

## Problem 1

**Total: 20 points (5 points each)**

Answer the following exercises/problems in the book:

1. Exercise **0.1f** (page 25)
2. Exercise **0.1e** (page 25)
3. Exercise **0.6d** (page 26)
4. Exercise **0.6e** (page 26)

**Solution:**

1. The empty set.
2. The set of palindromes over the binary alphabet.
3. The range is  $\{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$   
The domain is  $\{(1, 6), (1, 7), (1, 8), (1, 9), (1, 10), (2, 6), (2, 7), (2, 8), (2, 9), (2, 10), (3, 6), (3, 7), (3, 8), (3, 9), (3, 10), (4, 6), (4, 7), (4, 8), (4, 9), (4, 10), (5, 6), (5, 7), (5, 8), (5, 9), (5, 10)\}$
4.  $g(4, f(4)) = g(4, 7) = 8$

## Problem 2

**Total: 40 points (20 points each)**

Prove the following by mathematical induction. For each solution, please specify your (1) base case; (2) induction hypothesis; and (3) inductive step.

1. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$5^n + 5 < 5^{n+1}$$

2. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i^2} = (-1)^n \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Solution:**

- We will prove by induction on  $n$  that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$5^n + 5 < 5^{n+1} \tag{1}$$

**Basis step:** We first prove that the statement holds when  $n = 1$ .

$$5^1 + 5 = 10 < 25 = 5^{1+1}$$

When  $n = 1$ , the left side of the inequality is  $5^1 + 5 = 10$ , and the right side is  $5^{1+1} = 25$ . The inequality holds for  $n = 1$ .

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that the inequality holds when  $n = k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$5^k + 5 < 5^{k+1}$$

**Inductive step:** We need to prove that the inequality holds for  $k + 1$  from our induction hypothesis. That is, we need to show

$$5^{k+1} + 5 < 5^{k+2} \tag{2}$$

Let us start from the LHS of (2).

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{k+1} + 5 &= 5(5^k + 5) - 20 && \text{(by algebra)} \\ &< 5(5^{k+1}) - 20 && \text{(by induction hypothesis)} \\ &= 5^{k+2} - 20 \\ &< 5^{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

We have derived the RHS of (2) from its LHS using the induction hypothesis. Thus, (1) holds for  $k + 1$  if it holds for  $k$ . Therefore, by the principle of mathematical induction, we have shown (1) is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

- We will prove by induction on  $n$  that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i i^2 = (-1)^n \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \tag{3}$$

**Basis step:** We first prove that the statement holds when  $n = 1$ .

$$(-1)^1 1^2 = -1 = (-1)^1 \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$$

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that the statement holds when  $n = k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i i^2 = (-1)^k \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

**Inductive step:** We now need to prove that (3) also works when  $n = k + 1$  from the induction hypothesis. That is,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^i i^2 = (-1)^k \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \tag{4}$$

Let us start from the LHS of (4).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^i i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i i^2 + (-1)^{k+1} (k+1)^2 \\ &= (-1)^k \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^{k+1} (k+1)^2 && \text{(by induction hypothesis)} \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} (k+1) \left( -\frac{k}{2} + k+1 \right) && \text{(by algebra)} \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} (k+1) \left( \frac{-k + 2k + 2}{2} \right) \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

We have derived the RHS of (4) from its LHS using the induction hypothesis. Thus, (3) holds for  $k+1$  if it holds for  $k$ . Therefore, by the principle of mathematical induction, we have shown (3) is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$