

Attendance Quiz # 1 for Dr. Z.'s MathHistory for Lecture 1 (due no later than 10 minutes after class)

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**Part I:** List all the "attendance questions" during the lecture, followed by your answers.

**Part II:**

1. (a) Use the **greedy algorithm** to express  $\frac{7}{12}$  as an Egyptian fraction. Use this to equally divide 7 pizzas among 12 people.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 12/7, \text{ceil}(12/7) = 2 \\1/2 + (7/12 - 1/2) &= \\1/2 + 1/12 \text{ [EF]} &\end{aligned}$$

Each diner gets half of a pizza and one-twelfth of a pizza

(b) Note that a better way to express  $\frac{7}{12}$  as an Egyptian fraction is

$$\frac{7}{12} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} .$$

Use this better way to equally divide 7 pizzas among 12 people. Why is it better?

Each diner gets one-third of a pizza and one-fourth of a pizza. This is a better way to divide pizza because the slices are more equally relative to each other rather than having half a pizza and a twelfth of a pizza beside you.

By giving each diner a one-third and one-fourth of a pizza, they can eat it better instead of trying to eat one big slice and one small slice.

2. Find the two smallest positive integers  $n$ , that have the property that

- If you divide  $n$  by 3 you get remainder 1 .  $f(x) = (x \bmod 3, x \bmod 5)$   $7+15 = 22$
- If you divide  $n$  by 5 you get remainder 2 .  $f(0) = (0,0)$
- $f(1) = (1,1)$
- $f(7) = (1,2)$
- $f(22) = (1,2)$  Answer: 7 and 22

Attendance Questions:

Who is the greatest mathematician of all time? Archimedes

What was the undergrad college / university that Dennis DeTurck went to? Drexel University

What institute did Adi Shamir go to for his PhD? Weizmann Institute