## 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.


- 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.
- HWO


## Topics!



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Examples

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| number system | numerals | numbers | rules |
| Hindu-Arabic ("ours") |  |  |  |
| Roman |  |  |  |
| Binary |  |  |  |

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Images credits: https://mathshistory.standrews.ac.uk/HistTopics/Egyptian_numerals/

## An additive number system: Egyptian Hieroglyphs

numerals:

- 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.

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Narmer Macenead drawing). The desigin shows c
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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.


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Narmer Macehead (drawing). The design shows captives being prosented ion
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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


## An additive system

 invented by me| value | 1 | 5 | 25 | 125 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| numerals | a | b | c | d |

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")

Answer as many questions as you can

1. What is the maximum number of times a numeral can be repeated in a single number in the Egyptian hieroglyphic number system?
2. Suppose that $L$ is the largest number that can be written in Egyptian hieroglyphics. What is L?
3. Suppose $M$ is the number of numerals in $L(L$ is as in the previous question). What is $M$ ?

| A | R | $\boldsymbol{9}$ | \& | 0 | 乌d |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 10 | 100 | 1000 | 10000 | 100000 | $10^{6}$ |
| Egyptian numeral hieroglyphs |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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- Multiplicative

- Positional:


## Is the Greek alphabetic system additive? Why or why not?

| Letter | Value | Letter | Value | Letter | Value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\alpha$ <br> alpha | 1 | $l$ <br> iota | 10 | $\rho$ <br> rho | 100 |
| $\beta$ <br> beta | 2 | $\kappa$ <br> kappa | 20 | $\sigma$ <br> sigma | 200 |
| $\gamma$ <br> gamma | 3 | $\lambda$ <br> lambda | 30 | $\tau$ <br> tau | 300 |
| $\delta$ <br> delta | 4 | $\mu$ <br> mu | 40 | $v$ <br> upsilon | 400 |
| $\varepsilon$ <br> epsilon | 5 | $\nu$ <br> nu | 50 | $\varphi$ <br> phi | 500 |
| $\zeta$ <br> digamma | 6 | $\xi$ <br> xi | 60 | $\chi$ <br> chi | 600 |
| $\zeta$ <br> zeta | 7 | $o$ <br> omicron | 70 | $\psi$ <br> psi | 700 |
| $\eta$ <br> eta | 8 | $\pi$ <br> pi | 80 | $\omega$ <br> omega | 800 |
| $\theta$ <br> theta | 9 | Q <br> koppa | 90 | $\lambda$ <br> sampi | 900 |

## A ciphered number system: Greek Alphabetic

Rule: Numeral in ascending value, from right to left. Repetitions?

1. Write the number 752
in Greek numerals
2. Translate $\sigma \pi \gamma$ to Hindu-Arabic.

Numerals

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| $\beta$ <br> beta | 2 | K <br> kappa | 20 | $\sigma$ <br> sigma | 200 |
| $\gamma$ <br> gamma | 3 | $\lambda$ <br> lambda | 30 | $\tau$ <br> tau | 300 |
| $\delta$ <br> delta | 4 | $\mu$ <br> mu | 40 | $v$ <br> upsilon | 400 |
| $\varepsilon$ <br> epsilon | 5 | $\nu$ <br> nu | 50 | $\varphi$ <br> phi | 500 |
| S <br> digamma | 6 | $\xi$ <br> xi | 60 | $\chi$ <br> chi | 600 |
| $\zeta$ <br> zeta | 7 | $\sigma$ <br> omicron | 70 | $\psi$ <br> psi | 700 |
| $\eta$ <br> eta | 8 | $\pi$ <br> pi | 80 | $\omega$ <br> omega | 800 |
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Alphabetic Greek: For the numbers 1000 to 9000, they wrote: ' $\alpha$,' $\beta$, ' $\gamma$...' ' ${ }^{\prime}$ (For instance, ' $\beta$ represents 2000)

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10000 \text { was written } \stackrel{\alpha}{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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 products are added.
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## Multiplicative number systems

## A multiplicative system Traditional Chinese numerals

Write the numbers below (in traditional Chinese numerals) in Hindu-Arabic numerals.


