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- [10] 1. Define the relation \mathcal{R} on the set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers by: for any $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ if and only if $a + b$ is an integer.
- (a) Is \mathcal{R} reflexive? Symmetric? Antisymmetric? Transitive? Give reasons.
- (b) Is \mathcal{R} an equivalence relation? Explain.
- (c) Is \mathcal{R} a partial order? Explain.

- [12] 2. (a) Either prove or give a counterexample:

for all sets A, B, C , if $A \subseteq B \cup C$ and $B \subseteq A \cup C$, then $A = B$.

- (b) Write out the *contrapositive* of the statement in part (a). Is it true or false? Explain.
- (c) Write out the *converse* of the statement in part (a). Is it true or false? Explain.

- [7] 3. Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all functions from \mathbf{N} to \mathbf{N} , where \mathbf{N} is the set of all positive natural numbers. Define a relation \sim on \mathcal{F} by: $f \sim g$ if $f(5) = g(5)$. Define functions f and g in \mathcal{F} by:

$$f(x) = x + 3 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 2x - 1.$$

- (a) Is $f \sim g$? Explain.
- (b) Is $f \circ g \sim g \circ f$? Explain.
- (c) Find a function $h \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f \circ h \sim g \circ h$.

- [6] 4. Prove by induction that, for all positive integers n ,

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1) \cdot (2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$$

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[12] 1. Let $\mathcal{A} = \{-3, 0, 2, 3, 4\}$, and define a relation \mathcal{R} on \mathcal{A} as follows:

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ if and only if $x \mid y$.

(a) Draw the directed graph of \mathcal{R} .

(b) Is \mathcal{R} reflexive? Symmetric? Antisymmetric? Transitive? Provide a brief explanation to justify your answers.

[6] 2. Prove that for all sets A , B and C , $(A \cap B) - C \subseteq A - (B \cap C)$.
(A Venn diagram does not constitute a proof.)

[8] 3. Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be defined as follows:

for all integers $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x + 1$.

(a) Is f one-to-one? Explain.

(b) Is f onto? Explain.

[13] 4. *For this question, use only the definitions of rational and irrational numbers; do not use any other results about rational and irrational numbers, other than the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.*

Let P be the statement: "For all real numbers a and b , if a is rational and b is irrational, then $a - b$ is irrational."

(a) Is P true or false? Give a proof or a counterexample.

(b) Write out (in good English) the *converse* of P . Is it true or false? Explain.

(c) Write out (in good English) the *contrapositive* of P . Is it true or false? Explain.

[11] 5. Let the sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots be defined as follows: $a_1 = 1$, and for all integers $n \geq 2$, $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 5$. Prove that $a_n + 1$ is divisible by 4 for all integers $n \geq 2$.

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[6] **1.** Find $\gcd(248, 172)$ using Euclidean Algorithm and find some integers x and y so that $\gcd(248, 172) = 248x + 172y$.

[10] **2.** Let \mathcal{P} be the statement:

“For all sets A , B and C , if $A \cap C = \phi$ then $(A \cup B) - C = A \cup (B - C)$.”

- (a) Is \mathcal{P} true? Give a proof or counterexample.
- (b) State the *converse* of \mathcal{P} . Is the *converse* of \mathcal{P} true? Explain.
- (c) State the *contrapositive* of \mathcal{P} . Is the *contrapositive* of \mathcal{P} true? Explain.

[12] **3.** Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and let \mathcal{R} be the relation on A defined by:

for all a and $b \in A, (a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ if and only if $a \mid b$.

- (a) Show that \mathcal{R} is a partial order on A .
- (b) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Draw the Hasse diagram of (A, \mathcal{R}) .
- (c) With $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, what are the maximal element(s) of (A, \mathcal{R}) ? What are the minimal element(s) of (A, \mathcal{R}) ?

[12] **4.** For each of the following statements, determine whether it is true or false and prove your answer.

- (a) For all functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$, if both f and g are onto then $g \circ f$ is onto.
- (b) For all functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$, if $g \circ f$ is onto then f is onto.
- (c) For all functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$, if $g \circ f$ is onto then g is onto.

[10] **5.** The sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots is defined by $a_0 = 12$, $a_1 = 29$ and $a_k = 5a_{k-1} - 6a_{k-2}$ for all integers $k \geq 2$.

- (a) Calculate a_2, a_3, a_4 and a_5 .
- (b) Prove by induction that $a_n = 5 \cdot 3^n + 7 \cdot 2^n$ for all integers $n \geq 2$.