

Q5 $n^3 < 3^n$ for all $n \geq 4$

Sol: The proof is by induction on n .

For $n=4$, note that $n^3 < 3^n$ becomes $4^3 < 3^4$, that is $64 < 81$, which is true.
So the result is true for $n=4$.

Let $k \geq 4$ be a natural number. Suppose that the result is true for $n=k$.
That is, suppose that $\boxed{k^3 < 3^k}$. (We want to prove that the result is true for $n=k+1$) (We want to justify that $\boxed{(k+1)^3 < 3^{k+1}}$)

$$\left[(k+1)^3 = \underline{k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1} < 3^k + \boxed{3k^2 + 3k + 1} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{3^{k+1}}{3 \cdot 3^k} \right]$$

induction hypothesis

$$3^{k+1} = 3 \cdot 3^k \stackrel{?}{>} 3k^3 \stackrel{?}{>} k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \quad \left| \quad 2k^3 > \boxed{3k^2 + 3k + 1} \right.$$

$k \geq 3 \quad k^3 > 3k^2$
 $k^3 > 3k + 1$
 $k^3 > k^2$
 $\boxed{k^2 > 3k + 1}$
 $\left(k - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = k^2 - 3k + \frac{9}{4} > 0$
 $k^2 - 3k - 1$

$k^2 - 3k - 1 = \left(k - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{13}{4}$

$k^2 - 3k - 1 = 0$

$k = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$

$k > \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$

$\boxed{k^2 - 3k - 1 > 0 \text{ for } k \geq 4}$

$2k - 3 \quad k > \frac{3}{2}$

Note that

$$3^{k+1} = 3 \cdot 3^k > 3 \cdot k^3 = k^3 + \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{By induction hypothesis} \\ "k^3 < 3^k"}}{k^3} + k^3 > k^3 + 3k^2 + \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ k^3 > 3k^2 \text{ because } k > 3}}{k^3} > k^3 + 3k^2 + \boxed{k^2}$$

$k^3 > k^2$ because $k > 1$

$$> k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 = (k+1)^3$$

$k^2 > 3k + 1$ because $k^2 - 3k - 1 > 0$ (by calculus)

Hence we have justified that $(k+1)^3 < 3^{k+1}$, as desired

Consequently, the ^{result} ~~question~~ follows by induction

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \mathcal{P} = \mathbb{Z}[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i\}$$

$$1 + 3x - x^{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{3}x \notin \mathcal{P}$$

$$\boxed{p(x) \sim q(x) \iff p(x) - q(x) = c \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$1 + x + 7x^2 \not\sim 8 + x + 6x^3$$

$$1 + x + 7x^2 \sim 8 + x + 7x^2$$

(a)

\sim reflexive, symmetric, transitive?

reflexive: Let $p(x) \in \mathcal{P}$ Is $p(x) \sim p(x)$? Check $p(x) - p(x) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$
So $p(x) \sim p(x)$

Hence \sim is reflexive

symmetric: Let $p(x), q(x) \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $p(x) \sim q(x)$. Is $q(x) \sim p(x)$?

From $p(x) \sim q(x)$, $p(x) - q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$. As $p(x) - q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$, $-(p(x) - q(x)) \in \mathbb{Z}$ too, so $q(x) - p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence $q(x) \sim p(x)$. Thus \sim is symmetric.

transitive: Let $p(x) \sim q(x)$ and $q(x) \sim r(x)$ $\exists p(x), q(x), r(x) \in \mathcal{P}$. Then

$\underbrace{p(x) - q(x)}_{\text{an integer}} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\underbrace{q(x) - r(x)}_{\text{an integer}} \in \mathbb{Z}$. As the sum of two integers is again an integer, $p(x) - q(x) + q(x) - r(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $p(x) - r(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Hence $p(x) \sim r(x)$. Thus \sim is transitive

(b) \sim is an equivalence relation on \mathcal{P} . Let $\underline{p(x)} \in \mathcal{P}$. Its equivalence

class is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{p(x)}_{\sim} &= \left\{ q(x) \in \mathcal{P} \mid \begin{array}{c} p(x) \sim q(x) \\ p(x) - q(x) \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ q(x) \in \mathcal{P} \mid p(x) - q(x) = c \right\} \\ &= \left\{ p(x) - c \mid c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ p(x) = a_0 + \boxed{a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So $[p(x)]_{\sim} = \{ p(x) - c \mid c \in \mathbb{Z} \} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $p(x) - c \mapsto c$ is a bijection.

So $|[p(x)]_{\sim}| = |\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ infinite countable

$$(c) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\sim} = \{ [p(x)]_{\sim} \mid \underline{p(x) \in \mathcal{P}} \}$$

$$\boxed{7+x}_{\sim}$$

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$$p(x) \not\sim q(x) \Rightarrow [p(x)]_{\sim} \neq [q(x)]_{\sim}$$

$[x]_{\sim}, [x^2]_{\sim}, [x^3]_{\sim}, [x^4]_{\sim}, \dots, [x^n]_{\sim}, \dots$ are all distinct

So in \mathcal{P}_{\sim} there are at least $|\mathbb{N}|$ many elements. So $|\mathcal{P}_{\sim}| \geq |\mathbb{N}|$

For instance $[x^2+x]_{\sim}$ is also not equal to any of the above classes

In \mathcal{P}_{\sim} there are at most $|\mathcal{P}|$ elements

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$ = the set of polynomials

$$\mathbb{Z}[x] - \{0\} = \bigcup_{d=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_d$$

\mathcal{P}_d = the set of polynomials in \mathcal{P} of degree d .

$$\mathcal{P}_d \longrightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}}_{d+1 \text{ times}}$$

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_dx^d \mapsto (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$$

This map is bijective

$$|\mathcal{P}_d| = |\underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}}_{d+1 \text{ times}}| = |\mathbb{N}|, \quad \mathcal{P}_d = \text{countable.}$$

countable because "the cartesian product of finitely many countable sets is countable"

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{Z}[x] = \{0\} \cup \bigcup_{d=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_d$$

In the union we have the sets $\{0\}, P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n, \dots$ which are countably many. Each of these sets is countable.