Buron, David M. "The history
introduction." Group 3.3 ( 1985 )

[^0]| Multiplicative system 2 | 1525125625312515625 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | numerals representing position | ab c | d | e |  | g |
|  | digitis (numerals) |  | 0 |  | 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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## Invented multiplicative system 1 <br> 

1. Translate d 2 c 7 b 3 a 8 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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## Important statement for Positional Number Systems

Integer division:
Given two integers $a$ and $b$, with $b>0$, there exist unique integers $q$ and $r$ such that $a=b . q+r$ and $0 \leq r<b$

In this figure, $\mathrm{a}=17$. What are

- a is called the dividend,
- b is called the divisor,
- $q$ is called the quotient,
$\cdot r$ is called the remainder. the values of $b, q$, and $r$ ?


This statement answers the question: What is the maximum number of times $\mathbf{b}$ "enters" into $\mathbf{a}$, and what is remaining after this maximum number of b is subtracted from a ?
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$\cdot 0 \leq \mathrm{r}<\mathrm{b}$. Example: If $\mathrm{a}=83, \mathrm{~b}=20$, then $\mathrm{q}=4$ and $r=3$

$83=4 \times 20+3$


## From a base $\mathbf{b} \neq 10$ to base 10 .

If $N=(18,6)_{b}$ then $N=18 . b+6$
For instance, if the base $b$ is 20 , then $N=(18,6)_{20}=18.20+6=376$

Analogously, if $\mathrm{N}=(15,0,10)_{b}$ then $\mathrm{N}=15 . \mathrm{b}^{2}+0 . \mathrm{b}+10$.

## From base 10 to base $\mathbf{b} \neq 10$

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

## if $\mathrm{N}=100$ and $\mathrm{b}=11$, 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 $0 \leq r<b$
( N without parenthesis is assumed to be in base 10)

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A positional system in base Examples
    b (from base b to base 10)
    Consider a positive integer b}\geq2\mathrm{ .
    In a positional number system on base b the numerals are
    0,1, 2,\ldots,b-1.
A number in base b}\mathrm{ is denoted by N=(an, an-1,.., ,a}\mp@subsup{a}{2}{},\mp@subsup{a}{1}{},\mp@subsup{a}{0}{}
where each }\mp@subsup{a}{i}{}\mathrm{ is a base b}\mathrm{ numeral. Hence, to find N in base
10 we compute ann}\mp@subsup{b}{}{n}+\mp@subsup{a}{n-1}{}\mp@subsup{b}{}{n-1}+\ldots+\mp@subsup{a}{1}{}b+\mp@subsup{a}{0}{}
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Write (2, 10, 5) ${ }_{11}$ in base 10.

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From base $b \neq 10$ to base 10: replace

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|  <br>  <br>  <br>  ■■■ $83=4 \times 20+3$ |  |

## A positional system in 2 Mayan (in Mesoamerica)

## Two special numerals

Most likely, these two numerals are from an older additive number system.

All the Mayan numerals


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 $(1,10) \_60$
Numerals

| 71 | 4711 | \＄ 4821 | 等 71 | 4 41 | ＊ 51 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 972 | \＄ 4712 | ［19\％ 22 | 449732 | ＜4\％9 42 | － 775 |
| PT17 3 | 4 m 13 | \＄4itit 23 | 44977 33 |  | 保阫 53 |
| ${ }^{4} 4$ | 4814 | 《萝 24 | 出雨 34 | 校安 44 | 胝寝54 |
| 5 | 侮 15 | 《然 25 | 眎等 35 | 娎要 45 | 然滣 55 |
| 㗊 6 | 器 16 | 《㗊 26 | 出资 36 | 娎䑝 46 | 炏器 56 |
| \％ | 4 17 |  | 栚 37 | 整骂 47 | 等 57 |
| 8 | 4 18 | 《家 28 |  | 俈骂 48 | 造 58 |
| 筥9 | 俈 19 | 楽 29 | 煴缶 39 | 低開49 | 皿器 59 |
| ＜ 10 | ＜ 420 | 44． 30 | 4 40 | 边 |  |

## A positional system in base 60 Mesopotamian

Two special numerals

Y 1 \＆ 10
Most likely，these two numerals are from an older additive number system．

