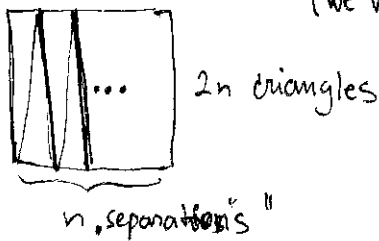


# One square and an odd number of triangles

- Dividing square into an even number of triangles is quite easy  
(we want these triangles to have the same area)



- D. s. into an odd number may be tricky, impossible even !!

When we divide a rectangle into  $n$  triangles ( $n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) then all triangles should have ~~area~~  $\frac{1}{n}$  ~~area~~. But there is always at least one with other ~~area~~ area.

## Valuation

$$f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$$

$$\circ f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

$$\circ f(x \cdot y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

$$\circ f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$$

i.e. absolute value	$ x $
$ 0  = 0$	( <del>scribble</del> )
$ 2 \cdot (-3)  =  2  +  -3 $	
$ x+y  \leq  x  +  y $	

Prime fact.:  $n = 2^{a_1} \cdot 3^{a_2} \cdot 5^{a_3} \cdot 7^{a_4} \dots$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Q}$  there ~~will~~ <sup>might</sup> be some negative exponents  $\frac{2}{15} = 2^1 \cdot 3^{-1} \cdot 5^{-1}$

$$x = 2^{\frac{a}{b}} \quad |x|_2 = 2^{-k} \quad \text{valuation}$$

$$|1|_2 \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1$$

$$|2|_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|6|_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 2^{\frac{k}{b}} \quad y = 2^{\frac{c}{d}}$$

$$x \cdot y = 2^{\frac{k+c}{bd}} \frac{ac}{bd}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} ac \text{ coprime } 2 \\ bd \text{ --- } 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\circ \rightarrow |x \cdot y|_2 = 2^{-k-c} = 2^{-k} \cdot 2^{-c} = |x|_2 \cdot |y|_2$$

to make this ~~but~~ satisfy valuation axioms, we have to define  $|0|_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0$

o We should now show that this valuation satisfies valuation axiom 3 (triangle inequality)

But why won't we show and prove sth stronger? (Yes, why not?!)

T:  $|x+y|_2 \leq \max\{|x|_2, |y|_2\}$  "non-Archimedean property"

Proof:

$x = 2^k \frac{a}{b}$   
 $y = 2^l \frac{c}{d}$

Say  $k \geq l$   $|x|_2 = 2^{-k} \leq 2^{-l} = |y|_2$

$|x+y|_2 = \left| 2^k \frac{a}{b} + 2^l \frac{c}{d} \right|_2 = \left| 2^l \cdot \left( 2^{k-l} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} \right) \right|_2$  (multiplication a.)

$= |2^l|_2 \cdot \left| 2^{k-l} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} \right|_2 = |2^l|_2 \cdot \left| \frac{2^{k-l} ad + bc}{bd} \right|_2$

$= 2^{-l} \cdot \left| \frac{2^{k-l} ad + bc}{bd} \right|_2 \leq 2^{-l} = \max\{|x|_2, |y|_2\}$   
 for any prime?  $\leq 1$

Even stronger claim

$|x+y|_2 = \max\{\dots\} \iff |x|_2 \neq |y|_2$

□ QED

Say  $|x|_2 < |y|_2 \implies |y|_2 = |(x+y) - x|_2 \leq \max\{|x+y|_2, |x|_2\} =$

$|x|_2$  is the same  
 $|x|_2 = |-x|_2 = |1/x|_2 \dots$

$= |x+y|_2 \leq \max\{|x|_2, |y|_2\} = |y|_2$

□ QED

Now, we would like to "valuate" points. These are "real numbers" though.

So we will "extend" our valuation function to work with  $\mathbb{R}$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$

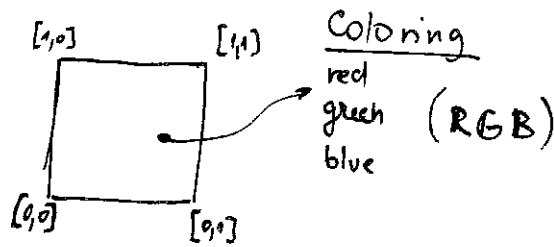
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Important:  $\left|\frac{1}{2}\right|_2 > 1$



Lets say every number in the square have two real coordinates  $x, y \in (0, 1)$   
 We will color the points (since we like colours and points and there's nothing else to do)

$|x|_2$  maximal  $\leftarrow$  red

$|y|_2 \leq |x|_2 \leq |y|_2 \leftarrow$  blue

$|x|_2 < |y|_2 \leq |x|_2 \leftarrow$  green

$|x|_2 \leq |y|_2 < |x|_2$

Now, welcome ~~on~~ our dearly beloved matrices!  
 (% sarcasm detected)

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x_b & y_b & 1 \\ x_g & y_g & 1 \\ x_r & y_r & 1 \end{pmatrix} = x_b y_g + x_r y_b + x_g y_r - x_r y_g - x_b y_r - x_g y_b = D$$

$$|D|_2 = |x_b y_g + \dots - x_r y_g - \dots|_2 \quad \text{from non-Arch. this will be}$$

$\rightarrow$  we want to show it's  $x_b y_g$  the maximum value from these 6 terms

... well, we showed it somehow

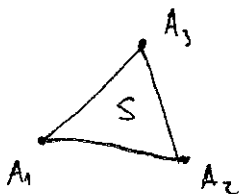
$$|D|_2 = |x_b y_g| = |x_b|_2 |y_g|_2 \cdot |1|_2 \geq 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \geq 1 \geq 0$$

This means, three points of different colours cannot lie ... on a single line.

$$|2k| < |1|_2 = 1 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$$

Yeah, I meant lay  $\perp$

$$|2k+1|_2 = \max \{ |2k|_2, |1|_2 \} = 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{2k+1} \right|_2 = |1|_2 = 1$$



$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

"rainbow triangle"

$$|S|_2 = \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|_2 \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right|_2$$

Now we will prove that  $\frac{1}{n}$  ~~can~~ cannot be the area of triangle.  
by contradiction.

$$S = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$|S|_2 = 1 \quad \text{but } 1 = |S|_2 = \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|_2 \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right|_2 > 1 \quad \text{is contradiction}$$

"One does not simply exceed a value of one"

□ QED I guess

○ Another point of view using more colours and a lot of cool pictures of triangles, coloured points, meadows, unicorns... .. is not here.

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