

# MATH1081 - Assignment 1

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1. Prove that  $\{15m - 7 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a proper subset of  $\{5n + 3 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

**Proof:** We are required to prove that  $\{15m - 7 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a proper subset of  $\{5n + 3 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Let  $S = \{15m - 7 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and  $T = \{5n + 3 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Consider the set  $S$ , which can be manipulated as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \{15m - 7 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{15m - 10 + 3 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ S &= \{5(3m - 2) + 3 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x \in S$ . Because  $m$  is an integer, so too is  $3m - 2$ . Thus, let  $n = 3m - 2$ . Therefore,  $x \in T$ , because  $x \in S$ . Therefore  $S \subseteq T$ .

Assume that  $T \subseteq S$ . By definition, every element of  $T$  must also be an element of  $S$ . Select  $n = 0$ . This gives the element  $y = 3$ , where  $y \in T$ , clearly. In order for  $y \in S$ , we must satisfy  $15m - 7 = 3$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $m = \frac{4}{5}$ , which is clearly not an integer. Thus,  $y \notin S$ , and hence our assumption that  $T \subseteq S$  is incorrect. Hence,  $T \not\subseteq S$ , and so  $S \neq T$ .

A proper subset of a set  $A$ , is a set  $B$ , where  $B \subseteq A$ , and  $A \neq B$ . Thus, as  $S \subseteq T$ , and  $S \neq T$ , then clearly,  $S$  is a proper subset of  $T$ . □

2. A relation  $\preceq$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$x \preceq y \text{ if and only if } y = x + k \text{ for some integer } k \geq 0.$$

Prove that  $\preceq$  is a partial order.

**Proof:** We are required to prove that a relation  $\preceq$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $x \preceq y$  if and only if  $y = x + k$ , for some integer  $k \geq 0$ . In order to prove  $\preceq$  is a partial order, we must prove that  $\preceq$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric, and transitive. As a result, the proof will be completed by proving these properties hold for  $\preceq$ . Select  $k = 0$ . Therefore  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k \geq 0$ .

Reflexive: A partial order defined on a set  $S$  is reflexive if  $\forall x \in S, x \preceq x$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . For all real numbers,  $a = a$ , which can be written as  $a = a + 0$ , which is also equivalent to  $a = a + k$ , based on the selection of  $k$ . Thus,  $a \preceq a$ . Therefore,  $\preceq$  is reflexive.

Anti-Symmetric: A partial order defined on a set  $S$  is anti-symmetric if  $\forall x, y \in S, x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$  implies  $x = y$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \preceq b$ , and  $b \preceq a$ . We can rewrite these statements as  $b = a + k$ , and  $a = b + k$ . Based on the selection of  $k$ , the previous statements become  $b = a$ , and  $a = b$ . Thus,  $a \preceq b$  and  $b \preceq a$  implies  $a = b$ . Therefore,  $\preceq$  is anti-symmetric.

Transitive: A partial order defined on a set  $S$  is transitive if  $\forall x, y, z \in S, x \preceq y$ , and  $y \preceq z$  implies  $x \preceq z$ . Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \preceq b$ , and  $b \preceq c$ . These statements can be written as  $b = a + k$ , and  $c = b + k$ . With the selection of  $k$ ,  $b = a$ , and  $c = b$ . Therefore  $c = a$ , which can be written as  $c = a + k$ , from the selection of  $k$ . Thus,  $a \preceq c$ , and so  $a \preceq b$ , and  $b \preceq c$  imply  $a \preceq c$ . Therefore,  $\preceq$  is transitive.

As  $\preceq$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric, and transitive,  $\preceq$  is a partial order. □

3. Prove that for an integer  $k \geq 0$

$$(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k = (16k + 16)5^k.$$

Hence simplify

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)5^k.$$

**Proof:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $k \geq 0$ . Let  $P(k)$  be the predicate

$$(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k = (16k + 16)5^k.$$

Consider the LHS of  $P(k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k \\ &= 5^k [(4(k+1) - 1)5 - (4k - 1)] \\ &= 5^k [(4k + 4 - 1)5 - 4k - 1] \\ &= 5^k [20k + 15 - 4k - 1] \\ &= 5^k [16k + 16] \\ &= (16k + 16)5^k \\ &= \text{RHS of } P(k) \end{aligned}$$

This clearly verifies that  $P(k)$  is true  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k \geq 0$ .

Consider again the predicate  $P(k)$ , which we have previously proved true, and thus we shall label it now the statement  $S(k)$ , after swapping the LHS and RHS.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(16k + 16)5^k] &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k] \quad [\text{Summing from 0 to } n-1] \\ 16 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(k+1)5^k] &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k] \\ \text{RHS} &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1} - (4k - 1)5^k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4(k+1) - 1)5^{k+1}] - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4k - 1)5^k] \quad [\text{Splitting the summation by term}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n [(4k - 1)5^k] - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(4k - 1)5^k] \quad [\text{Changing the summation index}] \\ &= (4n - 1)5^n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(4k - 1)5^k] - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(4k - 1)5^k] - (4(0) - 1)5^0 \\ &= (4n - 1)5^n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

The statement  $S(k)$  now becomes  $16 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(k+1)5^k] = (4n-1)5^n + 1$ , and thus the simplification of  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)5^k$  is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(k+1)5^k] = \frac{1}{16} [(4n-1)5^n + 1]$$

This completes the proof. □