

## Homework #1 Answer Key

1. a) If  $a^2$  is not irrational or  $2a$  is not irrational, then  $a$  is not irrational.

b) If  $r^2$  is not a rational number, then  $r$  is not a rational number.

c) If the candidate cannot parallel park, then the candidate does not pass the driver's test.

2. a) Hypothesis:  $n$  is an odd integer.  
Conclusion:  $n^2$  is odd.

b) Hypothesis:  $n$  is a positive integer  
Conclusion: the sum of the first  $n$  positive integers is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

c) Hypothesis: the candidate can read the line  
Q Z S P M W 4.

Conclusion: the candidate can pass the vision test.

3. a) If  $n=1$ , then  $(n-1)(n-2)=0$ .

b) If  $n=2$ , then  $n^2-n-2=0$ .

c) If  $n^2-4n+4=0$ , then  $n=2$ .

4. a) Converse: If  $2 < 5$ , then  $\sqrt{2} < \sqrt{5}$ .

Contrapositive: If  $2 \geq 5$ , then  $\sqrt{2} \geq \sqrt{5}$ .

b) Converse: If  $\sqrt{2} \geq \sqrt{5}$ , then  $2 \geq 5$ .

Contrapositive: If  $\sqrt{2} < \sqrt{5}$ , then  $2 < 5$ .

5. For example (many possible solutions):

① A is true, B is true, then "A or B" is a true statement.

EXAMPLE A:  $2+3=5$  (true)

B:  $4-1=3$  (true)

$2+3=5$  or  $4-1=3$  is a true statement.

② A is true, B is false, then "A or B" is a true statement.

EXAMPLE

A: Some dogs are brown. (true!)

B: Josh doesn't want dinner. (false!)

Some dogs are brown or Josh doesn't want dinner

is a true statement.

- ③ A is false, B is true, then "A or B" is a true statement.

EXAMPLE A:  $2 \cdot 3 = 7$  (false)  
B: 4 divides 96. (true)

$2 \cdot 3 = 7$  or 4 divides 96 is a true statement.

- ④ A is false, B is false, then "A or B" is a false statement.

EXAMPLE A:  $2 \cdot 3 = 5$  (false)  
B: 4 divides 101 (false)

$2 \cdot 3 = 5$  or 4 divides 101 is a false statement.

6. ① If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ , then the hypothesis of L'Hopital's rule is satisfied (i.e. the hypothesis evaluates to a true statement)
- Then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$ .

Thus, for this scenario which makes L'Hopital's rule true, the corresponding indeterminate form is " $\frac{0}{0}$ ".

- ② If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = +\infty$ , then the hypothesis is satisfied, i.e. evaluates to true. As before,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{+\infty}{+\infty}$$

So we see that the corresponding indeterminate form is " $\frac{+\infty}{+\infty}$ ".

- ③ If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = -\infty$ , then, again, the hypothesis evaluates to true.

As before,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{+\infty}{-\infty}$$

So the indeterminate form corresponding to this scenario is " $\frac{+\infty}{-\infty}$ ".

- ④ If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = +\infty$ , the hypothesis is again satisfied. As before,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{-\infty}{+\infty}.$$

Thus, the corresponding indeterminate form is " $\frac{-\infty}{-\infty}$ ".

⑤ If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = -\infty$ ,  
the hypothesis is satisfied. So since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{-\infty}{-\infty},$$

the corresponding indeterminate form is " $\frac{-\infty}{-\infty}$ ".

7. a) ②  
b) ④  
c) ③  
d) ④  
e) ②  
f) ①