

**Homework 1**  
**(Due: February 16, 2024)**

The purpose of this homework is to get you started with programming in Python + Jupyter Notebook. Submit to gradescope either: (1) a Jupyter Notebook of your code + program output, plus a pdf file exported from Jupyter, or (2) a zip file of python code for each problem + program output.

**Question 1: 10 points.** Write a Python program that solves for all integer pairs  $a, b \geq 0$ ,

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{n} \quad (1)$$

where  $n = 2024$ .

**Hint:** The prime factorization of 2024 is  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 11 \cdot 23$ . You can use this fact and a little bit of number theory to see that there will only be 3 solutions to the problem, i.e., (a,b) pairs.

**Question 2: 10 points.** Leibnez's series is given by:

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots \quad (2)$$

Write a Python program to compute Leibniz's series summation for 1000 terms. First, use a while-loop construct to compute the series summation. Repeat the experiment using an array for the series coefficients, appropriate matrix element-level operations for the alternating signs. and `sum()` for the summation of series terms.

Use the Python package `time` (note, packages `datetime` and `timedelta` may also work) to monitor the time needed to compute each implementation. Conduct a simple experiment to see how the relative speed of the two methods varies as a function of the number of terms in the series?

**Question 3: 10 points.** The modulo operator, `%`, computes the remainder that occurs after an integer  $m$  has been divided by a second integer  $n$ . For example,

```
m = 5, n = 3, 5 = 1*3 + 2 --> 5%3 evaluates to 2
m = 6, n = 3, 6 = 2*3 + 0 --> 6%3 evaluates to 0
m = 7, n = 3, 7 = 2*3 + 1 --> 7%3 evaluates to 1
m = 8, n = 3, 8 = 2*3 + 3 --> 8%3 evaluates to 2
```

and so forth. It is important to notice that  $m\%n$  will always return an integer between 0 and  $(n-1)$ .

Now let  $A$  be a  $(7 \times 7)$  matrix whose elements are given by

$$A[i][j] = [i^2 + j^2] \% 7. \quad (3)$$

Things to do:

1. Write a short Python program to populate a  $(7 \times 7)$  matrix with the results of equation 3.
2. Now let  $p$  and  $q$  be integers that cover the interval 0 through 100. Extend your Python program to find combinations of  $p$  and  $q$  where  $p^2 + q^2$  will be divisible by 7.
3. Prove that if  $p^2 + q^2$  is divisible by 7, then it will also be divisible by 49.

**Hint.** You should use `numpy` to store the matrix. You can also find a fancy implementation for printing matrices and vectors in the python code distributed in class. The last part of this problem is not as difficult as it looks. Write  $p$  as  $7 * p_1 + r_1$  and  $q$  as  $7 * q_1 + r_2$  and then an expression for  $p^2 + q^2$ . The result follows directly from the expression and the matrix element values in equation 3.

**Question 4: 10 points.** Figure 1 is a schematic of an irregular polygon having seven sides.

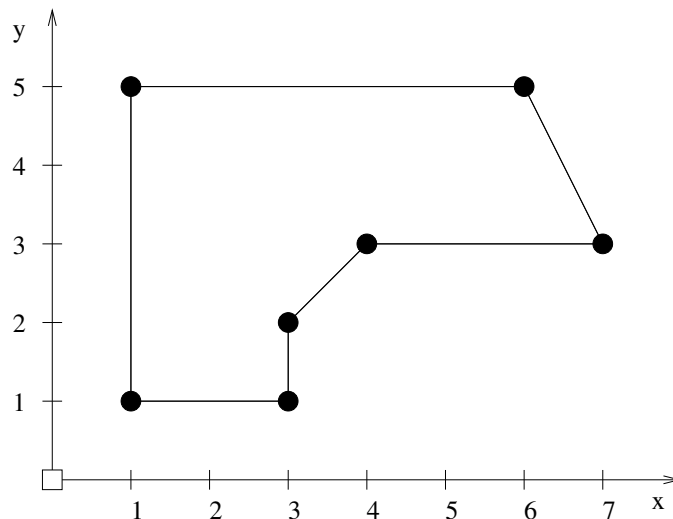


Figure 1: Seven-sided irregular polygon.

Suppose that the  $x$  and  $y$  vertex coordinates are stored as two columns of information in the array

```
coord = np.array( [ ( 1.0, 1.0 ),
                    ( 1.0, 5.0 ),
                    ( 6.0, 5.0 ),
                    ( 7.0, 3.0 ),
                    ( 4.0, 3.0 ),
                    ( 3.0, 2.0 ),
                    ( 3.0, 1.0 ) ] );
```

Write a Python program that will compute and print

1. The minimum and maximum polygon coordinates in both the  $x$  and  $y$  directions.
2. The minimum and maximum distance of the polygon vertices from the coordinate system origin.
3. Write functions `perimeter()` and `area()` to compute the perimeter and area of the polygon, respectively.

**Note.** For Parts 1 and 2, use the `max()` and `min()` methods in python. In Part 3, use the fact that the vertices have been specified in a clockwise manner.

**Question 5: 10 points.** Write a Python program that will compute and print a list of  $(x, y)$  pairs for:

$$y(x) = \left[ \frac{x^2 + \left[ \frac{x}{\sin(x)} \right]}{x - 2} \right] \quad (4)$$

over the range  $-10 \leq x \leq 10$  and in intervals of 0.25.

**Hint:** You should find that  $y(0)$  and  $y(2)$  evaluate to not-a-number (NaN) and positive infinity, respectively, and that Python 3 provides remarkably good builtin support for handling of run-time errors. Create a plot of  $y(x)$  vs  $x$  – you should find that errors will be automatically handled within the `matplotlib.pyplot` environment.