As "the union of countably many countable sets is countable",

$P = \mathcal{U}(x)$ is countable. So $|P| = |\mathbb{N}|$

As $|P/\sim| \leq |P|$, $|P/\sim| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$

Consequently, $|P/\sim| = |\mathbb{N}|$

6// Recall that $|A| = |\mathbb{R}|$ (It is enough to assume A is infinite)
Any infinite set A contains an infinite countable subset"

Choose an element $a_1 \in A$.

$A - \{a_1\} \neq \emptyset$, choose an element $a_2 \in A - \{a_1\}$

$A - \{a_1, a_2\} \neq \emptyset$ " $a_3 \in A - \{a_1, a_2\}$

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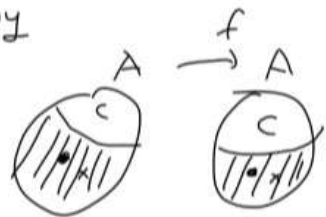
$a_{n+1} \in A - \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

So $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$ is an infinite countable subset of A

Take a countable infinite subset $C = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n, \dots\} \subseteq A$

Consider the function $f: A \rightarrow A$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \notin C \\ a_{k-1} & \text{if } x = a_k \text{ and } k > 1 \\ a_1 & \text{if } x = a_1 \end{cases}$$



Note that f is onto but not one-to-one
 $f(a_1) = a_1 = f(a_2)$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 f \downarrow \\
 A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots, a_n, \dots\} \cup (A - C) \\
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 \end{array}$$

5(a) $A \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \emptyset$. Show that $|A| \leq |A \times B|$

(Recall that $|U| \leq |V|$ iff there is an injective map $U \rightarrow V$)

As $B \neq \emptyset$, B has an element. Choose an element $b_0 \in B$. Consider the map $f: A \rightarrow A \times B$ given by $f(a) = (a, b_0)$.
Note that f is one to one.

5(b) $A = \mathbb{N}$ countable, $|B| = |\mathbb{R}|$. Show that $|A \cup B| = |\mathbb{R}|$

As the inclusion $B \rightarrow A \cup B$ is one to one, $|B| \leq |A \cup B|$.

So $|\mathbb{R}| \leq |A \cup B|$.

We try to find an injective map $A \cup B \rightarrow B$.
Choose an infinite countable subset $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n, \dots\}$ of B . (because any infinite set contains a countable infinite subset)

Case I: A is infinite
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$$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$$

Case II: A is finite (exercise)

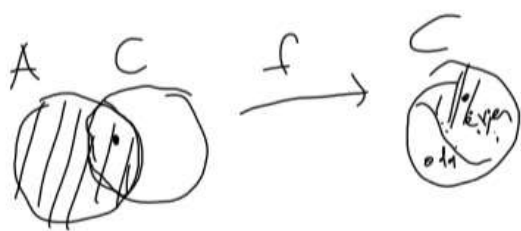
$$A \cup C = \overbrace{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots} \quad \overbrace{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n, \dots}$$

$$C = c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$$

Consider the map $f: A \cup C \rightarrow C$ given by

$$f(a_k) = c_{2k} \quad \text{and} \quad f(c_k) = c_{2k-1} \quad \text{if } c_k \notin A$$

(i.e. if $c_k \in C - A$)



$$\left(\begin{array}{l} f(x) = f(y) \\ x \notin A \quad \text{Why?} \quad \text{Exercise!} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} a_1 \rightarrow c_2 \\ a_2 \rightarrow c_4 \\ c_3 \rightarrow c_1 \end{array}$$

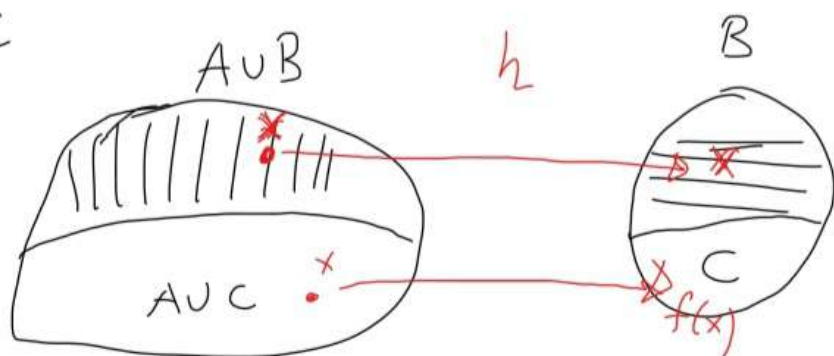
$$C \subseteq B$$

$$h: A \cup B \rightarrow B$$

$$A \cup C \rightarrow C$$

Note that

$$A \cup B - A \cup C \subseteq B - C$$



Note that the map $h: A \cup B \rightarrow B$ given by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \notin A \cup C \\ f(x) & \text{if } x \in A \cup C \end{cases}$$

is injective. So $|A \cup B| \leq |B| = |\mathbb{R}|$