Problem Set 2 Solution

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Question 1

a.

b. Predicate Logic: $\forall k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, Prime(p) \land p^k < n < p^k + p \Rightarrow gcd(p^k, n) = 1$

Let $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume Prime(p), and $p^k < n < p^k + p$.

Then, p^k can either be divided by 1 or p by fact 3.

Since, $p^k < n < p^k + p$, n cannot be written in multiples of p.

Then, it follows from the definition of divisibility that $p \nmid n$.

Since $p \nmid n$, but $1 \mid p^k$ and $1 \mid n$, $gcd(p^k, n) = 1$.

c. Predicate Logic: $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ n > n_0 \land gcd(n, n+m) = 1$

Since there are infinitely many primes by fact 4, let Prime(n) and n > m.

Since Prime(n), by fact 3, n can either be divided by 1 or n.

Since $n \mid n$, but $n \nmid m$, $n \nmid (n+m)$, and n can't be chosen as the greatest common divisor of n and n+m.

Since $gcd(n, n+m) \neq n$ but $1 \mid n$ and $1 \mid (n+m), gcd(n, n+m) = 1$.

Then, it follows from above that the statement $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n > n_0 \land gcd(n, n + m) = 1$ is true.

d. **Definition of Primary Gap:** Let $a \in \mathbb{N}$. We say that a is a prime gap when there exists a prime p such that p + a is also prime, and none of the numbers between p and p + a (exclusive) are prime.

Case 1 (a > 2):

Let $a, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Assume PrimaryGap(a), Primary(p), and a > 2.

Then, $2 \nmid p$ and $2 \nmid p + a$.

Then,

$$2 \mid (p+a) - a \tag{1}$$

$$2 \mid a$$
 (2)

by fact 1.

Then it follows from above that in case a > 2, primary gap is divisible by 2.

Case 2 $(a \le 2)$:

Let $a, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Assume PrimaryGap(a), Primary(p), and $a \leq 2$.

Then, only two primary numbers in \mathbb{Z}^+ exist - 1 and 2.

Then,

$$a = 2 - 1 \tag{1}$$

$$a = 1 \tag{2}$$

Then, it follows from above that in case $a \leq 2$, the value of primary gap is 1.

Question 2

a. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Because we know $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \ 0 \le x - \lfloor x \rfloor < 1$ from fact 1, we can conclude $\lfloor x \rfloor \le x < 1 + \lfloor x \rfloor$.

Then,

$$\lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor \le nx - n\lfloor x \rfloor \tag{1}$$

$$\leq n(x - |x|) \tag{2}$$

by using the above.

Then,

$$|nx| - n|x| \le n(x - |x|) \tag{3}$$

$$< n$$
 (4)

$$< k$$
 (5)

by using fact 1 and choosing k = n.

Then, it follows that the statement the statement $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n \lfloor x \rfloor \leq k$ is true.

b. Negation of statement: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n \lfloor x \rfloor > k$

Let x = 0.5 and n = 2(k+1).

Then,

$$\lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2(k+1)}{2} \rfloor - n\lfloor 0.5 \rfloor \tag{1}$$

$$= k + 1 - 0 \tag{2}$$

$$= k + 1 \tag{3}$$

$$> k$$
 (4)

Then it follows that the statement $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n \lfloor x \rfloor \leq k$ is false.

Question 3

a. Predicate Logic: $\forall f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = f(-x) \land -f(-x) = f(x) \leftrightarrow f = 0$

Part 1: Proving in \Rightarrow direction

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$. Assume $f(x) = f(-x) \land -f(-x) = f(x)$.

Then,

$$f(-x) - f(-x) = 2f(x)$$
 (1)

$$0 = 2f(x) \tag{2}$$

by adding f(x) = f(-x) and -f(-x) = f(x) together.

Then,

$$0 = f(x) \tag{3}$$

Then it follows that the statement $\forall f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = f(-x) \land -f(-x) = f(x) \Rightarrow f = 0$ is true.