

**25.**

**(a).i**  $\mathbb{R}$  is inductive.

*Proof.* Note that  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , thus for any number in the set  $\mathbb{N}$ , this number is also in the set  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\mathbb{N}$  is inductive, it follows that  $\mathbb{R}$  is inductive.

**(a).ii** The set of positive real numbers is inductive.

*Proof.* Note the proof 25.a.i, and consider that every number in the set  $\mathbb{N}$  is a positive number. Thus the set of positive real numbers is inductive.

**(a).iii** The set of positive real numbers unequal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  is inductive.

*Proof.* Note the proof 25.a.ii, and note that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is not an integer, thus  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{N}$  but  $\mathbb{N}$  is inductive. Therefore the set of positive real numbers unequal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  is inductive.

**(a).iv** The set of positive real numbers unequal to 5 is not inductive.

*Proof.* Note that  $4 \in \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$  but  $4 + 1 = 5 \notin \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$ , thus  $\mathbb{R} - \{5\}$  is not inductive.

**(a).v** If  $A$  and  $B$  are both inductive, then the set  $C$  of real numbers which are in both  $A$  and  $B$  is also inductive.

*Disproof.* Consider the following counterexample: Suppose  $A = \mathbb{R}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R}$ , and note that  $A$  and  $B$  are inductive. Let  $C = \{\frac{1}{2}\}$ . Then  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C \subseteq B$ , but  $C$  is not inductive because  $1 \notin C$ . Therefore the statement is false.

**(b).i** 1 is a natural number.

*Proof.* By definition of an inductive set of real numbers  $A$ ,  $1 \in A$ . Since  $A$  is inductive, it follows by definition of natural numbers that 1 is a natural number.

**(b).ii**  $k + 1$  is a natural number if  $k$  is a natural number.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is an inductive set of real numbers and suppose  $k \in A$ . Since  $A$  is inductive,  $k \in A \implies k + 1 \in A$ . Thus, by definition of a natural number,  $k + 1$  is a natural number. Therefore  $k + 1$  is a natural number if  $k$  is a natural number.