Write down something about the beginnings of mathematics that we discussed last week

- All societies develop ideas of number.
- · Counting as one-to-one correspondence
- Different ways of recording number (what do these ways depend on?)
- Formal definition of number is very hard (difficulty related to the barber paradox)
- Primary sources: A primary source is an original, firsthand, or direct piece of evidence or material that provides information about a particular topic or event.
- A secondary source is a document or material that is created based on information derived from primary sources. In academic research and historical analysis, secondary sources interpret, analyze, or comment on primary sources. They are one or more steps removed from the original events or materials and often involve synthesis, interpretation, or commentary by the author.
- The moment when the helper lowers their 10 fingers and the second helper lifts 1.

It is crucial to use reliable sources of information.

From the Boston University Website https://www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/ leachingresources/outreach-teachingresources- mathematics/	Mathematical Treasure: Istango Bone MAA website https://www.maa.org/press/periodicals/ convergence/mathematical-treasure-ishang- bone
The Lebombo bone (top) is the oldest known mathematical artifact. It is a tally stock with 29 distinct notches that were deliberately cut into a baboon's fbula. It was discovered within the Border Cave in	
the Lebornbo Mountains of Eswatini. The Lebornbo bone (bottom) resembles a calendar stick still used in Namibia. See more about these artifacts under "Other Resources" below.	

- There is no need to be scare of paper or the presentation (memorize, master...)
- Beware of the use of AI. Some students who used it to write the paper, submitted a bad paper.
- About Wooclap and absences.
- HW0

## **Topics!**



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## Number Systems

- The goal of this week is to give an overview of ideas related number representation, so we can later understand better how different societies represented numbers.
- We will briefly discuss number systems in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, China and the Mayans.

# Number systems

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Hindu-Arabic ("ours")			
Roman			
Binary			

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Egyptian numeral hieroglyphs									

#### Images credits: <u>https://mathshistory.st-</u> andrews.ac.uk/HistTopics/Egyptian numerals

#### An additive number system: Egyptian Hieroglyphs

- based on a scale of 10 • used as far back as 3400

B.C.E.

 mostly for inscription in stones





Write the number 752 in Egyptian hieroglyphics. In Wooclap, express number on the left in Hindu-Arabic numerals.



#### Ceremony in which captives and plunder are presented to Egyptian King Narmer (c. 31st century BCE)





Narmer Macehead (drawing). The design shows captives being presented to Pharaoh Narr enthroned in a naos. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Decipher with your team 1, 2 and 3 (on the left). Each member of the team writes down their answer individually. You have 7 minutes.

repeated.

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The scene depicts a ceremony in which captives and plunder are presented to King Narmer, who is enthroned beneath a canopy on a stepped platform. He wears the Red Crown of Lower Egypt, holds a flail, and is wrapped in a long cloak. To the left, Narmer's name is written inside a representation of the palace facade (the *serekh*) surmounted by a falcon. At the bottom is a record of animal and human plunder; 400,000 cattle, 1,422,000 goats, and 120,000 captives

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Answer as many questions as you can

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- 3. Suppose M is the number of numerals in L (L is as in the previous question). What is M?



# An additive system invented by me



1.Express abbcdd in Hindu-Arabic numerals.2.Express 106 in this additive system

Rules:

- Numerals are written from left to right, from the numeral with smallest value to the numeral with largest value. (abbcdd)
- The number of numerals used must be the smallest possible (for instance, we should write "b" instead of "aaaaa")

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- Multiplicative
- Positional:

Letter	Value	Letter	Value	Letter	Value
α	1	1	10	ρ	100
alpha		iota		rho	
β	2	ĸ	20	σ	200
beta		kappa		sigma	
γ	3	λ	30	τ	300
gamma		lambda		tau	
δ	4	μ	40	v	400
delta		mu		upsilon	
ε	5	V	50	φ	500
epsilon		nu		phi	
5	6	Ę	60	X	600
digamma		xi		chi	
ζ	7	0	70	¥	700
zeta		omicron		psi	
η	8	π	80	ω	800
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θ	9	Q	90	À	900
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Table from https://online.math.uh.edu/Math2303-unpaid/ch1/s12/

#### A ciphered number system: Greek Alphabetic

#### Numerals

- Rule: Numeral in ascending value, from right to left. Repetitions?
- 1. Write the number 752 in Greek numerals
- 2. Translate σπγ to Hindu-Arabic.

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gamma		lambda		tau	
δ	4	μ	40	v	400
delta		mu		upsilon	
ε	5	V	50	$\varphi$	500
epsilon		nu		phi	
5	6	ξ	60	X	600
digamma		xi		chi	
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Alphabetic Greek: For the numbers 1000 to 9000, they wrote: ' $\alpha$ ,' $\beta$ , ' $\gamma$ ...' $\Theta$  (For instance, ' $\beta$  represents 2000)

10000 was written M

There were rules for numbers up to 640,000,and even larger

#### **Your questions**

Are there any words or questions you don't like about the format and content of students' emails?

How did you choose your future job?

