L211 Logic and Mathematics

1. Lecture

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LOGIC AND MATHEMATICS

Aims of the course

Ideas and concepts of mathematics are infiltrated deeply into our science and technology. Highly abstract notions of mathematics can sometimes find unexpected applications. This lecture will explain them by looking back the development of logic and mathematics, and will discuss also the current of modern mathematics.

Acquisition of basic understanding of fundamental mathematical and logical concepts.

CONTENT

- 1. evolution of basic concepts in mathematics,
- 2. mathematical language, truth, and proofs,
- 3. development of mathematical logic, and
- 4. the current of modern mathematics

LESSON PLAN

| | Mon 5.unit | | Wed 4.unit |
|-------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | | 10/07 | Examples of Math |
| 10/12 | Holiday | 10/14 | What is Math? |
| 10/19 | What are proofs? | 10/21 | Induction |
| 10/26 | Induction II | 10/28 | no lecture |
| 11/02 | Number systems | 11/04 | (infinite) sets |
| 11/09 | set theory | 11/11 | Axiomatic method |
| 11/16 | Geometry | 11/18 | Functions |
| 11/23 | Holiday | 11/25 | Graphs |
| 11/30 | Computational models | 12/02 | Verification and Review |

EVALUATION

- Homework
- Reports (mid-term, final)
- Contribution in class

CONTACT



Background of the students

WHAT IS MATH AND LOGIC FOR YOU?

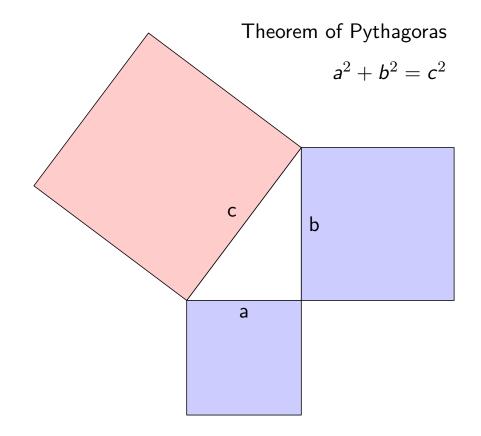
When you think back to mathematics in your junior and high school times, what is the first thing you remember? Please select 2 from the following:

- 1. Mathematics was fun
- 2. Mathematics was boring
- 3. From now on, Mathematics will be even more important
- 4. At the current point, there are no new things in Mathematics
- 5. Even though we don't see it, Mathematics is everywhere
- 6. Mathematics is not needed, is not useful

Today's plan

- ► Mathematics in the 20th century
- Usefulness of Mathematics
- History

1st ExampleFermat's Last Theorem



SOLUTIONS FOR THE PYTHAGORAS EQUATION

$$a = 1, \quad b = 2 \quad \to \quad c = \sqrt{5} = 2.23607...$$

Special solution a = 3, $b = 4 \rightarrow c = ?5$

Integer solution

FERMAT'S LAST THEOREM

Pierre de Fermat

- French, 1607/8–1665
- number theory, analysis, esp. functional analysis
- amateur mathematician (?) Hardly any proofs by him or maybe hardly any left?



Source: Wikipedia

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QVÆSTIO IX.

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Diophantine - Arithmetic

Source: Wikipedia

DIOPHANTINE EQUATIONS

- integer coefficients
- multiple variables
- multi-dimensional equations

linear equation

$$ax + by = c$$
 for a , b , c integers $(\in \mathbb{Z})$

a, b, c requirements? – c is divisor of a and b GCD

Pythagoras' Theorem

quadratic equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2$$

Solvable as Diophantine equations: (3,4,5) etc

cubic equation

$$x^3 + y^3 = z^3$$
???

n-ary equation

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$
???

FERMAT'S CONJECTURE

In 1637, Fermat wrote in the margin of *Diophantine analysis*

Cubum autem in duos cubos, aut quadratoquadratum in duos quadratoquadratos, et generaliter nullam in infinitum ultra quadratum potestatem in duos eiusdem nominis fas est dividere cuius rei demonstrationem mirabilem sane detexi. Hanc marginis exiguitas non caperet.

It is impossible to separate a cube into two cubes, or a fourth power into two fourth powers, or in general, any power higher than the second, into two like powers. I have discovered a truly marvellous proof of this, which this margin is too narrow to contain.

FERMAT'S CONJECTURE

Which means ...

Conjecture

If n > 2, then $x^n + y^n = z^n$ does not have integer solutions.