All the Mesopotamian numerals

| 91 | 49 11 | \＄4921 | 楽 31 |  | \％ 51 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 972 | 4年 ${ }^{12}$ | （141922 | 4K14 32 | 㛵限 42 | 挼》 ${ }^{\text {P2 }}$ |
| Tin 3 | $4{ }^{4} 13$ | 44979 | \＄4 |  | 等黣 ${ }^{53}$ |
| 誓 4 | 退14 | 4 41 | 称率 34 |  |  |
| 㠰5 | 御 15 | 《舞 25 | 出35 | 榢桇 45 | 桵哭55 |
|  | 器 16 | 《第 26 |  | 煴器 46 | 奴咖56 |
| 7 | 侣 17 | ＜ 427 | 4管 37 | 矨 47 | 挼 57 |
| 骂 8 | 〈 18 | 《 28 | 44 38 | 尔器48 | 熎 58 |
| 舞9 | 儛 19 | 《在29 | 算39 | 边器49 |  |
| ＜ 10 | ＜ 20 | 4fe 30 | 40 | 50 |  |

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## Reminder：The Egytpian

hieroglyphic system is additive， 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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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？

| －$=1=1$ | II－－＝ 12 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots=1-=2$ | II－－－＝24 |
| $\cdots=11=3$ | ｜｜－－｜－－$=100=10^{2}$ |
| $\cdots \cdots=1--=4$ | ｜ $11 \mathrm{II}-1--=1000=10^{3}$ |
| $\cdots \cdots=\|-\|=5$ | $2+3=5$ |
| $\cdots \cdots . . \mid 11-=6$ | $8+17=25 \quad 5+\frac{2}{3}=5 \frac{2}{3}$ |
| $111=7$ | $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}=\frac{5}{6} \quad 2 \times 3=6$ |
| $1---=8$ | 1， $8 \quad 13 \times 28=364$ |
| $1--\mid=9$ | $\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{5}=\frac{8}{15}$ |
| $1-1-=10$ |  |

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

Traditional Chinese

| 1 | － | 10 | 十 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 二 |  |  |
| 3 | 三 | 100 | 百 |
| 4 | （6） |  |  |
| 5 | 五 | 1000 | F |
| 6 | 六 | 10，000 | 葛 |
| 7 | 七 |  |  |
| 8 | 八 | 100，000 | 億 |
| 9 | 九 |  |  |

Butron，David M．＂The history of mathematics：An
introcuction．＂Group 3.3 （1985）

Moira＇s multiplicative system

|  | 1 | 5 | 25 | 125 | 625 | 3125 | 15625 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| numerals representing <br> position | a | b | c | d | e | f | g |
| digits（numerals） |  | 0 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 4 |

Mesopotamia（base 60）
Y $1<10$



| Base 20 | Hindu-Arabic ("ours") and Rod numerals | Roman | Binary | Base 60 | Moira's Multiplicative system |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(1,5)_{20}$ | 25 | XXV | $(1,1,0,0,1)_{2}$ | (25)60 | $(1,0,0)_{s=1 \mathrm{c}}$ |
| $(8,15,19)_{20}$ | 3519 | MMMDXIX | $\underset{\substack{(1,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,1, 1,1,1)_{2}}}{ }$ | $(58,39)_{60}$ | ${ }^{(1,0,3, ~ 0, ~ 3, ~ 4) ~}=$ |
| $(5,14,1,5)_{20}$ | 45625 | XLVDCXXV | $\begin{aligned} & (1,0,1,1,0,0,1,0, \\ & 0,0,1,1,1,0,0,1)_{2}^{2} \\ & 0,0,1,0, \end{aligned}$ | $(12,40,25) 60$ | (2, 4, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0) $=$ |
| (16, 11, 9) ${ }_{20}$ | 6629 | \#MDCXXIX | $\begin{gathered} (1,1,0,0,1,1,1,1,0, \\ 0,1,0,1)_{2} \end{gathered}$ | $(1,50,29)_{60}$ | $(2,0,3,0,0,4)=29 \mathrm{ae}$ |

## Completed table

| Mayan | Hindu-Arabic ("ours") | Roman | Egyptian hieroglyphics | Babylonian Cuneiform | Traditional Chinese | Greek alphabetic |
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## Fractions in base 60

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


[^0]:    Burton, David M. The history of mathematics: An introduction." Group 3.3 (1985)

