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ .

iii) Using the previous item (i), calculate  $\gcd(102, 44)$ , and solve the equation  $44x + 102y = 2$ , for some  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 8.** Assume that  $a, b$  are two integer numbers which are coprime, and that  $c$  is also an integer number. Prove that  $\gcd(ac, b) = \gcd(c, b)$ . Latter on, using this result calculate  $\gcd(5000, 31768)$ .