

Discrete Maths Supervision 1

1.1.1 Take  $n = 8$ .

$$2n+13 = 16+13 = 29 \text{ which is prime}$$

$\therefore$  Statement 1 does not hold  $\forall n$

2. Statement 2 is equivalent to the following:

$$\text{If } x^2+y=13 \text{ and } x=3 \text{ then } y=4 \quad (*)$$

Proof of  $(*)$ :

$$x^2+y \Big|_{x=3} = 3^2+y = 9+y$$

Setting this equal to 13,  $9+y=13$

$$\therefore y=4$$

$\therefore (*)$  holds

$\therefore$  Statement 2 holds

3. Let  $n$  be even

$$\therefore n=2k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{where } j=2k^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2(2k^2) = 2j \text{ for some } j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore n^2$  is even

Alternatively, let  $n^*$  be ~~even~~ odd

$$\therefore n^* = 2\alpha + 1 \text{ for some } \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore n^2 &= (2\alpha+1)^2 = 4\alpha^2 + 4\alpha + 1 \\ &= 2(2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n^2 = 2\beta + 1 \text{ for some } \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore n^2$  is odd

$\therefore n^2$  is even iff  $n$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. \quad x+z = y-z &\iff x+2z = y \\
 &\iff 2z = y-x \\
 &\iff z = \frac{1}{2}(y-x)
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Statement 5 is equivalent to the following:  
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, \frac{1}{2}(y-x) \in \mathbb{Z}$   
~~if and only if~~  
 $\Rightarrow y-x$  must be even  
 ∴  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$  is a counter example.  
 ∴ The statement is false.

$$4. \quad x+z = y-z \iff z = \frac{1}{2}(y-x)$$

∴ Statement 4 is equivalent to the following:  
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \frac{1}{2}(y-x) \in \mathbb{R}$   
 which is evidently true because  $2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 and ~~The fractions~~  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed under subtraction,  
 multiplication and division.  
 ∴ Statement 4 is true.

6. Let  $a, b$  be two rational numbers

$$\therefore a = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad b = \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \quad \text{for some } \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a+\beta &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{\beta\delta} + \frac{\beta\gamma}{\beta\delta} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha\delta + \beta\gamma}{\beta\delta} \\
 &= \frac{p}{q} \quad \text{where } p = \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma \in \mathbb{Z} \\
 &\quad q = \beta\delta \in \mathbb{Z}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴  $a+\beta$  is rational.  $\Rightarrow$  Statement 6 is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
 7. \quad \frac{2y}{y+1} = x &\iff 2y = x(y+1) \\
 &\iff (2-x)y = x \\
 &\iff y = \frac{x}{2-x}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for } y \neq -1 \\ \text{contradiction} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for } x \neq 2 \end{array}$$

which is a bijective mapping from  
 $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$  to  $y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$

$\therefore \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\} \exists$  a unique value  $y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$

$\therefore$  Statement 7 is true.

8. Statement 8 is equivalent to the following

$\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is odd then  $mn$  is odd  
(\*)

Proof of (\*).

Let  $m = 2a + 1$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$n = 2b + 1$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$mn = (2a+1)(2b+1)$$

$$= 4ab + 2a + 2b + 1$$

$$= 2(2ab + a + b) + 1$$

$$= 2c + 1 \quad \text{where } c = 2ab + a + b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore mn$  is odd

$\therefore (*)$  is true

$\therefore$  Statement 8 is true.

$$1.2.1 \quad 0|n \iff n=0$$

$$d|0 \iff d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$2. \quad (km)|kn \iff (kn) = d(km) \quad \text{for some } d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\iff n = d m \quad \text{because } k \neq 0$$

$$\iff m|n$$

3<sup>Note</sup>:  $2 \mid 2^n \iff 2^n = 2x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\cdot 2^n = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\cdot 2^{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore 2^n = 2x \text{ where } x = 2^{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$
$$\iff 2 \mid 2^n$$

