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**HW3-#1:** (10 Points)

**i) Determine the truth value of each of the following statements if the universe is the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all integers. If true, prove it. If false, write out the negation and prove that the negation is true.**

a)  $\forall n, \exists m$  such that  $(n + m < 10)$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, m \in \{-\infty, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$ , leaving us with two cases:

1) If  $n = 10$ , then  $10 + m < 10$  for the statement to be true. So, if we let  $m = -1$ , then

$10 + m < 10$  is true, because  $10 + (-1)$  is 9, and  $9 < 10$ .

2) If  $n \neq 10$ , then  $n < 10$  or  $n > 10$ .

2.1) For  $n < 10$ , let  $m = 0$ . Here,  $n + m = n + 0 = n < 10$ .  $\therefore n + m < 10$ .

2.2) For  $n > 10$ ,  $n = (10 + k)$ , where  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty\}$ . Here, let  $m = (-10 - k)$ .

$$\therefore n + m \in \{(11 + (-11)), (12 + (-12)), \dots\} = 0 < 10. \therefore n + m < 10.$$

So, for all  $n$ , there does exist  $m$  such that  $n + m < 10$ , making the statement true.

b)  $\exists n$  such that  $\forall m, (n + m < 10)$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, m \in \{-\infty, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$ . If we negate the above statement, we get:

$\forall n, \exists m$  such that  $(n + m \geq 10)$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , for which there are two cases:

1) If  $n = 10$ ,  $10 + m \geq 10$ . Letting  $m = 0$ , we have  $10 + 0 = 10 \geq 10$ .  $\therefore n + m \geq 10$ .

2) If  $n \neq 10$ , then  $n < 10$  or  $n > 10$ .

2.1) If  $n < 10$ , then  $n = (10 - k)$ , where  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty\}$ . Let  $m = k$ , so

$$n + m = (10 - k + k) = 10 \geq 10. \therefore n + m \geq 10.$$

**2.2)** If  $n > 10$ , let  $m = 0$ .  $\therefore n + m = n \geq 10$ , and  $n + m \geq 10$ .

So, the negation of the statement is true, meaning that the statement is false.

**c)**  $\exists n, \exists m$  such that  $(n^2 + m^2 = 6)$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $6 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $6 = (0 + 6) = (1 + 5) = (2 + 4) = (3 + 3)$ .  $\pm \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}$  are not members of set  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\therefore n + m \neq \pm \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}$ , so  $(n^2 + m^2 \neq 6)$  when  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So, the statement above is false.

**d)**  $\exists n$  such that  $\forall m, (nm = 0)$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, m \in \{-\infty, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$ . So, if we let  $n = 0$ ,  $nm = 0$  for any  $m$ .

This is intrinsically true for all integers, where any integer multiplied by 0 becomes 0.

So, for all  $m$ , this statement is true.

**e)**  $\forall m, (m \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists n$  such that  $(mn = 1))$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If we negate the statement, we get:  $\exists m, (m \neq 0 \wedge \forall n, (mn \neq 1))$ .

Since  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, m \in \{-\infty, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$ . So, if we let  $m = 2$ , we have three cases:

**1)** If  $n < 0$ ,  $mn = 2k$ , where  $k \in \{-\infty, \dots, -3, -2, -1\}$ , so  $mn \neq 1$ .

**2)** If  $n > 0$ ,  $mn = 2l$ , where  $l \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty\}$ , so  $mn \neq 1$ .

**3)** If  $n = 0$ ,  $mn = 0$ , so  $mn \neq 1$ .

So, the negation of the statement is true in all cases, meaning that the statement itself is false.

**ii) In the set  $\mathbb{R}$ , would item b, c, or e be any different with regards to truth value?**

b) **No:** For  $n + m < 10$ , for only one value of  $n$ ,  $n$  must equal  $-\infty$  since  $m$  can go onto  $\infty$ .

