

Generalized parentheses. Common:

() *Parentheses*. [] *Brackets*. < > *Angle-brackets*.
{ } *Braces*. | | *Vertical bars* (*abs.value, cardinality*).

Less common: ⌊ ⌋ *Floor*. ⌈ ⌉ *Ceiling*. || || *Norm-of*.
[[]] *Double-bracket*. << >> *Double-angle-bracket*.

Number Sets. Expression $k \in \mathbb{N}$ [read as “ k is an element of \mathbb{N} ” or “ k in \mathbb{N} ”] means that k is a natural number; a *natnum*. Expression $\mathbb{N} \ni k$ [read as “ \mathbb{N} owns k ”] is a synonym for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

\mathbb{N} = natural numbers = $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

\mathbb{Z} = integers = $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$. For the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ of positive integers, the *posints*, use \mathbb{Z}_+ . Use \mathbb{Z}_- for the negative integers, the *negints*.

\mathbb{Q} = rational numbers = $\{\frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$. Use \mathbb{Q}_+ for the positive rationals and \mathbb{Q}_- for the negative rationals.

\mathbb{R} = reals. The *posreals* \mathbb{R}_+ and the *negreals* \mathbb{R}_- .

\mathbb{C} = complex numbers, also called the *complexes*.

For $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$, let “ $\omega > 5$ ” mean “ ω is real and $\omega > 5$ ”.

[Use the same convention for $\geq, <, \leq$, and also if 5 is replaced by any real number.]

Use $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = [-\infty, +\infty] := \{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$, the *extended reals*.

An “*interval of integers*” $[b..c]$ means the intersection $[b, c] \cap \mathbb{Z}$; ditto for open and closed intervals. So $[e..2\pi] = \{3, 4, 5, 6\} = [3..6] = (2..6]$. We allow b and c to be $\pm\infty$; so $(-\infty..-1]$ is \mathbb{Z}_- . And $[-\infty..-1]$, is $\{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{Z}_-$.

Floor function: $\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3$, $\lfloor -\pi \rfloor = -4$.
Ceiling fnc: $\lceil \pi \rceil = 4$. Absolute value: $|-6| = 6 = |6|$
and $|-5 + 2i| = \sqrt{29}$.

Mathematical objects. Seq: ‘sequence’. poly(s): ‘polynomial(s)’. irred: ‘irreducible’. Coeff: ‘coefficient’ and var(s): ‘variable(s)’ and parm(s): ‘parameter(s)’. Expr.: ‘expression’. Fnc: ‘function’ (so ratfnc: means rational function, a ratio of polynomials). trnfn: ‘transformation’. cty: ‘continuity’. cts: ‘continuous’. diff’able: ‘differentiable’. CoV: ‘Change-of-Variable’. Col: ‘Constant of Integration’. Lol: ‘Limit(s) of Integration’. RoC: ‘Radius of Convergence’.

Soln: ‘Solution’. Thm: ‘Theorem’. Prop’n: ‘Proposition’. CEX: ‘Counterexample’. eqn: ‘equation’.

RhS: ‘RightHand side’ of an eqn or inequality. LhS: ‘lefthand side’. Sqrt or Sqroot: ‘square-root’, e.g., “the sqroot of 16 is 4”. Ptn: ‘partition’, but pt: ‘point’ as in “a fixed-pt of a map”.

Binop: ‘Binary operator’. Binrel: ‘Binary relation’.

FTC: ‘Fund. Thm of Calculus’. IVT: ‘intermediate-Value Thm’. MVT: ‘Mean-Value Thm’.

The *logarithm* function, defined for $x > 0$, is $\log(x) := \int_1^x \frac{dv}{v}$. Its inverse-fnc is $\exp()$.

For $x > 0$, then, $\exp(\log(x)) = x = e^{\log(x)}$. For real t , naturally, $\log(\exp(t)) = t = \log(e^t)$.

PolyExp: ‘Polynomial-times-exponential’, e.g., $[3 + t^2] \cdot e^{4t}$. PolyExp-sum: ‘Sum of polyexps’. E.g., $f(t) := 3te^{2t} + [t^2] \cdot e^t$ is a polyexp-sum.