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~~4.  $30 \mid n \iff n = 30k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$~~

$$2 \mid n \wedge 3 \mid n \wedge 5 \mid n \iff n = 2a = 3b = 5c \text{ for some } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\iff n = k(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5) \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\iff n = 30k$$
$$\iff 30 \mid n$$

5.  $(k, m, n) = (2, 2, 2)$  is a counterexample

6.  $l \mid m \iff m = al$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$m \mid n \iff n = bm$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore (l \mid m) \wedge (m \mid n) \iff n = bm \text{ for some } b \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\iff n = b(al) \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\iff n = cl \text{ where } c = ab \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\iff l \mid n$$

7a.  $d \mid m \wedge d \mid n \Rightarrow m = ad \wedge n = bd$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow m+n = ad+bd$$

$$= (a+b)d$$

$$\Rightarrow m+n = cd \text{ where } c = a+d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid (m+n)$$

b.  $d|m \Rightarrow m=ad$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow km = kad \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow km = bd$  where  $b = ka \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow d|km$

c.  $(d|m) \wedge (d|n) \Rightarrow m=ad \wedge n=bd$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow km + ln = kad + lbd \quad \cancel{\text{for some}} \quad \forall k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $= d(ka + lb)$   
 $\Rightarrow km + ln = cd \text{ where } c = ka + lb \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow d|(km + ln)$

8.  $(m|n) \wedge (n|m) \Rightarrow n=am \wedge m=bn$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow n=a \cdot bn$   
 $\Rightarrow ab = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow a=b=1 \vee a=b=-1$

$\therefore (m|n) \wedge (n|m) \Rightarrow (a=-b) \vee (a=b)$

9.  $(k, m, n) = (6, 3, 4)$  is a counterexample  
 $\therefore$  Statement 9 is false

10a.  $P^*(l) = \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq k \leq l \Rightarrow P(k)$ .  
~~Assuming  $P^*(l)$ , take  $k = l$~~   
 $0 \leq l \leq l \Rightarrow P(l)$   
 $\therefore P(l)$   
 $\therefore P^*(l) \Rightarrow P(l)$

b.  $P(m) = m$  is even

For  $n = 4$ ,  $P(n)$  is true

However,  $P^*(n) = P^*(4) \Rightarrow \forall 0 \leq k \leq 4, P(k)$

For example, for  $k=3$ ,  $P(k)$  is false, and so  $P^*(n)$  is false.

$\therefore P(n) \Rightarrow P^*(n)$  does not hold.

$$\begin{aligned}
 c. P^*(0) &= \forall 0 \leq k \in N_0 \leq 0, P(k) \\
 &= \forall k \in \{0\}, P(k) \\
 &= P(0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d. (P^*(n) \Rightarrow P^*(n+1)) &\iff (P^*(n) \Rightarrow \forall 0 \leq k \leq n, P(k)) \\
 &\iff (P^*(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1) \wedge \forall 0 \leq k \leq n, P(k)) \\
 &\iff (P^*(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1) \wedge P^*(n)) \\
 &\iff (P^*(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e. P^*(m) \forall m \in N_0 &\Rightarrow P^*(m) \text{ for arbitrarily large } m \\
 &\iff \forall 0 \leq k \leq m, P(k) \\
 &\iff \forall 0 \leq k \in N_0, P(k) \\
 &\iff \forall k \in N_0, P(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k) \forall k \in N_0 &\iff \forall 0 \leq k \leq m, P(k) \text{ for arbitrarily large } m \\
 &\iff \forall 0 \leq k \leq n+l, P(k) \quad \text{where } n, l \in N_0, n \neq m, l = m-n \\
 &\iff (\forall 0 \leq k \leq n, P(k)) \vee (\forall l \leq k \leq n+l, P(k)) \\
 &\Rightarrow (\forall 0 \leq k \leq n, P(k)) \quad \forall n \in N_0 \\
 &\iff P^*(n) \forall n \in N_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P^*(n) \forall n \in N_0 \iff P(n) \forall n \in N_0.$$

