

Number Sets. An expression such as $k \in \mathbb{N}$ (read as “ k is an element of \mathbb{N} ” or “ k in \mathbb{N} ”) means that k is a natural number; a **natnum**.

\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 **ratnums** and \mathbb{Q}_- for the negative ratnums.

\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.]

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}_- .

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). cty: ‘continuity’. cts: ‘continuous’. diff’able: ‘differentiable’. CoV: ‘Change-of-Variable’. Col: ‘Constant of Integration’. Lol: ‘Limit(s) of Integration’.

Soln: ‘Solution’. Thm: ‘Theorem’. Prop’n: ‘Proposition’. CEX: ‘Counterexample’. eqn: ‘equation’. RhS: ‘RightHand Side’ of an eqn or inequality. LhS: ‘left-hand side’. Sqrt or Sroot: ‘square-root’, e.g., “the sroot of 16 is 4”. Ptn: ‘partition’, but pt: ‘point’, as in “a fixed-pt of a map”.

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

The **logarithm** fnc, 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, $F(t) := [3 + t^2] \cdot e^{4t}$ is a

polyExp.

Prefix **nt-** means ‘non-trivial’. E.g “a *nt*-soln to $f' = 5f$ is $f(t) := e^{5t}$; a *trivial* soln is $f \equiv 0$.”

Phrases. WLOG: ‘Without loss of generality’. TFAE: ‘The following are equivalent’. ITOF: ‘In Terms Of’. OTForm: ‘of the form’. FTSOC: ‘For the sake of contradiction’. Use iff: ‘if and only if’.

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’. QED: *quod erat demonstrandum*, meaning “end of proof”.

Factorial. Def: $n! := n \cdot [n-1] \cdot [n-2] \cdots 2 \cdot 1$; so $0! = 1$.

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

Falling Fctrl: $[x \downarrow K] := x \cdot [x-1] \cdot [x-2] \cdots [x-[K-1]]$,

for natnum K and $x \in \mathbb{C}$. E.g, $[K \downarrow K] = K! = [1 \uparrow K]$.

N.B: For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$: If $K > n$ then $[n \downarrow K] = 0$.

Note $[x \uparrow K] = [x + [K-1] \downarrow K]$.

Sample questions

Q: Wed. 27Sep The solutions to $3x^2 = 2 - 2x$ are $x =$ _____.

Q: Wed. 27Sep $\left[\left[\sqrt[3]{2} \right]^{\sqrt{2}} \right]^{\sqrt{8}} =$ _____. $\log_8(4) =$ _____.

DfyQ [2018t] quizzes so far...

Q1: Wed. 29 Aug $[\sqrt{3}^{\sqrt{8}}]^{\sqrt{2}} =$ _____. $\log_{64}(16) =$ _____.

Q2: Fri. 31 Aug U.F $y = y(t)$ satisfies $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$, with $y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = 11$. So $y(t) = Ae^{\alpha t} + Be^{\beta t}$ where $\alpha =$ _____, $\beta =$ _____, $A =$ _____, $B =$ _____.

Q3: Wed. 05 Sep Blanks $\in \mathbb{R}$. So $\frac{1}{2+3i} =$ _____ + $i \cdot$ _____. Thus $\text{Im}\left(\frac{5-i}{2+3i}\right) =$ _____.

By the way, $|5 - 3i| =$.

Q4: Wed.
12 Sep Value $\text{Im}(\frac{1}{4-3i}) =$.

Suppose $[C + Di]^2 = -4i$, where $C, D \in \mathbb{R}$. Then
 $C =$ and $D =$.

Q5: Fri.
14 Sep For $t > 0$, fnc $y_\alpha(t) :=$

is the gen.soln to $y' + \left[\frac{2}{t} \cdot y\right] = t^3$. [Hint: FOLDE. The coefficient and target fncs are $C(t) := \frac{2}{t}$ and $G(t) := t^3$.]

Q6: Mon.
17 Sep DE $[\mathcal{N}(x, y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}] + \mathcal{M}(x, y) = 0$ is *exact*, where

$\mathcal{N}(x, y) := [x^2 - 7]$ and $\mathcal{M}(x, y) := 2xy + 3e^{3x}$.
 Its solns $y=y(x)$ satisfy $\mathbf{F}(x, y(x)) = \text{Const}$, where

$\mathbf{F}(x, y) =$.

Q7: Fri.
21 Sep A particular soln $p=p(t)$ to

$$p' + 2p = 6t^2 + 8t + 1$$

is $p(t) =$ $\cdot t^2 +$ $\cdot t +$.

The general soln is $y_\alpha(t) = \alpha e^{Mt} + p(t)$, where
 $M =$. [Put correct numbers in the four blanks.]

Q8: Mon.
24 Sep The DOp in $y' - 2y \stackrel{*}{=} [4t + 3]e^{3t}$ is
 $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{D} - 2\mathbf{I}$.

It's associated op $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{L}, 3}$ satisfies $\mathbf{L}(f e^{3t}) = \mathbf{V}(f) e^{3t}$,

where $\mathbf{V}(f) =$. Thus $y := G(t)e^{3t}$

satisfies $(*)$, for *polynomial* $G(t) =$.

Q9: Fri.
05 Oct A soln (use PolyExp) to

$y'' + y = [4t - 2]e^t$ is $y(t) =$.

QA: Mon.
08 Oct For CCLDOp $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{D}^3 - 3\mathbf{D} + 2\mathbf{I}$ and thrice diff'able fnc f , note $\mathbf{L}(f \cdot e^{2t}) = \mathbf{V}(f) \cdot e^{2t}$, where CCLDOp \mathbf{V} is

$\mathbf{V} =$ $\mathbf{D}^3 +$ $\mathbf{D}^2 +$ $\mathbf{D} +$ \mathbf{I} .

[Put the correct number in *each* of the four blanks; zero, one, fractions, and negative numbers are allowed.]

QB: Mod.
19 Nov U.F. $x = x(t)$ satisfies

$$2x^{(3)} + 5x^{(2)} - x = 0.$$

Then $\mathbf{Y} := \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x' \\ x'' \end{bmatrix}$ satisfies $\mathbf{Y}' = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{Y}$, where \mathbf{M} is this
 3×3 matrix of numbers:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

QC: Mod.
26 Nov Gamma fnc: $\Gamma(5) =$ and $\Gamma(\frac{5}{2}) =$.

For all real $x > 1$, our $\Gamma()$ function satisfies recurrence relation

$\Gamma(x) =$.

Last DfyQ quiz of semester...