How you became interested in mathematics and your area of study. And how has your identity impacted your path as a mathematician.

I would like to know that if you have enjoyed math all along? Was there a time that you ever feel like math might not be the right path, or you have always loved it?

What initially sparked your interest in math?

What is your favorite mathematical object? Could be geometric, algebraic, etc.

What is your favorite topic to teach in this course?

Why did you choose to study math and which topic is your personal favorite? Besides math, what other subjects and hobbies do you enjoy?

What are your favorite topics regarding math?

What aspects of math are you most interested in and is that what we're going to be focusing on in class.

What mathematics did you mainly focus on studying when you got your PHD.

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#### A multiplicative system Traditional Chinese numerals



• Positional

		1	5	25	125	625	3125	15625
system 2	numerals representing position	a	b	с	d	е	f	g
	digits (numerals	5)			0	1 2	2 3	4

1.Write 1060 down the numbers in this system

2. Translate d2 b3 a4 to the Hindu-Arabic number system

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1.Translate d2c7b3a8 from the multiplicative system 1 to the Hindu-Arabic number system.

2.Write 1065 down the numbers in the multiplicative system 1

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# Positional number systems

## Examples of a Positional Systems Around the World

- Binary
- Hindu-Arabic ("ours")
- Mayan
- Babilonian (Mesopotamian)
- Chinese Rod Number System (different from the Traditional Chinese number system we discussed before)

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In this figure, a=17. What are

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 $^{\circ} 0 \leq \ r \ < b.$ 

Example: If a=83, b=20, then q=4 and r=3

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#### From base 10 to base b≠10

We are given N (in base 10). Suppose that we know that  $N=(u,v)_b$ , then N=u.b +v, with  $0 \le u$ , v<b. In this case, to write N in base b need to find u and v.

### if N=100 and b=11, find u and v.

Recall: Given two integers **a** and **b**, with b > 0, there exist unique integers **q** and **r** such that **a** = **b**.**q** + **r** and  $0 \le \mathbf{r} < \mathbf{b}$ 

### From a base b≠10 to base 10.

If N=(18,6)<sub>b</sub> then N=18.b +6 For instance, if the base b is 20, then N=(18,6)<sub>20</sub> =18.20 +6 =376

Analogously, if N=(15, 0, 10)<sub>b</sub> then N=15.  $b^2$  +0.b +10.

(N without parenthesis is assumed to be in base 10)

#### A positional system in base b (from base b to base 10) Examples 345 = 3. 10 5 = (101)<sub>2</sub>

Examples  $345 = 3.\ 10^2 + 4.10 + 5$  $5 = (101)_2$ 

Consider a positive integer  $b \ge 2$ .

In a positional number system on base b the numerals are 0, 1, 2,..., b-1.

A number in base **b** is denoted by  $N=(a_n,a_{n-1},...,a_2, a_1,a_0)_b$ where each  $a_i$  is a base **b** numeral. Hence, to find N in base 10 we compute  $a_nb^n + a_{n-1}b^{n-1} + ... + a_1b + a_0$ .

### Write (2, 10, 5)<sub>11</sub> in base 10.

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Express the number 752 Mayan number system. In Wooclap, express 752 in base 20. For instance, 445 can be expressed as (1,2,5)\_20



Express the number 752 cuneoiform number system. In Slido, express 752 in base 60. For instance, 70 can be expressed as (1,10)\_60

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Reminder: The Egytpian hieroglyphic system is a**dditive**, the value of a number is the sum of the values of the numerals.



Hieratic script is the cursive form of hieroglyphic. It was used for administrative and literary purposes. The hieratic numerals below suggest that the hieratic number system is additive, multiplicative, ciphered or positional? Why?



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#### Note:

There are two different concepts, number and representation of number (in symbols or words).

Numbers and numerals are also different concepts.





To count, say, a pile of coconuts, (let's say) she collected a heap of sticks.

- For each coconut in the pile, she took a stick.
- Each time she took a stick, she said "another one"
- When finished, she pointed out the pile of sticks she took and said "That many".

What happens with these counting systems when there is a need of using large numbers?

# Express 20 in base 20.

## Is the Roman number system positional? Why or why not?

One of the images from the Golden Record launched in 1977is shown below.

Can you relate it to the topic we are studying, number systems?

= | = 1 11-- = 12 = |- = 2 ||--- = 24  $\cdots = || = 3 \quad || = -| = 100 = 10^2$ |||||-|---= 1000= 10<sup>3</sup> •••• = |\_\_ = 4 ••••• = |-| = 5 2+3=5 8+17=25  $5+\frac{2}{3}=5\frac{2}{3}$ ••••• = ||- = 6 111 = 7  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$ 2 x 3 = 6 1--- = 8 13 x 28=364 1--1 =9 I-I- =10

Source: https://www.action.com/galleries/images-on-the-golden-record/ Image credit: Francis Drake

For more info: https://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/golden-record/



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		DCCXIX					
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# Fractions in base 60

# Express 1/16 and 1/11 in base 60