

# Practice final I

## I Carefully define or restate each statement

### a) A rational number $q \in \mathbb{Q}$

I don't know the actual answer lmao

**Solution:**  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  if there exists co-prime  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $b \neq 0$  such that  $q = \frac{a}{b}$

### b) Bezouts lemma

For some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$

### c) The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

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**Solution:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $n$  can be uniquely factorized into a product of prime powers  $p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_n e^{e_n}$  up to order where  $p_i$  are distinct primes and  $e_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

### d) A convergent sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

IDK!!!!!! confusing ass questions

**Solution:**  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  converges to  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  if for all  $\varepsilon > 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $|x_n - L| < \varepsilon$ .

### e) The principle of mathematical induction

Given a base case, assume that the statement holds for some value  $k$ , show that that implies that it also holds for  $k + 1$

**Solution:** Let  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $S = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} | n \geq l\}$ . If  $P(l)$  is true and  $P(k)$  being true implies  $P(k + 1)$  being true for some  $k \in S$ , then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in S$

## 2 Write the negation of each the following and prove or disprove the original

## statement

a) For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x + y < z$ , then  $x - y > z$

Take the negation  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } (x + y < z) \wedge (x - y \leq z)$

Let  $x = 0$ , then let  $z = |y| + 1$ , then  $x + y = y < |y| + 1$  and  $x - y = -y \leq |y| < |y| + 1$  showing that the negation is true, thus the original statement is false.

b)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{R}, xy > z$

Take the negation,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \exists z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } xy \leq z$

Let  $y = 0$  and let  $z = 1$ , then  $xy = 0 < 1 = z$  so  $xy \leq z$  holds and the original statement is false

3 Let  $f : A \mapsto B$  and  $g : B \mapsto C$  be functions. Prove or disprove each of the following:

a)  $\forall U \subseteq C, (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$

**Solution:** Assume the original statement, we show each inclusion in turn

- Assume  $x \notin f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ , so  $f(x) \notin g^{-1}(U)$  and  $g(f(x)) \notin U$ . It follows that  $x \notin (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ , so by contrapositive,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$
- Assume  $x \in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ . Then  $f(x) \in g^{-1}(U)$  and  $g(f(x)) \in U$  so  $g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$