

1. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}(A \setminus B) \setminus C &= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cap \overline{C} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{B} \cap \overline{C}) \\ &= A \cap \overline{(B \cup C)} \\ &= A \setminus (B \cup C)\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}A \oplus B = A \oplus C &\Rightarrow A \oplus (A \oplus B) = A \oplus (A \oplus C) \\ &\Rightarrow (A \oplus A) \oplus B = (A \oplus A) \oplus C \\ &\Rightarrow \emptyset \oplus B = \emptyset \oplus C \\ &\Rightarrow B = C\end{aligned}$$

(c) Let $A = D = \{1\}$, $B = C = \{2\}$. Counterexample:

$$\begin{aligned}(1, 1) &\in (A \cup B) \times (C \cup D) \\ &\notin (A \times C) \cup (B \times D)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(A \cup B) \times (C \cup D) \neq (A \times C) \cup (B \times D)$.

2. (a) i. Let $X = \emptyset$.

$$\begin{aligned}X &\in \wp(A), X \cap X = \emptyset. \\ (X, X) &\notin \mathcal{R}. \mathcal{R} \text{ not reflexive.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(X, Y) \in \mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow X, Y \in \wp(A) \wedge (X \cap Y) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow (Y, X) \in (\wp(A))^2 \wedge (Y \cap X) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow (Y, X) \in \mathcal{R} \\ &\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \text{ symmetric}\end{aligned}$$

Let $(X, Y) \in \mathcal{R}$, $X \neq Y$.

\mathcal{R} symmetric, so $(Y, X) \in \mathcal{R}$. Still, $X \neq Y$.

Thus, \mathcal{R} not antisymmetric.

Let $(X, Y), (Y, Z) \in \mathcal{R}$, $Z \subseteq Y$ and $X = Y \setminus Z$.

$X \cap Z = \emptyset$. Thus $(X, Z) \notin \mathcal{R}$.

\mathcal{R} not transitive.

\mathcal{R} isn't reflexive, antisymmetric or transitive, thus isn't a partial order nor total order.

ii. Let $a \in \mathbb{N}$.

$a|a$. Thus $(a, a) \in \mathcal{R}$. \mathcal{R} reflexive.

$1|2$. So $(1, 2) \in \mathcal{R}$.

2 doesn't divide 1.

Thus $(2, 1) \notin \mathcal{R}$. \mathcal{R} not symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b), (b, a) \in \mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow a|b \wedge b|a \\ &\Rightarrow a \leq b \wedge a \geq b \\ &\Rightarrow a = b \\ &\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \text{ antisymmetric}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(a, b)(b, c) \in \mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow \exists k, l \in \mathbb{Z}, b = ka \wedge c = lb \\
&\Rightarrow c = (lk)a \\
&\Rightarrow (a, c) \in \mathcal{R} \\
&\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \text{ transitive}
\end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{R} , reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive, is thus a partial order.

Take 2 and 3.

$2, 3 \in \mathbb{N}$, but $(2, 3), (3, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$.

Thus, \mathcal{R} not a total order.

$$(b) \mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) \in (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})^2 \mid \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Let $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then, $\frac{x}{x} \in \mathbb{Q}$.
Thus $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$. \mathcal{R} reflexive.

$$\begin{aligned}
(x, y) \in \mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} \in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} \in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow (y, x) \in \mathcal{R} \\
&\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \text{ symmetric}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z} \in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{xy}{yz} \in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{x}{z} \in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R} \\
&\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \text{ transitive}
\end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{R} , or \sim , reflexive, symmetric and transitive, is thus an equivalence relation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\frac{9-\sqrt{5}}{1-\sqrt{5}}}{\frac{2}{3-6\sqrt{5}}} &= \frac{57-57\sqrt{5}}{2-2\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{57}{2} \\
&\in \mathbb{Q} \\
&\Rightarrow \left[\frac{9-\sqrt{5}}{1-\sqrt{5}} \right] = \left[\frac{2}{3-6\sqrt{5}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
a \pm b \in \mathbb{Q} &\Rightarrow a \pm b = \frac{m}{n}; m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\
&\Rightarrow \pm b = \frac{m}{n} - a \\
&\Rightarrow \pm b = \frac{m-na}{n} \\
&\Rightarrow \pm b \in \mathbb{Q}
\end{aligned}$$

which contradicts $b \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Thus, $a \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge b \notin \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow a \pm b \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

(b) Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned}
a \leq 11, b \leq 10, c \leq 9, d \leq 8 &\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \leq 9.5 \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \neq 10
\end{aligned}$$

which contradicts “the average of 4 distinct integers is 10”.

Thus, if the average of 4 distinct integers is 10, then at least one of the integers is greater than 11.