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1 Question 1

$a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}$ then by the mapping g , $g(a) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g(b) \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}$, then by the principle of recursive definition there exists a function ϕ such that $\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$ and $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$. If $a = b$, then $g(a)^2 \equiv g(a)g(a) \equiv g(a^2)$ and $g(a^2 + a + g(a)) \equiv g(a^2) + g(a) + g(g(a))$. Then proceeding with contradiction taking from the problem we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(a^2 + b + g(b)) &= 2b + g(a)^2 \\ \text{taking } b &= a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R} \\ \text{by the principle of recursive definition} \\ g(a)g(a) + g(a) + g(g(a)) &= 2a + g(a)g(a) \\ g(a) + g(g(a)) &= 2a \end{aligned}$$

but since $a \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}$ implies $a \in \mathbb{R}$, but $g(a) \in \mathbb{R}$ and the function composition of $g(g(a)) \in \mathbb{R}$ implies $g(a) + g(g(a)) \neq 2a$ since the scaling a by 2 where $2, a \in \mathbb{N}$ does not imply equality despite $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}$ this contradiction it makes the function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ undefined in the ordered field \mathbb{R} and this completes the proof. ■

2 Question 2

(A)

let $A, B, C \in \mathbb{E}^n$ such that the $\triangle ABC$ is defined considering point A as the origin. Lines AB, AC and BC are collinear that is $AB, AC, BC \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Point Q is an interior point of $\triangle ABC$ iff there exists an open ball completely contained in set $A, B, C \in \mathbb{E}^n$ (inscribed circle in $\triangle ABC$) For equality of $\angle QCB$ and $\angle QAC$, $\angle QBC$ and $\angle QAB$ there should exist a line of symmetry that run from any vertex point on the $\triangle ABC$ for a metric $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$, d being the euclidian distance function on \mathbb{R}^n in \mathbb{E}^n such that under the symmetry $d(AC) = d(AB) = d(BC)$ and the symmetry line is collinear with point Q and the vertices A, B, C of $\triangle ABC$ are othogonal to interior point $Q \in \triangle ABC$ subset of ball centered at Q with A, B, C as its boundary points With that you release that

$$\cos(\angle QCB) = \cos(\angle QAC)$$

Because of symmetry $d(QC) = |Q - C| = |Q - A|$ and

$d(CA) = |C - A| = |B - C|$ then expressing

$\cos \angle QAC$ in form of $\cos \angle QCB$

$$\cos \angle QCB = \frac{(Q-A) \cdot (C-A)}{|Q-A||C-A|}$$

given that $d(QA) = d(QC)$ and $d(BC) = d(CA)$ by symmetry. The same applies to the $\angle QBC$ and $\angle QAB$ since symmetry is an isometric transformation that preserve distances. and this completes the proof ■

(B)