

# Sample final solutions

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Q1 c)

Q2 a) false b) vacuously true c) true

Q3 False  $\begin{matrix} 1 & \rightarrow & 3 \\ 2 & \rightarrow & 4 \end{matrix}$   $A = \{1\}, B = \{2\}$   $f(A) = \{3\}, f(B) = \{3\}$   $f(A) \cap f(B) = \{3\}$ .  
 $A \cap B = \emptyset$   $f(\emptyset) = \emptyset \neq \{3\}$ .

Q4  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   $A \subseteq X$ .

Thm  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$  Proof let  $x \in A$ . Then  $f(x) \in f(A)$ , by definition of  $f(A)$ .  
image of  $A$ . By definition of pre-image, as image of  $x$  under  $f$  is  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in f^{-1}(f(A))$ ,  
so  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$   $\square$ .

$f^{-1}(f(A)) \neq A$  Example:  $\begin{matrix} 1 & \rightarrow & 3 \\ 2 & \rightarrow & 4 \end{matrix}$   $A = \{1\}$ ,  $f(A) = \{3\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(f(A)) = \{1, 2\} \neq \{1\}$ .

Q5 a) no such function as  $[0,1]$  uncountable, and if  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  injective, then  $f$  gives bijection  $[0,1]$  to  $f([0,1]) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , and any infinite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  countable.

b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} - 1$

c)  $(0.a_1a_2a_3, \dots \ 0.b_1b_2b_3, \dots) \mapsto (0.a_1b_1a_2b_2, \dots)$

Q6 a)  $(\forall x, y \in A) (f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y)$ .

b)  $(\forall f: A \rightarrow B) (\exists b \in B) (\forall a \in A) (f(a) \neq b)$ .

c)  $(\exists x) (\forall a \in A) (x \leq a)$

Q7 a) Thm  $n^3 + n^2$  is even. Proof:  $n^3 + n^2 = n \cdot n(n+1)$ . If  $n$  is even, then  $n = 2k$ , so  $2k(2k)(2k+1)$  is even. If  $n$  is odd, then  $n+1$  is even, so  $n+1 = 2k$ ,  $(2k-1)^2 \cdot 2k$  is even  $\square$ .

b) False:  $\begin{matrix} f & g \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix}$   $f, g$  of injective but  $g$  not injective.

c) ~~True~~ False:  $f(x) = x$  increasing,  $g(x) = x$  increasing but  $f(x)g(x) = x^2$ , not increasing.

Q8  $(\forall x) (p(x))$  and  $(\forall x) (q(x))$ .

Q9 If  $f$  is surjective then it is not injective. False: example:  $1 \xrightarrow{f} 2$

Q10 If  $f$  is not decreasing then it is strictly increasing

False:  $f(x) = x^2$  not decreasing and not strictly increasing ( $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ). (2)

Q11 Thm  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational. Proof (by contradiction) Suppose  $\sqrt{3} = a/b$  in lowest terms,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $3 = a^2/b^2 \Rightarrow 3b^2 = a^2$ . Claim: if  $3|a^2$  then  $3|a$ . Proof (of claim) (contrapositive) If  $3 \nmid a$  then  $a = 3k+1$  or  $a = 3k+2$ . Then  $a^2 = 9k^2 + 6k + 1$  or  $a^2 = 9k^2 + 6k + 4$  ← neither divisible by 3  $\nexists 3|a^2$ .  $\square$  (claim).  
As  $3|a$ ,  $a = 3k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $3b^2 = (3k)^2 = 9k^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 3k^2$ . Therefore  $3|b^2$ , so claim  $\Rightarrow 3|b$ . But then  $a, b$  have common factor  $\nexists$  lowest terms.  $\square$ .

Thm  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational. Proof (by contradiction) Suppose  $\sqrt{5} = a/b$  in lowest terms,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $5 = a^2/b^2 \Rightarrow 5b^2 = a^2$ . Claim: If  $5|a^2$  then  $5|a$ . Proof (uses unique prime factorization)  $a = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  for distinct primes  $p_i$ , so  $a^2 = p_1^{2n_1} p_2^{2n_2} \dots p_k^{2n_k}$ . But if  $5|a^2$ , then some  $p_i = 5$  as 5 prime, so  $a = p_1^{u_1} p_2^{u_2} \dots p_k^{u_k} (p_i=5)^{n_i} \dots p_k^{u_k} \Rightarrow 5|a$ .  $\square$   
So  $a = 5k$  for some  $k$ , so  $5b^2 = (5k)^2 = 25k^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 5k^2 \Rightarrow 5|b$ . But then  $a, b$  have common factor  $\nexists$  lowest terms  $\square$ .

Thm  $\sqrt{15}$  is irrational. Proof (by contradiction) Suppose  $\sqrt{15} = a/b$  in lowest terms,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $15 = a^2/b^2 \Rightarrow 15b^2 = a^2$ . But then  $3|a^2 \Rightarrow 3|a$  by claim from  $\sqrt{3}$  case. So  $a = 3k$ , so  $15b^2 = (3k)^2 \Rightarrow 15b^2 = 9k^2 \Rightarrow 5b^2 = 3k^2 \Rightarrow 3|5b^2$ . As  $3 \nmid 5 \Rightarrow 3|b^2$ , so  $3|b$  by claim, so  $a, b$  have common factor  $\nexists \square$ .

Thm  $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}$  is irrational. Proof (by contradiction) Suppose  $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} = a/b$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})^2 = a^2/b^2 \Rightarrow 3 - 2\sqrt{15} + 5 = a^2/b^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{15} = \frac{8 - a^2/b^2}{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \nexists \sqrt{15}$  irrational.  $\square$ .

Q12 Thm:  $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3 \times 2^3 + \dots + n \times 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$ .