In 1995, Andrew Wiles finally gave a proof of this conjecture.

HISTORY OF THE FERMAT CONJECTURE

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

For a proof, it suffices to consider prime n.

- \triangleright n=4: Fermat
- n = 3: Euler (1770)
- ▶ n = 5: Legendre, Dirichlet (~1825)
- ▶ n = 7: Lamé (1839)
- till 1993, all primes $< \sim 4.000.000$
- ...Wiles

WILES' PROOF

- ▶ 1955: Taniyama-Shimura-Weil conjecture
- ▶ 1984: relation to ellliptic curves
- ▶ 1986: Ken Ribet, epsilon conjecture
- ▶ Wiles worked alone since 1986 in search for a proof
- ▶ June 1993: 3-day lecture at the Issac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences
- ► August 1993: various errors and holes found in the proof
- ▶ 1993–1995: Wiles and Richard Taylor are fixing the proof
- May 1995: publication in the Annals of Mathematics

Since Fermat 358 years have passed ...

Influence on today's life

Encryption

- elliptic curve cryptography
- ► ECDSA elliptic curve digital signature algorithm
- Dual EC DRBG Dual Elliptic Curve Deterministic Random Bit Generator
- prime factorization

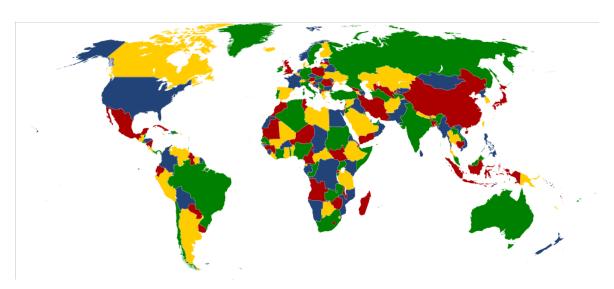




Fermat and Wiles

Source: Wikipedia

2nd Example Four Color Theorem



To color every flat map in a way that adjacent countries have different colors, 4 colors are enough.

HISTORY OF THE FOUR COLOR THEOREM

- ▶ 1840: Möbius conjectured the theorem
- ▶ 1890: Heawood Five Color Theorem
- ▶ 1870-1890: Many incorrect proofs
- ▶ 1976: Appel and Haken proof using computers

This was the first time computers were used to prove a mathematical theorem!

Proof Method

Step 1

Divide all maps into a finite number of classes (at first 1936!) traditional mathematics

Step 2

Show that if one can color one representative of a class, then all members of the class are 4-colorable.

traditional mathematics

Step 3

pick from each class one map, and try to color it computer program

The aftermath of the proof

- various problems surfaced, in 1989 a fixed proof was published
- ▶ 1996: much faster algorith
- number of classes were considerable reduced
- ▶ 2005: proof verification with Coq (proof assistant system)
- still mathematicians are not content!

Influence on today's life

Development of proof assistant systems Verification of proofs (and programs)

3rd Example Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

DAVID HILBERT

- **▶** 1862–1943
- ► German mathematician
- ► Hilbert's 23 problems
- ► 1920: Hilbert Program
 Hilbert proposed to ground all existing theories to a finite, complete set of axioms, and provide a proof that these axioms were consistent.



Kurt Gödel

- ▶ 1906–1978
- Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy
- listened to Hilbert's lecture question of completeness of first-order logic



- ▶ 1930: Completeness of First Order Logic (age 24)
- ▶ 1931: Incompleteness Theorem (age 25)
- ▶ 1939-40: Russia Japan USA Princeton

IDEA OF THE INCOMPLETENESS THEOREM

The sentence in the frame on this slide is wrong

A BIT MORE FORMAL

- ▶ Let *G* be a sentence of first order logic
- ▶ Let the meaning of *G* be "*G* is not correct"
- ► Can we prove or disprove *G*?
- ▶ If we could prove *G*, then *G* is correct, ...
- ▶ if G is correct, then "G is not correct" is correct
- ightharpoonup this is a contradiction, so we cannot prove G

Consequences of the Incompleteness Theorem

- Halting problem
- End of Hilbert's Program automatization of proofs / truth is not possible
- paraconsistent logics
- various independence results
- mathematicians and logicians are still necessary!



ROUND UP

- ► Mathematics is still alive!
- ► The 20th century is often called 'century of mathematics'
- ► Even simple questions can lead to very deep results
- ► Influence is strong
- ► It's fun!