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**Introduction to Mathematics I**

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**Midterm 2**

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To be answered: on the test paper

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Instructions:

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- Clearly indicate your final answer to each question either by **underlining it or circling it**. If multiple answers are shown then no marks will be awarded.
- Please answer the problems in English.

1. [1pt] Give an example of “ $d$  divides  $n$ ”.

Answer:  $3 \mid 12$

Reason: There exists an integer  $k$  s.t.  $12 = 3 \cdot 4$

2. [2pt] Prove that the sum of two even numbers is even, while the sum of two odd numbers is even.

Proof:

Let  $a$  and  $b$  even numbers. Then there exist integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $a = 2m$  and  $b = 2n$ .

Then

$$a + b = 2m + 2n = 2(m + n),$$

which is an even number.

Now let  $a$  and  $b$  odd numbers. Then there exist integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $a = 2m + 1$  and  $b = 2n + 1$ .

Then

$$a + b = (2m + 1) + (2n + 1) = 2(m + n + 1),$$

which is even.

Therefore, the sum of two numbers is even, while the sum of two odd numbers is even.  $\square$

3. [2pt] Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

for any positive integer  $n$ .

Proof:

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Step 1:

For  $n=1$ , we have

$$1^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

So  $P(1)$  holds.

Step 2:

Assume  $P(m)$  is true, that is

$$P(m) = \sum_{k=1}^m k^2 = \frac{m(m+1)(2m+1)}{6}, \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

We want to show that  $P(m+1)$  also holds, that is

$$P(m+1) = \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} k^2 = \frac{(m+1)(m+2)(2m+3)}{6}, \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} k^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^m k^2 + (m+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{m(m+1)(2m+1)}{6} + (m+1)^2 \\ &= (m+1) \left[ \frac{m(2m+1)}{6} + (m+1) \right] \\ &= (m+1) \left[ \frac{m(2m+1) + 6m+6}{6} \right] \\ &= (m+1) \left[ \frac{2m^2 + 7m + 6}{6} \right] \\ &= \frac{(m+1)(m+2)(2m+3)}{6}, \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $P(m+1)$  also holds.

Therefore by PMI,  $P(n)$  is true,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$   $\square$

4. [1pt] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b\}$ . List all elements in the Cartesian product  $X \times Y$ .

Soln: Given  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b\}$

$$X \times Y = \{(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b), (3, a), (3, b)\}.$$

5. [2pt] Prove that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Proof: ( $\subseteq$ )

Let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in (B \cup C)$ .

So  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ .

Thus  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A \cap C$ .

Hence  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

( $\supseteq$ )

Let  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Then  $x \in (A \cap B)$  or  $x \in (A \cap C)$ .

So  $x \in A$  and also  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ .

Thus  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Therefore the two sets are equal.  $\square$

6. [2pt] Prove or disprove:  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$ . Here  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  stands for the power set of  $S$ .

Answer: The statement is false.

Counterexample:

Let  $A = \{1\}$  and  $B = \{2\}$

Then

$A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$  and

$$\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}.$$

But

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\} \cup \{\emptyset, \{2\}\} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}.$$

Since  $\{1, 2\} \in \mathcal{P}(A \cup B)$  but  $\{1, 2\} \notin \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$ , the equality fails.

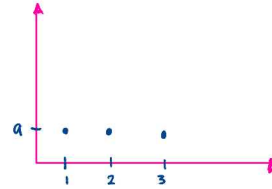
7. [1pt] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b\}$ . Consider the function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $f(1) = f(2) = f(3) = a$ . What are the domain, the codomain, the graph, and the range of  $f$ ?

Domain:  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Graph:  $\{(1, a), (2, a), (3, a)\}$

Codomain:  $Y = \{a, b\}$

Range:  $\{a\}$



8. [2pt] Let  $\mathbb{R}_+$  be the set of all positive real numbers. Define  $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  by  $g(x) = x^2$ . Prove or disprove that  $g$  is injective (one-to-one).

Proof:

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and suppose

$$g(x_1) = g(x_2).$$

By definition of  $g$ , this means

$$x_1^2 = x_2^2.$$

Since both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are positive real numbers, taking positive square root gives

$$x_1 = x_2$$

Thus the function  $g$  is one-to-one. ■

9. [2pt] For the same function  $g$ , prove or disprove that  $g$  is surjective (onto).