Proof (induction) Base case:  $n=1$ :  $1 \times 2 = (1-1)2^{1+1} + 2 = 0 + 2 = 2 \checkmark \square$ .

Induction step: assume true for  $n$ . Consider  $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2 + \dots + n \times 2^n + (n+1) \times 2^{n+1}$   
 $= (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2 + (n+1) \times 2^{n+1} = 2n \times 2^{n+1} + 2 = n \times 2^{(n+1)+1} + 2$  by induction hypothesis  $P(n)$

Therefore  $1 \times 2 + \dots + (n+1) \times 2^{n+1} = (n+1) \times 2^{n+2} + 2$ , as required  $\square$  result follows by induction  $\square$ .

Q13 Thm  $n^3 \leq 3^n$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Proof (induction) Base case  $n=3$ :  $3^3 = 3^3 \checkmark \square$ .

Induction step: Assume true for  $n$ :  $n^3 \leq 3^n$ . Now consider  $(n+1)^3 = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$   
Observe Claim:  $3n^2 + 3n + 1 \leq 2n^3$ . Proof (of claim) For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $3n^2 + 3n + 1 \leq 7n^2$

If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 3$ , then  $n \geq \frac{7}{2}$ , combine:  $n^2 \leq n^2$  and  $\frac{7}{2} \leq n \Rightarrow$  ③  
 $\frac{7}{2}n^2 \leq n^3 \Rightarrow 7n^2 \leq 2n^3$ . Therefore  $3n^2 + 3n + 1 \leq 7n^2 \leq 2n^3$  for  $n \geq 3$ .  $\square$ .  
 Therefore  $(n+1)^3 = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 \leq n^3 + 2n^3 = 3n^3 \leq 3 \cdot 3^n = 3^{n+1}$ , so  $p(n+1)$  follows  $\square$ .  
 so result follows by induction.  $\square$ .

Q14 Thm  $5 \mid 12^n - 7^n$  Proof (induction) Base case:  $n=1$   $5 \mid 12 - 7 = 5 \checkmark \square$ .

Induction step: consider  $12^{n+1} - 7^{n+1} = 12 \cdot 12^n - 7 \cdot 7^n = (5+7)12^n - 7 \cdot 7^n =$   
 $5 \cdot 12^n + 7(12^n - 7^n)$  By induction hypothesis  $5 \mid 12^n - 7^n$ , so  $5 \mid 5 \cdot 12^n + 7 \cdot (12^n - 7^n) \square$ .

Q15 Thm  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x+y \mid x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ . Proof (induction) base cases:  $n=1$ :

$x^2 - y^2 = (x+y)(x-y) \checkmark$   $n=2$ :  $x^4 - y^4 = (x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2) = (x-y)(x+y)(x^2 + y^2) \checkmark \square$ .

Induction step: consider  $(x^{2n} - y^{2n})(x^2 + y^2) = x^{2n+2} - y^{2n+2} + x^2 y^2 - x^2 y^{2n}$

This implies that:  $x^{2n+2} - y^{2n+2} = (x^{2n} - y^{2n})(x^2 + y^2) - x^2 y^2 (x^{2n-2} - y^{2n-2})$

so assuming general induction hypothesis  $p(n), p(n-1) \Rightarrow p(n)$ , so result holds by induction.  $\square$ .

Q16 Thm  $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} < 1$  Proof Set  $S_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}$ . We will

show:  $S_n \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$  Proof (by induction) base case:  $n=1$   $S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \checkmark \square$ .

induction step: note:  $S_{n+1} = S_n - \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2} = S_n + \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n+2} = S_n + \frac{2n+2 - (2n+1)}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$

$= S_n + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$  By induction hypothesis for  $n$ , this implies  $S_{n+1} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$

note:  $\frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \leq -\frac{1}{n+2}$   $\textcircled{A}$

so  $\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow S_{n+1} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n+2}$ , so  $p(n) \Rightarrow p(n+1)$  as required  $\square$ .

Q17 Thm  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots - \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}$  Proof (by induction) base case  $n=1$ :

$1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark \square$ . Induction step: set  $L_n = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots - \frac{1}{2n}$   $r_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}$ .

induction hypothesis, assume  $L_n = r_n$  for some  $n$ . Consider  $L_{n+1} = L_n + \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n+2}$

$\Rightarrow L_{n+1} = L_n + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$ . Now consider  $r_{n+1} = r_n - \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2} = r_n + \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n+2} = r_n + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$

so  $r_{n+1} = r_n + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{2n+1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{2n+2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{1}{2n+1}$ , as required  $\square$ .

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uses  $p(n)$

Q18 Not equivalence relation as not transitive:  $6 \sim \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $6 \sim \frac{1}{3}$  by  $\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{1}{3}$

Q19 ~~Yes~~ No: reflexive: choose  $A=1, B=0$ , then  $f(x) \leq f(x) \Rightarrow f \cap f$ .

~~symmetric~~ not symmetric: note  $0 \not\sim x$ , as choose  $A=0, B=0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq 0 \checkmark$ .  
but  $x \neq 0$  as  $x \leq A \cdot 0 + B \Rightarrow x \leq 0$  but this does not hold for  $x \geq B+1$ .

Q20 Yes No: reflexive: choose identity map  $f: A \rightarrow A$ , bijection, so  $A \sim A$ .

~~symmetric~~ not symmetric:  $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{3\}$ , then  $\exists f: A \rightarrow B$  surjective, so  $A \sim B$ , but no map  $f: B \rightarrow A$  surjective, so  $B \not\sim A$ .

Q21 No: not symmetric:  $f=x, g=1$ , then  $f \circ g$  but  $g \circ f$  as  $(1)' = 0 \neq x$ .