Since  $n$  cannot be equal to  $-\infty$ , the statement cannot be true in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

c) **Yes:**  $\pm\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $n, m$  can both be equal to  $\sqrt{3}$ .  $\therefore (n^2 + m^2 = 6)$ , because  $3 + 3 = 6$ . So, there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the statement is true.

e) **Yes:**  $\forall m \in \mathbb{R}, m \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{R}$  could be set to  $(1/m)$ , meaning  $mn = 1$  always.

### **HW2-#6:** (5 Points)

**Prove that if  $(4n - 4)$  is not divisible by 8, then  $n$  must be even, where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .**

- So, as a statement, this can be read as  $\frac{4n - 4}{8} \notin \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n = 2k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- If we contrapose, we have that  $n = (2k + 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \frac{4n - 4}{8} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- By factoring out a 4, we see that  $\frac{4n - 4}{8} = \frac{n - 1}{2}$ .  $\therefore n = (2k + 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \frac{n - 1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ;

From here, we can substitute  $n$  in the antecedent for  $n$  in the consequent:

- $n = (2k + 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \frac{2k + 1 - 1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z} = k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which is true.
- So, if  $n = (2k + 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\frac{4n - 4}{8} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , making the statement's contrapositive implication true:  $n = (2k + 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \frac{4n - 4}{8} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\therefore$  The statement itself is true, by nature of contrapositives, and so if  $(4n - 4)$  is not divisible by 8, then  $n$  must be even, where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**HW9-#4: (5 Points)**

**Prove Theorem 16.7, which states for two functions,  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$**

➤ **If both  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one functions, then  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one as well.**

➤ **If both  $f$  and  $g$  are onto functions, then  $g \circ f$  is onto as well.**

**1)** If both  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one, then  $\forall a_{1,2} \in A, f(a_1) = f(a_2) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2$  and

$$\forall b_{1,2} \in B, g(b_1) = g(b_2) \rightarrow b_1 = b_2.$$

i.  $g \circ f = g(f(a))$ , where  $f(a) = b$ . Since  $f$  is one-to-one,  $f(a_1) = b_1 \neq b_2 = f(a_2)$ . So,  $g(f(a_1))$  can be taken as equivalent to  $g(b_1)$ , which, since  $g$  is also one-to-one, is equal to  $c_1$ , and  $c_1 \neq c_2 = g(b_2)$ , where  $c_{1,2} \in C$ .

ii. So,  $g(b_1) \neq g(b_2)$ , meaning  $g(f(a_1)) \neq g(f(a_2))$  when  $a_1 \neq a_2$ .  $\therefore a_1 \neq a_2 \rightarrow g(f(a_1)) \neq g(f(a_2))$ , and, by contrapositive,  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2)) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2$ .

So,  $g \circ f$  is therefore one-to-one.

**2)** If both  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, then  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B$  such that  $f(a) = b$ , and

$$\forall b \in B, \exists c \in C \text{ such that } g(b) = c.$$

i.  $g \circ f = g(f(a))$ , where  $f(a) = b$ . Since  $f$  is onto,  $g(f(a)) = g(b)$  for all  $a \in A$ . Since  $g$  is also onto,  $g(b) = c$  for all  $c \in C$ .

ii.  $\therefore \forall a \in A, g(f(a)) = c$ . If  $g \circ f$  is onto, then  $\forall a \in A, \exists c \in C$  such that  $g(f(a)) = c$ , which is true.

So,  $g \circ f$  is therefore onto.

**HW5-#2:**

**8.14) Define the set A:  $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\})$  (5 Points)**

- $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\})$  can be interpreted as a collection of elements:
  - $\{x : \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\}\}$ , which is the set of all elements in  $\mathbb{R}$  that are not integers, including zero. Explicitly, the elements of  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\})$  are non-integer members of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- So,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\})$  is all elements in  $\mathbb{R}$  that are not non-integers, or all elements that are integers.
  - It can be interpreted symbolically as:
 
$$(x \in \mathbb{R}) \wedge (x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, n - 1, n\}))$$
- So, the set A contains all elements in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that those elements are integers, so
 
$$\{x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{x : x \in A\}$$
, meaning that  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore, set A can be defined as  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the set of all integers  $\{-\infty, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$ .