$$1.3.1a. t_3 = 6$$

$$t_4 = 10$$

$$t_5 = 15$$

$$b. (n+1)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n (i+1)^2 - \sum_{i=0}^n i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n (i^2 + 2i + 1) - \sum_{i=0}^n i^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n (2i+1)$$

$$\therefore (n+1)^2 \left( 2 \sum_{i=0}^n i \right) + (n+1)$$

$$\therefore (n+1)^2 - (n+1) = 2 \sum_{i=0}^n i$$

$$\therefore t_n = \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

c.  $n$  is triangular  $\iff n = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\iff 8n = 4k(k+1)$$

$$\iff 8n+1 = 4k(k+1)+1$$

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$= (2k+1)^2$$

$$= j^2 \text{ where } j = 2k+1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\iff 8n+1 \text{ is square}$$

d. Let  $t_n$  and  $t_{n+1}$  be two consecutive triangular numbers

$$t_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad t_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

$$t_n + t_{n+1} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1) + (n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+n+2)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(2n+2)}{2}$$

$$= (n+1)(n+1)$$

$$= (n+1)^2$$

$\therefore t_n + t_{n+1} = k^2$  where  $k = n+1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore t_n + t_{n+1}$  is square.

e. n is triangular  $\rightarrow n = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$

$$\Rightarrow 9n+1 = \frac{9k(k+1)+2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{9k^2+9k+2}{2}$$

~~(cancel)~~

$$= \frac{(3k+1)^2 + (3k+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(3k+1)(3k+2)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{j(j+1)}{2} \text{ where } j = 3k+1 \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$$

$$\Rightarrow 25n+3 = \frac{25k(k+1)+6}{2}$$

$$= \frac{25k^2+25k+6}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(5k+2)(5k+3)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{l(l+1)}{2} \text{ where } l = 5k+2 \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$$

$$\Rightarrow 49n+6 = \frac{49k(k+1)+12}{2}$$

$$= \frac{49k^2+49k+12}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(7k+3)(7k+4)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{m(m+1)}{2} \text{ where } m = 7k+3 \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$$

$$\Rightarrow 81n+10 = \frac{81k(k+1)+20}{2}$$

$$= \frac{81k^2+81k+20}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(9k+4)(9k+5)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\rho(\rho+1)}{2} \text{ where } \rho = 9k+4 \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$$

f. Note that  $(2n+1)^2 t_k + t_n$

$$= (2n+1)^2 \cdot \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(2n+1)^2 + n(n+1)}{2}$$

∴ Statement f is equivalent to the following:

$\forall n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \exists q \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $\frac{q(q+1)}{2}, \frac{k(k+1)(2n+1)^2 + n(n+1)}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow q(q+1) = k(k+1)(2n+1)^2 + n(n+1) \quad (*)$$

Proof of (\*):

$$\begin{aligned} k(k+1)(2n+1)^2 + n(n+1) &= (k^2+k)(4n^2+4n+1) + (n^2+n) \\ &= 4k^2n^2 + 4k^2n + k^2 + 4kn^2 + 4kn + k + n^2 + n \\ &\quad \cancel{+ k^2 + k + n^2 + n} \\ &= (2kn+k+n)^2 + (2kn+k+n) \\ &= (2kn+k+n)(2kn+k+n+1) \\ &= q(q+1) \text{ where } q = 2kn+k+n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \end{aligned}$$

∴ (\*) is true

∴ Statement f is true.

$$\text{Let } A = ((\exists x \cdot P(x)) \Rightarrow Q)$$

$$B = (\forall x \cdot (P(x) \Rightarrow Q))$$

$$\text{Case 0: } \exists x \cdot P(x)$$

Take  $x'$  such that  $P(x')$  is true

$$A \Rightarrow Q$$

$$B : P(x') \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore B \rightarrow Q$$

$$\text{Case 1: } \nexists x \cdot P(x)$$

$$A \not\Rightarrow Q$$

$$B \not\Rightarrow Q$$

These cases are exhaustive

$$\therefore A \Leftrightarrow B$$

2.1.1.a.  $i = lm + i \xrightarrow{\text{where } l, k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  where  $l, k = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow i \equiv i \pmod{m}$

