

Complete solutions to Intro(i)

We use BROIDMAS throughout this exercise.

1. (a) What do we evaluate first?

Brackets has priority, so $1 + 3 + 5 = 9$ and $1 \times 3 \times 5 = 15$. We have

$$(1 + 3 + 5) \times (1 \times 3 \times 5) = 9 \times 15 = 135$$

(b) Same approach as (a), 144.

(c) Again evaluate within the brackets and then add the results:

$$\underbrace{(49 \times 1)}_{=49} + \underbrace{(49 \times 3)}_{=147} + \underbrace{(49 \times 5)}_{=245} = 49 + 147 + 245 = 441$$

(d) BROIDMAS reveals that indices have priority over addition. So

$$1 + \underbrace{7^2}_{=49} + \underbrace{5^3}_{=125} = 1 + 49 + 125 = 175$$

(e) Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} (2 \times \underbrace{4^3}_{=64}) + (4 \times \underbrace{3^3}_{=27}) + (3 \times 1) &= (2 \times 64) + (4 \times 27) + (3 \times 1) \\ &= 128 + 108 + 3 \\ &= 239 \end{aligned}$$

(f) Evaluate the multiplication within the brackets first:

$$\underbrace{(2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11)}_{=2310} + 1 = 2310 + 1 = 2311$$

2. (a) BROIDMAS discloses that indices have priority over subtraction, therefore

$$2^{11} - 1 = \underbrace{2048}_{=2^{11}} - 1 = 2047$$

(b) We can write $\frac{1-5}{2}$ as $\frac{(1-5)}{2} = \frac{-4}{2} = -4 \div 2 = -2$.

(c) By applying BROIDMAS, we know indices have preference over multiplication:

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3 \times \underbrace{2^3}_{=8}} + \frac{1}{5 \times \underbrace{2^5}_{=32}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3 \times 8} + \frac{1}{5 \times 32}$$

Which operation do we implement next?

Multiplication

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3 \times 8} + \frac{1}{5 \times 32} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{160} = \frac{223}{480}$$

3. (a) Since we have the same denominator we can collect the numerators together:

$$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}+1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{(1+1)+(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5})}{2} = \frac{2+0}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

(b) BROIDMAS tell us that the square root has precedence over addition or division:

$$\frac{5 + \sqrt{25 - 24}}{2} = \frac{5 + \sqrt{1}}{2} = \frac{5 + 1}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Remember when we have $\frac{5+1}{2}$ we can write this as $\frac{(5+1)}{2}$ or $(5+1) \div 2$,

that is why the addition is carried out before the division.

For (c), (d) and (e) we have a plus or minus symbol, so we result in 2 answers in each case.

(c) Priority arrangement is similar to (b):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - (4 \times 1 \times 6)}}{2} &= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 24}}{2} \\ &= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{1}}{2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{using the plus or minus sign}}{=} \frac{5+1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{5-1}{2} \\ &= \frac{6}{2} \text{ or } \frac{4}{2} \\ &= 3 \text{ or } 2 \end{aligned}$$

(d) This is very similar to (c):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4 \times (-5)}}{2} &= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - (-20)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 20}}{2} \quad (\text{minus} \times \text{minus} = \text{plus}) \\ &= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{36}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-4 + 6}{2} \text{ or } \frac{-4 - 6}{2} \\ &= \frac{2}{2} \text{ or } \frac{-10}{2} \\ \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4 \times (-5)}}{2} &= 1 \text{ or } -5 \end{aligned}$$

(e) Priority of operations similar to (c) and (d):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-65 \pm \sqrt{(-65)^2 + (4 \times 14 \times 25)}}{28} &= \frac{-65 \pm \sqrt{4225 + 1400}}{28} \\ &= \frac{-65 \pm \sqrt{5625}}{28} \\ &= \frac{-65 \pm 75}{28} \\ &= \frac{-65 + 75}{28} \text{ or } \frac{-65 - 75}{28} \\ &= \frac{10}{28} \text{ or } \frac{-140}{28} \\ \frac{-65 \pm \sqrt{(-65)^2 + (4 \times 14 \times 25)}}{28} &= \frac{5}{14} \text{ or } -5 \end{aligned}$$

4. (All solutions are given correct to 2 d.p.).

(a) Index has priority, $7^2 = 49$:

$$\pi \times 7^2 \times 3 = \pi \times 49 \times 3 = 461.81$$

(b) Again we evaluate 4^2 first, $4^2 = 16$, therefore

$$\frac{\pi}{3} \times 4^2 \times 5 = \frac{\pi}{3} \times 16 \times 5$$

Since multiplication and division have the same priority it does not make any difference if you divide π by 3 first and then carry out the multiplication or you evaluate $\pi \times 16 \times 5$ first and then divide your result by 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{3} \times 16 \times 5 &= (\pi \div 3) \times 16 \times 5 \\ &= 83.78 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Similarly, $5^3 = 125$, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4\pi \times 5^3}{3} &= \frac{4\pi \times 125}{3} \\ &= (4 \times \pi \times 125) \div 3 \\ &= (1570.796) \div 3 \\ &= 523.60 \end{aligned}$$

(d) BROIDMAS tell us that the brackets are evaluated first:

$$2\pi \times 7(5+7) = 2\pi \times \underbrace{7(12)}_{=7 \times 12} = 2\pi \times 84 = 527.79$$

(e) BROIDMAS reveals that square root has priority, but how do we

evaluate $\sqrt{\frac{3^2 + 4^2}{2}}$?

First we calculate the indices, 3^2 and 4^2 , and then add our results:

$$\sqrt{\frac{3^2 + 4^2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{9+16}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{2}}$$

What can we do next?

Remember the square root sign can be taken inside the division:

$$\sqrt{\frac{25}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence replacing $\sqrt{\frac{3^2 + 4^2}{2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$ into the original problem gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{3^2 + 4^2}{2}} &= 2\pi \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\pi \times 5}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= (2 \times \pi \times 5) \div (\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 22.21 \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) BROIDMAS reveals that brackets have preference:

$$(2^5 - 1) = 32 - 1 = 31$$

Hence replacing $2^5 - 1$ with 31 gives

$$2^4(2^5 - 1) = 2^4(31) = 31 \times 2^4$$

How do we evaluate 31×2^4 ?

First we calculate 2^4 which is 16 and then multiply by 31:

$$31 \times 2^4 = 31 \times 16 = 496$$

We have $2^4(2^5 - 1) = 496$.

(b) How do we evaluate $2^{2^3} + 1$?

The first base has index 2^3 so we evaluate this first.

$$2^3 = 8$$

Hence we have

$$2^{2^3} + 1 = 2^8 + 1$$

What do we compute next?

BROIDMAS tell us that indices have priority over addition, so we evaluate 2^8 first and then add 1 to the result:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2^3} + 1 &= 2^8 + 1 \\ &= 256 + 1 \\ &= 257 \end{aligned}$$
