

$$a \approx b \text{ iff } a \geq 2b$$

# 1. Short Answers [24 Points]

- (a) [12 Pts] Is the relation  $\{(a, b) \mid a/b \geq 2\}$  over the set of positive reals (i) reflexive, (ii) anti-reflexive, (iii) symmetric, (iv) anti-symmetric, and (v) transitive? Is it (i) an equivalence relation, (ii) a partial order, or (iii) a strict partial order? Justify your answers.

i) No.  $1/1 \geq 2$

ii) Yes.  $a/a \neq 2$  so  $(a, a) \notin R$

iii) No.  $2/1 \geq 2$  but  $1/2 \not\geq 2$ .

iv) Yes. Suppose  $a/b \geq 2$ , then  $b/a \leq \frac{1}{2} < 2$

$$a \geq 2b$$

$$1 \geq \frac{2b}{a} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{b}{a}$$

v) Yes. Suppose  $\frac{a}{b} \geq 2$  and  $\frac{b}{c} \geq 2$  then

$$a \geq 2b \text{ and } b \geq 2c$$

$$a \geq 4c \rightarrow \frac{a}{c} \geq 4 > 2$$

iii) SPO

- (b) [4 Pts] Give an inductive definition for  $a_i$  of the sequence 5, 11, 23, 47, 95, ..., where  $a_0$  is the first term.

$$a_0 = 5$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$$

$$\text{or } a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 1$$

- (c) [8 Pts] If  $A$  is countable and  $A \cup B$  is uncountable, prove that  $B$  is uncountable.

Reflexive:  $a \approx a$  for all  $a$   
 Symm: if  $a \approx b$  then  $b \approx a$   
 Transitive: if  $a \approx b$  and  $b \approx c$ , then  $a \approx c$

## 2. Equivalence Relations [20 Points]

Define the relation  $\approx$  on the set of real numbers, where  $a \approx b$  if and only if  $a = n/2 + b$  for some integer  $n$ .

(a) [8 pts] Prove that  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation.

R:  $a = \frac{n}{2} + a$ , true when  $n=0$ . Done. ✓

S: if  $a \approx b$ , then  $a = \frac{n}{2} + b$  and  $b = \frac{-n}{2} + a$   
so  $b \approx a$  ✓

T:  $a = \frac{n}{2} + b$  and  $b = \frac{m}{2} + c$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{m}{2} + c$$

$$a = \frac{n+m}{2} + c \quad \checkmark$$

(b) [4 pts] List 3 elements of the equivalence class containing  $1/2$ . Then, formally define the equivalence class using set builder notation.

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{2} + b \quad n=1, b \text{ has to be } 0$$

$$\left\{ \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{2} + b \quad n=-1, b \text{ has to be } 1$$

(c) [8 pts] Describe the equivalence classes formally. How many equivalence classes are there, and how many elements in each equivalence class? ~~If infinite, state whether countable or uncountable. Justify your answer.~~

$$\left[ \frac{11}{10} \right] \approx \frac{11}{10}, \frac{16}{10}, \frac{6}{10}, \frac{25}{10}, \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{n}{2} + \frac{11}{10} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$[0, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow \infty \text{ many}$$

for any  $R \in$

$$[r] = \left\{ \frac{n}{2} + r \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}^2$$

4. Mathematical Induction [18 Points]

Prove the statement below, by mathematical induction, for all positive integers  $n$ .

$$1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1$$

- (a) [6 Pts] State the base case and prove it.

$$n=1$$

$$1 \cdot 1! = (1+1)! - 1$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

- (b) [4 Pts] State what you assume and what you prove in the inductive step.

Assume  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1$

Prove  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + (n+1)(n+1)! = (n+2)! - 1$

- (c) [8 Pts] Now, prove the inductive step.

$$= (n+1)! - 1 + (n+1)(n+1)!$$

$$= (n+1)! (1 + (n+1)) - 1$$

$$= (n+2)! - 1$$

Prove

5. Strong Induction [18 Points]

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that a postage of  $n$  cents can be formed using just 3-cent and 11-cent stamps. Prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 21$ , using the steps below.

(a) Prove  $P(n)$  for all  $n \geq 21$  by *regular* induction.

i. [3 Pts] Prove  $P(21)$  to complete the basis step.

$$7 \cdot 3\text{¢} = 21\text{¢}$$

ii. [6 Pts] Prove  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$  for all  $k \geq 21$ .

$$\text{Case 1: } -1 \cdot 11\text{¢} + 4 \cdot 3\text{¢}$$

$$\text{Case 2: At least } 7 \cdot 3\text{¢} \\ -7 \cdot 3\text{¢} + 2 \cdot 11\text{¢}$$

If no 11¢, then because  $k \geq 21$ , we need 7 3¢ stamps.

(b) Now, prove  $P(n)$  for all  $n \geq 21$  by *strong* induction.

i. [3 Pts] Prove that  $P(21)$ ,  $P(22)$  and  $P(23)$  to complete the basis step.

$$P(21) = 7 \cdot 3\text{¢}$$

$$P(22) = 2 \cdot 11\text{¢}$$

$$P(23) = 4 \cdot 3\text{¢} + 11\text{¢}$$

ii. [6 Pts] Prove that for all  $k \geq 23$ , if  $P(j)$  is true for  $21 \leq j \leq k$ , then  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$$(k+1) - 3 \geq 21$$

So,  $P(k-2)$ , add a 3¢ stamp for  $k+1$  ¢

6. Structural Induction [24 Points]

Consider this inductive definition for a set of integers  $S$ .

**Base Case:**  $5 \in S$ .

**Inductive Step:** if  $m$  is in  $S$  and  $n$  is in  $S$ , then  $mn$  is in  $S$ .

Let  $A = \{5^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ . We prove that  $A = S$ .

(a) [12 Pts] Prove that  $A \subseteq S$  using mathematical induction. In other words, prove that for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $5^i \in S$ . Prove the basis and inductive steps clearly.

Base:  $i=1, 5^1 \in S \checkmark$

- Assume  $5^k \in S$ , prove  $5^{k+1} \in S$
- $5^k \in S, 5 \in S$
- so,  $5^k \cdot 5 = 5^{k+1} \in S$  (Def of  $S$ )  $\checkmark$

(b) [12 Pts] Prove that  $S \subseteq A$  using structural induction. In other words, prove that for all  $x \in S$ ,  $x = 5^i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Prove the basis and inductive steps clearly.

Base:  $5 = 5^1 \in A \checkmark$

Inductive: Assume  $n, m \in A$   
Prove  $m \cdot n \in A$

- Since  $n \in A$  so  $m = 5^x \rightarrow$  pos. int.  
 $n = 5^y$
- $m \cdot n = 5^y \cdot 5^x = 5^{y+x}$  •  $y+x$  is positive int.
- $5^{y+x} \in A \checkmark$