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HW 11: Due 11/10

*“Mathematics is the art of giving the same name to different things.”*

*—Henri Poincaré*

**Problem 1.** (10pt) Consider the relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $a + c = b + d$ .

- (a) What assumptions does this relation need to satisfy to be an equivalence relation?
- (b) Is  $(1, 0) \sim (3, 4)$ ? Explain.
- (c) Is  $(-2, 1) \sim (1, 1)$ ? Explain.
- (d) Is this relation symmetric? Explain.
- (e) Is this relation reflective? Explain.

**Solution.**

- (a) A relation  $\sim$  on a set  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation, if for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$ ,
  - (i) *Reflexive*:  $x \sim x$
  - (ii) *Symmetric*: if  $x \sim y$ , then  $y \sim x$ .
  - (iii) *Transitive*: if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ , then  $x \sim z$ .
- (b) We know that  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $a + c = b + d$ . Observe that  $4 = 1 + 3 = 0 + 4 = 4$ . Therefore,  $(1, 0) \sim (3, 4)$ .
- (c) We know that  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $a + c = b + d$ . Observe that  $-1 = -2 + 1 \neq 1 + 1 = 2$ . Therefore,  $(-2, 1) \not\sim (1, 1)$ .
- (d) A relation on a set  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $(\mathcal{R}, \sim)$ , is symmetric if and only if for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$ , if  $x \sim y$ , then  $y \sim x$ . Assume  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ . We then know that  $a + c = b + d$ . But  $a + c = c + a$  and  $b + d = d + b$ . Then we know that  $c + a = d + b$ , which implies that  $(c, d) \sim (a, b)$ .
- (e) This relation is *not* reflective. Recall that a relation on a set  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $(\mathcal{R}, \sim)$ , is reflexive if  $x \sim x$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{R}$ . Consider  $(0, 1) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . We do not have  $(0, 1) \sim (0, 1)$ , so that  $(\sim, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$  is not reflexive and thus not an equivalence relation. We know  $(0, 1) \not\sim (0, 1)$  because  $0 = 0 + 0 \neq 1 + 1 = 2$ .  
Generally, let  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $(a, b) \sim (a, b)$ , then  $2a = a + a = b + b = 2b$ . This implies that  $2a = 2b$ , so that  $a = b$ . Therefore, if  $(a, b) \sim (a, b)$ , then  $a = b$ . Conversely, consider  $(a, a) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . We know that  $(a, a) \sim (a, a)$  because  $2a = a + a = a + a = 2a$ . Therefore,  $(a, b) \sim (a, b)$  if and only if  $a = b$ .

**Problem 2.** (10pt) Showing all your work, compute the following:

(a)  $\sum_{k=-3}^{100} 5$

(b)  $\sum_{k=0}^{200} k^2$

(c)  $\sum_{k=100}^{200} k$

(d)  $\sum_{k=0}^{150} (2k - 3)$

**Solution.** Let  $\{a_k\}, \{b_k\}$  be sequences and  $c \in \mathcal{R}$ . Recall the following formulas:

$$\sum_{k=a}^b (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=a}^b a_k + \sum_{k=a}^b b_k, \quad \sum_{k=a}^b ca_k = c \sum_{k=a}^b a_k, \quad \sum_{k=a}^b c = (b-a+1)c, \quad \sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

(a) Using the third formula from above, we have...

$$\sum_{k=-3}^{100} 5 = 5(100 - (-3) + 1) = 5 \cdot 104 = 520$$

(b) Using the last formula above, we have...

$$\sum_{k=0}^{200} k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \Big|_{n=200} = \frac{200(200+1)(2 \cdot 200 + 1)}{6} = \frac{200 \cdot 201 \cdot 401}{6} = 2,686,700$$

(c) Index shifting the summation and applying the first, fourth, and third formulae above, we have...

$$\sum_{k=100}^{200} k = \sum_{k=0}^{100} (k+100) = \sum_{k=0}^{100} k + \sum_{k=0}^{100} 100 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Big|_{n=100} + 100(100-0+1) = \frac{100(101)}{2} + 100(101) = 5,050 + 10,100 = 15,150$$

Alternatively, we can use the fact that for  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a < b$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^b a_k = \sum_{k=0}^a a_k + \sum_{k=a}^b a_k$ , i.e.  $\sum_{k=a}^b a_k = \sum_{k=0}^b a_k - \sum_{k=0}^a a_k$ . Using this observation and the fourth formula above, we have...

$$\sum_{k=100}^{200} k = \sum_{k=0}^{200} k - \sum_{k=0}^{99} k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Big|_{n=200} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Big|_{n=99} = \frac{200(201)}{2} - \frac{99(100)}{2} = 20,100 - 4,950 = 15,150$$

(d) Applying the first, second, fourth, and third formulae from above, we have...

$$\sum_{k=0}^{150} (2k-3) = \sum_{k=0}^{150} 2k - \sum_{k=0}^{150} 3 = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{150} k - \sum_{k=0}^{150} 3 = 2 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Big|_{n=150} - 3(150-0+1) = 2 \cdot 11,325 - 3 \cdot 151 = 22,650 - 453 = 22,197$$

**Problem 3.** (10pt) Showing all your work, find a closed-form expression for the following sum:

$$\sum_{k=2}^n (2k^2 - k + 4n)$$

**Solution.** Let  $\{a_k\}, \{b_k\}$  be sequences and  $c \in \mathcal{R}$ . Recall the following formulas:

$$\sum_{k=a}^b (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=a}^b a_k + \sum_{k=a}^b b_k, \quad \sum_{k=a}^b c a_k = c \sum_{k=a}^b a_k, \quad \sum_{k=a}^b c = (b-a+1)c, \quad \sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Index shifting the summation and using the formulae above, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^n (2k^2 - k + 4n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2(k+2)^2 - (k+2) + 4n) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2(k^2 + 4k + 4) - (k+2) + 4n) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2k^2 + 8k + 8 - k - 2 + 4n) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2k^2 + 7k + (6 + 4n)) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2k^2 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 7k + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (6 + 4n) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} k^2 + 7 \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} k + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (4n + 6) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} \Big|_{N=n-2} + 7 \cdot \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \Big|_{N=n-2} + (4n+6) \cdot ((n-2) - 0 + 1) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{(n-2)(n-1)(2(n-2)+1)}{6} + 7 \cdot \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2} + (4n+6)(n-1) \\ &= \frac{(n-2)(n-1)(2n-4+1)}{3} + \frac{7(n-2)(n-1)}{2} + (4n+6)(n-1) \\ &= \frac{(n-2)(n-1)(2n-3)}{3} + \frac{7(n-2)(n-1)}{2} + (4n+6)(n-1) \\ &= \frac{4n^3 + 27n^2 - 25n - 6}{6} \end{aligned}$$