

No documents, no calculators, no cell phones or electronic devices allowed. Cute and fluffy pets allowed (for moral support only).

All your answers must be fully (but concisely) justified, unless noted otherwise.

Exercise 1. Let f be the function defined by

$$f : [-1, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$x \longmapsto \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ -\frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \in [-1, 0). \end{cases}$$

1. Plot the graph of f .
2. Determine graphically whether f is injective or not.
3. Determine graphically whether f is surjective or not.
4. Determine the following sets (no justifications required):

$$\begin{array}{cccc} f([0, 1]), & f([-1, 0]), & f([-1, 0]), & f((-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)), \\ f^{[-1]}([1, +\infty)), & f^{[-1]}((1, +\infty)), & f^{[-1]}([0, 1]), & f^{[-1]}([0, 1]). \end{array}$$

Exercise 2.

1. Show that

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}^*, \binom{p+k}{p} = \binom{p+k+1}{p+1} - \binom{p+k}{p+1}.$$

2. Let $n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > p$.

- a) Simplify the following sum:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-p} \left(\binom{p+k+1}{p+1} - \binom{p+k}{p+1} \right).$$

(notice that $n - p \geq 1$ so that the sum is well-defined).

Hint: You may use a shift of index, or recognize a telescopic sum.

- b) Deduce that

$$(*) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-p} \binom{p+k}{p} = \binom{n+1}{p+1}.$$

Is the Equality (*) still valid when $p = n$?

3. Explain why the special case $p = 1$ corresponds to the well-known formula for the sum of the first consecutive integers (sum of an arithmetic progression of common difference 1).
4. Use Equality (*) in the special case $p = 2$ to determine, for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, the value of the following sum:

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2.$$

Exercise 3. Find all numbers $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ that satisfy

$$(*) \quad \sin(3x) = \cos(x).$$

Exercise 4. Let A, B and C be three non-empty sets, and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be two functions. We assume that

- f is surjective,
- $g \circ f$ is injective.

Prove that g is injective.

Exercise 5. We define the following polynomial function:

$$f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto x^5 - 5x^4 + 6x^3 + 2x^2 - 7x + 3.$$

1. Show that 1 is a root of f and determine its multiplicity.
2. Deduce the other roots of f and their multiplicities.
3. Deduce the factored form of f in \mathbb{R} .

Exercise 6. Let $(u_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be the sequence defined by

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = \frac{n!}{2^n}.$$

Determine the variations of the sequence $(u_n)_{n \geq 1}$.

Exercise 7 (Bernoulli's Inequality). Let $h \in [-1, +\infty)$. Prove by induction that:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (1 + h)^n \geq 1 + nh.$$

What more direct proof can you give in the case $h \geq 0$ and $n \geq 1$?