

Algebra – Tutorial week 5

T5.1. (a) Convert the binary number

10 1011 0011 0010 1110

into a hexadecimal number, that is, into base 16.

(b) Now convert the same number into a decimal number, that is, into base 10.

T5.2. Expand the polynomial $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ into powers of $x - 1$. (That is, write the polynomial in the form $\cdots + c_2(x - 1)^2 + c_1(x - 1) + c_0$, computing those coefficients.)

Note: Use the iterated Ruffini's rule as learnt in the lectures, not other means.

T5.3*. Are the coefficients found in the answer to Question 5.2 familiar to you? Can you explain why?

Hint: Write down a portion of Pascal's triangle (several rows).