b.  $i \equiv j \pmod{m}$  ~~is incorrect~~

$$\Leftrightarrow lm + i = km + j \text{ for some } l, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow km + j = lm + i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow j \equiv i \pmod{m}$$

c.  $i \equiv j \pmod{m} \wedge j \equiv k \pmod{m}$  ~~is correct~~

$$\Leftrightarrow lm + i = rm + j \wedge pm + j = qm + k \text{ for some } l, r, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow lm + i = rm + (qm + k - pm)$$

$$= rm + qm - pm + k$$

$$= (r + q - p)m + k$$

$$= sm + k \text{ where } s = r + q - p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow i \equiv k \pmod{m}$$

$$2. a \cdot i \equiv j \pmod{m} \wedge k \equiv l \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow am+i = bm+j \wedge cm+k = dm+l \quad \text{for some } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow am+i + cm+k = bm+j + dm+l$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+c)m + (i+k) \equiv (b+d)m + (j+l) \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow em + (i+k) \equiv fm + (j+l) \quad \text{where } e = a+c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f = b+d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow i+k \equiv j+l \pmod{m}$$

$$b. i \equiv j \pmod{m} \wedge k \equiv l \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow am+i = bm+j \wedge cm+k = dm+l \quad \text{for some } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow (am+i)(cm+k) = (bm+j)(dm+l)$$

$$\Rightarrow acm^2 + im + km + ik = bdm^2 + jm + lm + jl$$

$$\Rightarrow (acm+im+km+ik)m + ik = (bdm+jm+lm+jl)m + jl$$

$$\Rightarrow em + ik = fm + jl \quad \text{where } e = acm+im+km+ik \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f = bdm+jm+lm+jl \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow ik \equiv jl \pmod{m}$$

$$c. i \equiv j \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow am+i = bm+j \quad \text{for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow (am+i)^n = (bm+j)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (am)^k i^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (bm)^k j^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow i^n + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (am)^k i^{n-k} = j^n + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (bm)^k j^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow i^n + am \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (am)^{k-1} i^{n-k} = j^n + bm \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (bm)^{k-1} j^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow cm + i^n = dm + j^n \quad \text{where } c = a \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (am)^{k-1} i^{n-k} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$d = b \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (bm)^{k-1} j^{n-k} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^n \equiv j^n \pmod{m}$$

3. Note that  $\text{rem}(a, b) = \text{rem}(c, b) \iff a \equiv c \pmod{b}$

a.  $km + l = l$

$\therefore \text{dm}(km+l) = jm+l$  where  $d_j=0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore km+l \equiv l \pmod{m}$

$\therefore \text{rem}(km+l, m) = \text{rem}(l, m)$  by  $(*)$

b.  $k = am + \text{rem}(k, m)$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore k \equiv \text{rem}(k, m) \pmod{m}$

$\therefore k+l \equiv \text{rem}(k, m) + l \pmod{m}$

$\therefore \text{rem}(k+l, m) = \text{rem}(\text{rem}(k, m) + l, m)$  by  $(*)$

c.  $l = am + \text{rem}(l, m)$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore l \equiv \text{rem}(l, m) \pmod{m}$

$\therefore kl \equiv k \text{rem}(l, m) \pmod{m}$

$\therefore \text{rem}(kl, m) = \text{rem}(k \text{rem}(l, m), m)$  by  $(*)$

4. a.  $(i+j)k \equiv i+k \pmod{m}$

$\iff am + ((i+j)k) = bm + (i+k) \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\iff am + (i+j+k) = bm + (i+j+k)$

which is evidently true, for example,  $a=6$

$(ij)k \equiv i(kj) \pmod{m}$

$\iff am + (ij)k = bm + (i(jk)) \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\iff am + ijk = bm + ijk$

which is evidently true, for example,  $a=5$

b.  $i+j \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

$\iff am + (i+j) = bm + 0 \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\iff am + i = bm + (-j)$

$\iff i \equiv -j \pmod{m}$