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Instructions:

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(b) Unless otherwise indicated, you must justify your answers to receive full marks.
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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Maximum	5	6	3	4	5	4	27
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QUESTION 1. Consider the sequence $(x_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$ defined recursively by

$$x_1 = -20,$$
$$x_{n+1} = 3x_n + 30, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(a) [**1 point**] What is x_4?

Solution: We have

$$x_2 = 3(-20) + 30 = -30$$
$$x_3 = 3(-30) + 30 = -60$$
$$x_4 = 3(-60) + 30 = -150.$$

(b) [**4 points**] Prove that x_n is divisible by 5 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution: *Base case*: When $n = 1$, we have

$$x_1 = -20 = 5(-4).$$

Thus the result holds for $n = 1$.

Induction step: Suppose that x_n is divisible by 5 for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x_n = 5m$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= 3x_n + 30 \\ &= 3(5m) + 30 \\ &= 15m + 30 \\ &= 5(3m + 6). \end{aligned}$$

Since $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that $3m + 6 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence x_{n+1} is divisible by 5, completing the proof of the induction step.

QUESTION 2. [**6 points**] In this question you do *not* need to justify your answers, except in part (d)(i).

(a) State the well-ordering principle.

Solution: Every nonempty subset of $\mathbb{N}$ has a smallest element.

(b) Suppose $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Complete the following definition of *congruence modulo* n: "For $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x \equiv y$ if and only if..."

Solution: For $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$x \equiv y \iff x - y \text{ is divisible by } n.$$

(c) Complete the following sentence defining the ordering on the integers: "For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we write $a < b$ if and only if..."

Solution: For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we write $a < b$ if and only if $b - a \in \mathbb{N}$.

(d) Let P be the following statement:

$$n \geq 1 \implies n - 1 \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(Here we assume $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.)

(i) Is the statement P true or false? Explain your answer.

Solution: False, since $1 \geq 1$, but $1 - 1 = 0 \notin \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) Write the contrapositive of the statement P. Is the contrapositive true or false?

Solution: The contrapositive is

$$n - 1 \notin \mathbb{N} \implies n < 1.$$

This is false.

(iii) Write the converse of the statement P. Is the converse true or false?

Solution: The converse is

$$n - 1 \in \mathbb{N} \implies n \geq 1.$$

This is true.

QUESTION 3. [**3 points**] Using *only the first five axioms of the integers* seen in class (as well as the replacement property), prove that

$$a \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Use only one axiom or definition per line of your proof, and state which axiom or definition you are using at each step (by its name).

Solution: Suppose $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (0+0) &= a \cdot 0 && \text{additive identity} \\ \implies a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 &= a \cdot 0 && \text{distributivity} \\ \implies (a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0) + \big(-(a \cdot 0)\big) &= a \cdot 0 + \big(-(a \cdot 0)\big) && \text{replacement property} \\ \implies a \cdot 0 + \Big(a \cdot 0 + \big(-(a \cdot 0)\big)\Big) &= a \cdot 0 + \big(-(a \cdot 0)\big) && \text{associativity of addition} \\ \implies a \cdot 0 + 0 &= 0 && \text{additive inverse} \\ \implies a \cdot 0 &= 0. && \text{additive identity} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 4. [**4 points**] Using induction, prove that

$$\sum_{k=4}^{n} \frac{1}{k^2 - 3k + 2} = \frac{n-3}{2n-2} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z},\ n \geq 4.$$

Solution: *Base case*: When $n = 4$, we have

$$\sum_{k=4}^{n} \frac{1}{k^2 - 3k + 2} = \frac{1}{4^2 - 3 \cdot 4 + 2} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4-3}{2 \cdot 4 - 2}.$$

Thus the result is true for $n = 4$.

Induction step: Suppose the result is true for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \geq 4$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=4}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k^2 - 3k + 2} &= \sum_{k=4}^{n} \frac{1}{k^2 - 3k + 2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2 - 3(n+1) + 2} \\
&= \frac{n-3}{2n-2} + \frac{1}{n^2 - n} \\
&= \frac{n-3}{2(n-1)} + \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-3) + 2}{2n(n-1)} \\
&= \frac{n^2 - 3n + 2}{2n(n-1)} \\
&= \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2n(n-1)} \\
&= \frac{n-2}{2n} \\
&= \frac{(n+1) - 3}{2(n+1) - 2}.
\end{aligned}$$

This proves the induction step.

QUESTION 5.

(a) [**2 points**] Suppose A and B are sets, and define

$$C = \{x : (x, x) \in A \times B\}.$$

Prove that

$$C = A \cap B.$$

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in C &\iff (x, x) \in A \times B \\ &\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \\ &\iff x \in A \cap B. \end{aligned}$$

(b) [**3 points**] Suppose $A, B \subseteq X$. Prove that

$$(A \cup B)^{\complement} = A^{\complement} \cap B^{\complement}.$$

Solution: For $x \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in (A \cup B)^{\complement} &\iff \neg\big(x \in A \cup B\big) \\ &\iff \neg\big(x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\big) \\ &\iff x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B \\ &\iff x \in A^{\complement} \text{ and } x \in B^{\complement} \\ &\iff x \in A^{\complement} \cap B^{\complement}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 6. [**4 points**] Define a relation $\sim$ on the set $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ by

$$(a,b) \sim (c,d) \iff 5(a-c) + 2(d-b) = 0.$$

Prove that $\sim$ is an equivalence relation.

Solution: *Reflexivity*: Suppose $(a,b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$. Since

$$5(a-a) + 2(b-b) = 0$$

we have $(a,b) \sim (a,b)$.

Symmetry: Suppose $(a,b),(c,d) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(a,b) \sim (c,d)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (a,b) \sim (c,d) &\implies 5(a-c) + 2(d-b) = 0 \\ &\implies (-1)\big(5(a-c) + 2(d-b)\big) = 0 \\ &\implies 5(c-a) + 2(b-d) = 0 \\ &\implies (c,d) \sim (a,b). \end{aligned}$$

Transitivity: Suppose $(a,b),(c,d),(e,f) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(a,b) \sim (c,d)$ and $(c,d) \sim (e,f)$. So we have

$$5(a-c) + 2(d-b) = 0 \qquad \text{and} \qquad 5(c-e) + 2(f-d) = 0.$$

Adding these two equations together gives

$$5(a-c) + 2(d-b) + 5(c-e) + 2(f-d) = 0.$$

Simplifying then gives

$$5(a-e) + 2(f-b) = 0,$$

which implies that $(a,b) \sim (e,f)$.