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## 1 Question 1

Prove that  $(3n)! \leq 27^n(n!)^3$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

The formula holds for  $n=1$ . Suppose the formula holds for  $m = n$  where  $m$  is some natural number.

$$(3m)! \leq 27^m(m!)^3$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(3(m+1))! &\leq 27^{m+1}((m+1)!)^3 \\ (3m)!(3m+3)(3m+2)(3m+1) &\leq (27)(27)^m((m!)(m+1))^3 \\ (3m)!(3m+3)(3m+2)(3m+1) &\leq (27)(27)^m((m!)^3(m+1)^3)\end{aligned}$$

But

$$(3m)! \leq 27^m(m!)^3$$

Which leaves

$$\begin{aligned}(3m+3)(3m+2)(3m+1) &\leq 27(m+1)^3 \\ 27m^3 + 54m^2 + 33m + 6 &\leq 27m^3 + 81m^2 + 81m + 27 \\ 0 &\leq 27m^2 + 48m + 21\end{aligned}$$

Which holds for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}, m > 0$ . It now follows from the Principle of Mathematical Induction that this identity holds for all natural numbers  $m$ .

## 2 Question 2

Prove that

$$(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$

Let  $x \in (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ . Then  $x \in A \cup B, x \notin A \cap B$  Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  but  $x \notin A \cap B$ .

If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \notin B, x \in A \setminus B$ . If  $x \in B$ , then  $x \notin A, x \in B \setminus A$ . Then if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin B \setminus A$ . Similarly for  $x \in B$ . Thus  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$

Now let  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ . Then either  $x \in A \setminus B$  or  $x \in B \setminus A$ . In both cases  $x \in A \cup B, x \notin A \cap B$ . Thus  $x \in (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ .

We have shown that the sets  $(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$  and  $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$  have the same elements, and thus that  $(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ .

### 3 Question 3

#### 3.1 Relation Q on N

1. The relation  $Q$  on  $N$  is not reflexive as

$$(1)^2 - (1)^2 = 2^k$$

$$1 - 1 = 2^k$$

$$0 = 2^k$$

There is no  $k \in N$  such that  $2^k = 0$ .

2. The relation  $Q$  on  $N$  is not symmetric.

$$(3)^2 - (1)^2 = 2^k$$

$$9 - 1 = 2^k$$

$$8 = 2^k$$

$$8 = 2^3$$

But

$$(1)^2 - (3)^2 = 2^k$$

$$1 - 9 = 2^k$$

$$-8 = 2^k$$

There exists no  $k \in N$  such that  $2^k = -8$ .

3.  $xQy$  holds if  $x > y$ . But  $yQx$  is false if  $x > y$ . There is no element  $k$  if  $x \leq y$ . As  $xQy$  and  $yQx$  can never be true when  $x, y \in N$  where  $x, y > 0$ . Therefore the function is anti-symmetric.

4. The relation  $Q$  is not transitive.  $10Q6$  and  $6Q2$  but  $10 \neq 2$ .

5. As the relation  $Q$  is not reflexive, symmetric or transitive it is not an equivalence relation or a partial order.

### 3.2 Relation R on N

1. The relation  $R$  on  $N$  is reflexive as

$$n^2/n^2 = 2^k$$

Where  $n \in N, n > 0$

$$1 = 2^k$$

$$1 = 2^0$$

2. The relation  $R$  is not symmetric as

$$2^2/1^2 = 2^k$$

$$4/1 = 2^k$$

$$4 = 2^2$$

But

$$1^2/2^2 = 2^k$$

$$1/4 = 2^k$$

There exists no element  $k \in N$  such that  $2^k = 1/4$ .

3. Let  $x, y \in N, x, y > 0$  satisfy  $xRy$ . Then  $x^2/y^2 = 2^k$  for some  $k \in N$ . Now let the same  $x, y$  satisfy  $yRx$ . Then  $y^2/x^2 = 2^{-k}$ , but  $-k \notin 0$ . Therefore for  $x, y$  to satisfy  $xRy$  and  $yRx$ ,  $k$  must equal 0.  $k = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .  $R$  is anti-symmetric.

4. Let  $x, y, z \in N$  where  $x, y, z > 0$  satisfy  $xRy$  and  $yRz$ . Then there exists  $k, l \in N$  such that  $\frac{x^2}{y^2} = 2^k$  and  $\frac{y^2}{z^2} = 2^l$ . Assume  $\frac{x^2}{z^2} = 2^m$ .

$$x^2 = 2^k \cdot y^2, z^2 = \frac{y^2}{2^l}$$

$$\frac{(2^k \cdot y^2)}{\frac{y^2}{2^l}} = 2^m$$

$$\frac{2^k \cdot y^2 \cdot 2^k}{y^2}$$

$$2^k \cdot 2^l = 2^m$$

$$2^{k+l} = 2^m$$

Therefore the relation is transitive as all three terms are a factor of  $xRz$ .

5. The relation  $R$  is not symmetric, therefore it is not an equivalence relation. As it is not anti-symmetric, the relation  $R$  is not a partial order.

## 4 Question 4

Let  $x, y \in [0, +\infty)$ . If  $x < y$  then  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} > \frac{1}{1+y^2}$ . If  $x > y$  then  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} < \frac{1}{1+y^2}$ . If  $x \neq y$  then either  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} > \frac{1}{1+y^2}$  or  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} < \frac{1}{1+y^2}$ . It follows that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Therefore the function is injective.

Given any  $y \in (0, 1]$  there exists an  $x \in [0, +\infty]$  such that  $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{y} - 1}$ . As  $f$  has an inverse, it follows that  $f$  is also surjective.

As shown above the function has an inverse, it follows that the function is surjective and therefore bijective, as per theorem 2.4. It has an inverse, such that  $f^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{y} - 1}$ .