

## Homework 5

### Exercise 1: .

Find this values:

$$\lfloor 1.4 \rfloor = 1$$

$$\lceil 1.4 \rceil = 2$$

$$\lfloor -0.4 \rfloor = -1$$

$$\lceil -0.4 \rceil = 0$$

$$\lfloor 4.99 \rfloor = 5$$

$$\lceil -4.99 \rceil = -4$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{1}{3} + \left\lceil \frac{1}{3} \right\rceil \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\left\lceil \left\lfloor \frac{1}{3} \right\rfloor + \left\lceil \frac{1}{3} \right\rceil + \frac{1}{3} \right\rceil = 2$$

### Exercise 2: (proof)

a) Show that the following statement is true:

"If  $x$  is a real number such that  $x^2 + 1 = 0$ , then  $x^4 = -1$ ".

p:  $x$  is a real number such that  $x^2 + 1 = 0$

q:  $x^4 = -1$

for  $x^2 + 1 = 0$ ,  $\Delta = b^2 - 2ac = -2$

$\therefore \Delta < 0$ , The solution of the equation cannot be real.

$\therefore p$  is always false.

$\therefore p \rightarrow q$  is always true.

b) Constructive proof:

" If  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers such that  $x < y$ , show that there exists a real number  $z$ . with  $x < z < y$ "

$$\text{let } z = x + \frac{x + y}{2}$$

$$\therefore x < z, \quad y > z$$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists z (x < z < y)$$

### Exercise 3: .

Let  $x$  be a real number. Show that

$$\lfloor 4x \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor$$

assume that  $x = a + \varepsilon$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$

if  $0 \leq \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4}$  :

$$LHS = \lfloor 4 \cdot (a + \varepsilon) \rfloor = 4a$$

$$RHS = \lfloor x + \varepsilon \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor$$

$$= 4a$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

if  $\frac{1}{4} \leq \varepsilon < \frac{2}{4}$  :

$$LHS = \lfloor 4 \cdot (a + \varepsilon) \rfloor = 4a + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \lfloor x + \varepsilon \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor \\ &= a + a + a + (a + 1) \\ &= 4a + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

if  $\frac{2}{4} \leq \varepsilon < \frac{3}{4}$  :

$$LHS = \lfloor 4 \cdot (a + \varepsilon) \rfloor = 4a + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \lfloor x + \varepsilon \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor \\ &= a + a + (a + 1) + (a + 1) \\ &= 4a + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

if  $\frac{3}{4} \leq \varepsilon < 1$  :

$$LHS = \lfloor 4 \cdot (a + \varepsilon) \rfloor = 4a + 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \lfloor x + \varepsilon \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \varepsilon + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor \\ &= a + (a + 1) + (a + 1) + (a + 1) \\ &= 4a + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

Therefore, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lfloor 4x \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{2}{4} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{3}{4} \right\rfloor$

**Exercise 4:** .

Let  $f$  be a bijection from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two subsets of  $A$ .

a) Show that  $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$

let  $x \in S \cup T$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &\in S \text{ or } x \in T \\ \therefore f(x) &\in f(S) \text{ or } f(x) \in f(T) \\ \therefore f(x) &\in f(S) \cup f(T) \\ \therefore f(S \cup T) &\subseteq f(S) \cup f(T) \end{aligned}$$

let  $f(x) \in f(S) \cup f(T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f &\text{ is bijection} \\ \therefore x &\in S \text{ or } x \in T \\ \therefore x &\in S \cup T \\ \therefore f(x) &\in f(S \cup T) \\ \therefore f(S) \cup f(T) &\subseteq f(S \cup T) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f(S) \cup f(T) \subseteq f(S \cup T)$  and  $f(S \cup T) \subseteq f(S) \cup f(T)$ , We can conclude that  $f(S) \cup f(T) = f(S \cup T)$

b) Show that  $f(S \cap T) \subseteq f(S) \cap f(T)$

let  $x \in S \cap T$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & \because x \in S \cap T \\ & \therefore (x \in S \wedge x \notin T) \vee (x \in T \wedge x \notin S) \\ & \therefore (f(x) \in f(S) \wedge f(x) \notin f(T)) \vee (f(x) \in f(T) \wedge f(x) \notin f(S)) \\ & \therefore f(x) \in f(S) \cap f(T) \\ & \therefore f(S \cap T) \subseteq f(S) \cap f(T) \end{aligned}$$

c) Show that  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) = f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$

let  $x \in S \cup T$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & \because x \in S \text{ or } x \in T \\ & \therefore f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(S) \text{ or } f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(T) \\ & \therefore f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T) \\ & \therefore f^{-1}(S \cup T) \subseteq f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T) \end{aligned}$$

let  $f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \because f \text{ is bijection} \\ & \therefore x \in S \text{ or } x \in T \\ & \therefore x \in S \cup T \\ & \therefore f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(S \cup T) \\ & \therefore f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T) \subseteq f^{-1}(S \cup T) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T) \subseteq f^{-1}(S \cup T)$  and  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) \subseteq f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$ , We can conclude that  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) = f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$

### Exercise 5: Extra credit

Let us consider a generalization of exercise 1. Let  $x$  be a real number, and  $N$  an integer greater or equal to 3. Show that:

$$\lfloor Nx \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{N} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{2}{N} \right\rfloor + \dots + \left\lfloor x + \frac{N-1}{N} \right\rfloor$$

My own method:

$$\text{The formula can be rewritten as } \lfloor Nx \rfloor = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\lfloor x + \frac{i}{N} \right\rfloor$$

Assume that  $x = a + \varepsilon$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$

Let's choose  $n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq n < N$  such that  $\frac{n}{N} \leq \varepsilon < \frac{n+1}{N}$

$$\text{if } i \geq N - n, \left\lfloor x + \frac{i}{N} \right\rfloor = a + 1, \text{ then if } i < N - n, \left\lfloor x + \frac{i}{N} \right\rfloor = a$$

$$\therefore RHS = n \cdot (a + 1) + (N - n) \cdot (a) = Na + n$$

$$LHS = \lfloor N \cdot (a + \varepsilon) \rfloor = Na + n$$

$$\therefore LHS = RHS$$

Follow the hints:

$$\text{let } f(x) = \lfloor Nx \rfloor - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\lfloor x + \frac{i}{N} \right\rfloor$$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(x + \frac{1}{N}\right) &= \lfloor Nx + 1 \rfloor - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\lfloor x + \frac{i+1}{N} \right\rfloor \\ &= \lfloor Nx + 1 \rfloor + (f(x) - \lfloor Nx \rfloor + \lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor x + 1 \rfloor) \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the  $f(x)$  is a periodic function, whose period is  $1/N$

$$\forall x (0 \leq x < 1/N), f(x) = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is a periodic function.

$\therefore f(x) = 0$  for all real number  $x$ .

$$\therefore \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor Nx \rfloor = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\lfloor x + \frac{i}{N} \right\rfloor$$