Phrases. WLOG: ‘Without loss of generality’. IFF: ‘if and only if’. TFAE: ‘The following are equivalent’. ITOF: ‘In Terms Of’. OTForm: ‘of the form’. FTSOC: ‘For the sake of contradiction’. And \otimes = “Contradiction”.

IST: ‘It Suffices To’, as in ISTShow, ISTExhibit.

Use w.r.t: ‘with respect to’ and s.t: ‘such that’.

Latin: e.g: *exempli gratia*, ‘for example’. i.e: *id est*, ‘that is’. N.B: *Nota bene*, ‘Note well’. inter alia: ‘among other things’. QED: *quod erat demonstrandum*, meaning “end of proof”.

Bi/Multi-nomial coeffs. For a natnum n , use “ $n!$ ” to mean “ n factorial”; the product of all posints $\leq n$. So $3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$ and $5! = 120$. Also $0! = 1 = 1!$.

For natnum B and arb. complex number α , define

Rising Fctrl: $[\alpha \uparrow B] := \alpha \cdot [\alpha + 1] \cdot [\alpha + 2] \cdots [\alpha + [B-1]]$,

Falling Fctrl: $[\alpha \downarrow B] := \alpha \cdot [\alpha - 1] \cdot [\alpha - 2] \cdots [\alpha - [B-1]]$.

E.g, $[B \downarrow B] = B! = [1 \uparrow B]$. Two further examples,

$$\left[\frac{2}{7} \downarrow 4 \right] = \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{-5}{7} \cdot \frac{-12}{7} \cdot \frac{-19}{7} \text{ and } [1 \downarrow 3] = 1 \cdot 0 \cdot -1 = 0.$$

In particular, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$: If $B > n$ then $[n \downarrow B] = 0$.

We pronounce $[5 \downarrow B]$ as “5 falling-factorial B”.

Binomial. The *binomial coefficient* $\binom{7}{3}$, read “7 choose 3”, means the number of ways of choosing 3 objects from 7 distinguishable objects. Emphasising putting 3 objects in our left pocket and the remaining 4 in our right, we may write the coeff as $\binom{7}{3,4}$. [Read as “7 choose 3-comma-4.”] Evidently

$$\dagger: \binom{N}{j} \xrightarrow{\text{with } k := N-j} \binom{N}{j, k} = \frac{N!}{j! \cdot k!} = \frac{[N \downarrow j]}{j!}.$$

Note $\binom{7}{0} = \binom{7}{0,7} = 1$. Finally, the Binomial theorem says

$$\pounds: [x + y]^N = \sum_{j+k=N} \binom{N}{j,k} \cdot x^j y^k,$$

where (j, k) ranges over all ordered pairs of natural numbers with sum N .

For natnum N , binomials satisfy this addition law:

$$*: \binom{N+1}{B+1} = \overbrace{\binom{N}{B}}^{\text{Pick last object.}} + \overbrace{\binom{N}{B+1}}^{\text{Avoid last object.}}.$$

Extending this to all $B \in \mathbb{Z}$ forces:

$$\binom{N}{B} = 0, \quad \text{when } B > N \text{ or } B \text{ negative.}$$

Case $B > N$ is automatic in formula $\binom{N}{B} = \frac{[N \downarrow B]}{B!}$.

Multinomial. In general, for natural numbers $N = k_1 + \dots + k_P$, the *multinomial coefficient* $\binom{N}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_P}$ is the number of ways of partitioning N objects, by putting k_1 objects in pocket-one, k_2 objects in pocket-two, ... putting k_P objects in the P^{th} pocket. Easily

$$\dagger: \binom{N}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_P} = \frac{N!}{k_1! \cdot k_2! \cdot \dots \cdot k_P!}.$$

Unsurprisingly, $[x_1 + \dots + x_P]^N$ equals the sum of terms

$$\pounds\pounds: \binom{N}{k_1, \dots, k_P} \cdot x_1^{k_1} \cdot x_2^{k_2} \cdots x_P^{k_P},$$

taken over all natnum-tuples $\vec{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_P)$ that sum to N . [That is multinomial analog of the Binomial Thm.]