**HW8-#2: (5 Points)**

**What integers have a multiplicative inverse modulo 12?**

- To rewrite, this problem asks: For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ , for which  $a$  does  $\exists a^{-1}$  such that  $a(a^{-1}) = 1 \pmod{12}$ , where  $1 \pmod{12} \equiv 12k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  in this case represents the ring of equivalence classes on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , up to 12;
 
$$\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$$

- If  $a = 1$ ,  $a^{-1} = 1$ , so  $a(a^{-1}) = 1 \bmod 12$ .  $\therefore 1$  has an inverse modulo 12.
- If  $a = 5$ ,  $a^{-1} = 5$ , so  $a(a^{-1}) = 25 \equiv 1 \bmod 12$ .  $\therefore 5$  has an inverse modulo 12.
- If  $a = 7$ ,  $a^{-1} = 7$ , so  $a(a^{-1}) = 49 \equiv 1 \bmod 12$ .  $\therefore 7$  has an inverse modulo 12.
- If  $a = 11$ ,  $a^{-1} = 11$ , so  $a(a^{-1}) = 121 \equiv 1 \bmod 12$ .  $\therefore 11$  has an inverse modulo 12.

So, the integers with multiplicative inverses modulo 12 are all integers that are relatively prime with 12—meaning that  $\gcd(12, a) = 1$  for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ —and, by extension, all integers not in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  equivalent modulo 12 to a value with an inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  also have inverses modulo 12.

(Here, “gcd” is shorthand for “greatest common divisor.”)

- For example,  $23 \bmod 12 \equiv 11 \bmod 12$ ,  $\therefore 23$  has a multiplicative inverse—11—modulo 12.

Therefore, in general, all integers  $\{x: x \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(12, x) = 1\}$  have multiplicative inverses modulo 12.

### **HW8-#5: (5 points)**

**F:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3/7\}$  is defined by:  $F(x) = \frac{x+2}{7x-3}$ . What is the range of function F?**

- Consider what this function states:

- $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y = \frac{x+2}{7x-3}$  if and only if  $x = \frac{-3y-2}{1-7y}$ .

- This algebraic manipulation is as follows:

- 1)  $y(7x - 3) = x + 2$

- 2)  $7xy - 3y = x + 2$

- 3)  $x - 7xy = -3y - 2$

$$4) \quad x(1 - 7y) = -3y - 2, \therefore x = \frac{-3y - 2}{1 - 7y}$$

➤ In other terms, this means that  $y(7x - 3) = x + 2$  if and only if  $x(1 - 7y) = -3y - 2$ .

- So, using this, we can substitute into our original conditional statement:

$$x = \frac{-3y - 2}{1 - 7y} \text{ if and only if } x(1 - 7y) = -3y - 2.$$

- $\therefore$  when  $y = 1/7$ ,  $x(1 - 7y) \neq -3y - 2$ , so  $y = 1/7$  is not in the range of  $F$ .

➤ However, what about when  $y \neq 1/7$ ?

- When  $y \neq 1/7$ ,  $x = \frac{-3y - 2}{1 - 7y} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x(1 - 7y) = -3y - 2$ , meaning

$$x = \frac{-3y - 2}{1 - 7y} \text{ if and only if } x(1 - 7y) = -3y - 2 \text{ is satisfied.}$$

- So,  $y \neq 1/7$  is in the range of  $F$ , meaning that  $\{y: y \in \mathbb{R}, y \neq 1/7\}$  is the range of  $F$ .

➤ So, the range of function  $F$  can be taken as  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1/7\}$ .

➤ Check by seeing if  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3/7\}$  when  $y = 1/7$ :

$$1) \quad 1/7 = \frac{x+2}{7x-3}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{7x+3}{7} = x+2$$

$$3) \quad x - 3/7 = x + 2$$

$$4) \quad x = x + 17/7; \text{ this equation has no real solution.}$$

- $x \notin \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3/7\}$  when  $y = 1/7$ , so  $y = 1/7$  cannot be in the range of  $F$ .

So, the range of  $F$ :  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3/7\}$  is  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1/7\}$ .