Proof:

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+$  be arbitrary.

Since  $y > 0$ , its square root  $\sqrt{y}$  is a real number and is also positive.

Thus,  $\sqrt{y} \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

Now,

$$g(\sqrt{y}) = (\sqrt{y})^2 = y.$$

Therefore, the positive real number  $x = \sqrt{y}$  satisfies

$$g(x) = y.$$

Hence,  $g$  is surjective. ■

10. [1pt] Consider the set

$$Q = \{(p, q) : p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } p, q > 0\}.$$

Define

$$E = \{ \langle (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2) \rangle \in Q^2 : p_1 q_2 = p_2 q_1 \}.$$

Find two elements from  $E$ .

Sol'n:

$$* \langle (1, 2), (2, 4) \rangle \text{ because } 1 \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot 2$$

$$* \langle (3, 5), (6, 10) \rangle \text{ because } 3 \cdot 10 = 5 \cdot 6.$$

11. [2pt] For the same set  $E$ , show that  $E$  is an equivalence.

Proof:

Reflexive:

Take any  $(p, q) \in Q$ ,

$$pq = pq;$$

$$\text{So } \langle (p, q), (p, q) \rangle \in E.$$

Symmetric:

Suppose  $\langle (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2) \rangle \in E$ . Then

$$p_1 q_2 = p_2 q_1,$$

Since equality is symmetric,

$$p_2 q_1 = p_1 q_2.$$

$$\text{So } \langle (p_2, q_2), (p_1, q_1) \rangle \in E.$$

Transitive:

Suppose

$$\langle (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2) \rangle \in E \text{ and } \langle (p_2, q_2), (p_3, q_3) \rangle \in E.$$

Then

$$p_1 q_2 = p_2 q_1, \quad p_2 q_3 = p_3 q_2.$$

Multiply the first equation by  $q_3$ :

$$p_1 q_2 q_3 = p_2 q_1 q_3.$$

Multiply the second equation by  $q_1$ :

$$p_2 q_3 q_1 = q_3 q_2 q_1.$$

$$\text{Thus, } p_1 q_2 q_3 = p_3 q_2 q_1.$$

Since  $q_2 > 0$ , divide both sides by  $q_2$  we have  $p_1 q_3 = p_3 q_1$ .

$$\text{So } \langle (p_1, q_1), (p_3, q_3) \rangle \in E.$$

Therefore,  $E$  is an equivalence relation.  $\square$

12. [2pt] Show that the relation "divides" on  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  is a partial order.

A relation is a partial order if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

Reflexive:

$$\text{For any } n > 0, n|n \text{ because } n = n \cdot 1.$$

Antisymmetric:

If  $a|b$  and  $b|a$  then,

$$b = ak, \quad a = bl, \quad \text{for positive integers } k, l.$$

Substituting gives,

$$a = akl.$$

$$\text{Thus } kl = 1.$$

Since positive integers with product 1 must both be 1, we get  $a = b$ .

Every sentence should be complete.

Transitive:

If  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then

$$b = ak, \quad c = bl.$$

Thus

$$c = akl,$$

So  $a|c$ .

Therefore, divides is a partial order.

13. [extra 2pt] Find  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $31a + 53b = 1$ .

Sol'n:

$$53 = 31(1) + 22$$

$$31 = 22(1) + 9$$

$$22 = 9(2) + 4$$

$$9 = 4(2) + 1$$

Back substitute:

$$1 = 9 - 4(2)$$

$$4 = 22 - 9(2) \Rightarrow 1 = 9 - 2(22 - 2 \cdot 9) = 5 \cdot 9 - 2 \cdot 22$$

$$9 = 31 - 22(1) \Rightarrow 1 = 5(31 - 22) - 2(22) = 5 \cdot 31 - 7 \cdot 22$$

$$22 = 53 - 31(1) \Rightarrow 1 = 5 \cdot 31 - 7(53 - 31) = 12 \cdot 31 - 7 \cdot 53$$

So one sol'n is

$$a = 12, b = -7$$

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