Define the sum $S_\ell := k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_\ell$. Then multinomial LhS(\dagger) equals this product of binomials:

$$\binom{N}{k_1} \cdot \binom{N - S_1}{k_2} \cdot \binom{N - S_2}{k_3} \cdots \binom{N - S_{P-1}}{k_P}.$$

[The last term is $\binom{k_P}{k_P} \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} 1$.]

Operations on Sets. Use \in for “is an element of”. E.g, letting \mathbb{P} be the set of primes, then, $5 \in \mathbb{P}$ yet $6 \notin \mathbb{P}$. Changing the emphasis, $\mathbb{P} \ni 5$ [“ \mathbb{P} owns 5”] yet $\mathbb{P} \not\ni 6$ [“ \mathbb{P} does-not-own 6”]

For subsets A and B of the same space, Ω , the *inclusion relation* $A \subset B$ means:

$$\forall \omega \in A, \text{ necessarily } B \ni \omega.$$

And this can be written $B \supset A$. Use $A \subsetneq B$ for proper inclusion, i.e, $A \subset B$ yet $A \neq B$.

The *difference set* $B \setminus A$ is $\{\omega \in B \mid \omega \notin A\}$. Employ A^c for the *complement* $\Omega \setminus A$. Use $A \triangle B$ for *symmetric difference* $[A \setminus B] \cup [B \setminus A]$. Furthermore

$$\begin{array}{ll} A \sqcap B, & \text{Sets } A \text{ \& } B \text{ have at least one point in common; they intersect.} \\ A \sqcap B, & \text{The sets have no common point; disjoint.} \end{array}$$

The symbol “ $A \sqcap B$ ” both asserts intersection and represents the set $A \cap B$. For a collection $\mathcal{C} = \{E_j\}_j$ of sets in Ω , let the *disjoint union* $\sqcup_j E_j$ or $\sqcup(\mathcal{C})$ represent the union $\bigcup_j E_j$ and also asserts that the sets are pairwise disjoint.

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Algebra [2022t] quizzes so far...

Q1: Fri.
09 Sep

May lightning ⚡ strike this table! (I.e, please fill in.)

n	r_n	q_n	s_n	t_n
0	100	—	1	0
1	23		0	1
2				
3				
4				
5				

So $\text{GCD}(100, 23) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = [\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \cdot 100] + [\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \cdot 23]$.

And $x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \in (-50 .. 50]$ solves congr. $23x \equiv_{100} 8$.

Q2: Mon.
12 Sep Dihedral group \mathbb{D}_{12} , the symmetries of a dodecagon, is generated by a rotation R and a F . Product

$$F R^2 F^2 R^{-3} F R^{-5} F^3 R^7 = R^J F^K,$$

where $J = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \in [0 .. 12)$ and $K = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \in \{0, 1\}$.

Q3: Wed.
14 Sep Euler $\varphi(36300) = 2^A \cdot 3^B \cdot 5^C \cdot 7^D \cdot 11^E$, where

$A = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}, B = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}, C = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}, D = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}, E = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
are in $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Q4: ^{Fri.}_{18 Nov} Consider groups $A \supset B \supset C$.

If $A \triangleright B$ and $A \triangleright C$ then $B \triangleright C$:	T	F
If $A \triangleright C$ and $B \triangleright C$ then $A \triangleright B$:	T	F
If $A \triangleright B$ and $B \triangleright C$ then $A \triangleright C$:	T	F

Games Party:!! ^{Wed.}_{07 Dec} Bring games and look photogenic, for our traditional **Games Party**, from 11:45 am to 4 pm, at Pascal's Cafe.

Q5: ^{Mon.}_{21 Nov} Counting elements in groups, $|\mathbb{S}_5| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
and $|\mathbb{A}_5| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Q6: ^{Mon.}_{28 Nov} Three groups satisfy $N \triangleleft G$ and $K \triangleleft G$.
Then...

Subgroup $[N \cap K] \triangleleft G$:	T	F
Subgroup $\langle N, K \rangle_G \triangleleft G$:	T	F

Q7: ^{Mon.}_{05 Dec} *EoS 2022 Games Party*, from 11:45am–4pm, will take place at *Pascal's Cafe* on Wedn. 7Dec.

☐ Circle **Yes!** **True!** **I-have-a-game!**