**HW4-#1: (5 Points)**

A function  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined to be increasing if and only if it satisfies:

$$\forall x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, (x_1 < x_2 \rightarrow F(x_1) < F(x_2)).$$

a) Negate the definition above.

- $\exists x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, (x_1 < x_2 \wedge F(x_1) \geq F(x_2)).$

b) Prove that  $F(x)$  is not increasing when  $F(x) = x^2$ .

- Check: Does  $F(x)$  satisfy the negation above? If so, then  $F(x)$  is not increasing.

- i.  $\exists x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, (x_1 < x_2 \wedge x_1^2 \geq x_2^2)?$

- ii. Let  $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1; -1, 1 \in \mathbb{R}$

- iii.  $x_1^2 = 1, x_2^2 = 1$ , so  $(-1 < 1 \wedge 1 \geq 1)$ ,  $\therefore$  condition i) is satisfied.

- So, there exist two values for which the function  $F(x) = x^2$  satisfies the negation of the definition of an increasing function. Therefore, the function  $F$  is not increasing.

**HW7-#2: (5 Points)**

a) Prove that for  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $m \neq 0$ , and  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\gcd(mk, nk) = k(\gcd(m, n))$

1) Recall that for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $m, n \neq 0$ ,  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$xm + yn = \gcd(m, n).$$

2) Use this to rewrite the claim:  $\gcd(mk, nk) = k(\gcd(m, n))$  can be written as

$$kxm + kyn = k(xm + yn)$$

which is true for all  $k, x, y, m$ , and  $n$  by the distributive law of multiplication.

$\therefore$  the claim is true for all m, n, and k, so  $\gcd(mk, nk) = k(\gcd(m, n))$ .

3) Note that this is true when both  $m, n \neq 0$ . Since  $m \neq 0$ , and the  $\gcd(m, n)$  is d, where d is an integer that divides both m, n, then  $n \neq 0$  when  $m \neq 0$ . This is because there does not exist any integer d that divides both an integer m and 0.

b) **Prove that  $d = \gcd(m, n) \rightarrow d$  divides  $\gcd(m + kd, n + ld)$ , where  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ .**

1) If  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ , then m, n must be multiples of d, and can be rewritten as such:

$$m = wd, n = zd, \text{ where } w, z \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2) So,  $\gcd(m + kd, n + ld) = \gcd(wd + kd, zd + ld) = \gcd(d(w + k), d(z + l))$ .

3) Since w, z, k, and l are integers, their sums are also integers, meaning

$\gcd(d(w + k), d(z + l))$  is the greatest common divisor of two multiples of d, meaning

$$\gcd(d(w + k), d(z + l)) = id, i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

4) Since id is a multiple of d, it follows that d divides id when  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ .

$\therefore d = \gcd(m, n) \rightarrow d$  divides  $\gcd(m + kd, n + ld)$ .

### **HW10-#1: (5 Points)**

**Prove that if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $r \neq 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$  holds true.**

➤ Here, let  $p(n) := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$ , which can be interpreted as

$$r^0 + r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1} = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}.$$

➤ Let  $p(n_0) = p(1) := r^0 = \frac{1 - r}{1 - r}$ , which is true for all  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ .

- Now, assume that  $p(n)$  holds true for all subsequent values of  $n$ , where  $n \geq n_0$ .

From here, we can substitute  $n + 1$  for  $n$  in our equation  $p(n)$ :

$$r^0 + r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^n = \frac{1 - r(r^n)}{1 - r}$$

➤ Now, for this  $p(n + 1)$ , let  $p(n_0 + 1) = p(2) := r^0 + r^1 = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - r}$

- $p(2) := 1 + r = \frac{(1 - r)(1 + r)}{1 - r}$  which is true for all  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ .

- So,  $p(n_0) \rightarrow p(n_0 + 1)$ , and  $p(n_0)$ ,  $p(n_0 + 1)$  are true.

➤ So, if we assume that  $p(n)$  is true for all  $n > n_0$  as well, then we can induce that

$p(n) \rightarrow p(n + 1)$  where  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $\mathbb{N}$  being the set of natural numbers,  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty\}$ ).

➤ Therefore, if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$ .