

TEST 3
MATH 310

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Each question is worth 10 points. Good luck!

1. Let R be a relation on set A . Prove that $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R$.

Let $(x, y) \in (R^{-1})^{-1}$. Then $(y, x) \in R^{-1} \Rightarrow (x, y) \in R$.

Thus, $(R^{-1})^{-1} \subseteq R$.

Now, let $(x, y) \in R$. Then $(y, x) \in R^{-1}$ and so $(x, y) \in (R^{-1})^{-1}$.

Thus, $R \subseteq (R^{-1})^{-1}$ and so $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R$.

2. Prove that $5^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 3 for every natural number n .

Base case $n=1$

$$5^1 - 2^1 = 3 = 3(1)$$

IH $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ st. $5^k - 2^k = 3l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 5^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} &= 5(5^k) - 2(2^k) \\ &= 5(3l + 2^k) - 2(2^k) \\ &= 3(5l) + 5(2^k) - 2(2^k) \\ &= 3(5l) + 3(2^k) \\ &= 3(5l + 2^k). \end{aligned}$$

\therefore by PMI, $5^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 3 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

3. Let $A = \{ \text{all words in the English language} \}$. Define a relation R on A by xRy if and only if x and y have at least one letter in common. Answer the questions below, justifying each answer with at least a one sentence explanation.

a) Is R reflexive?

Yes since every word has a letter in common with itself.

b) Is R symmetric?

Yes since if word x has a letter in common with word y , then word y has a letter in common with word x .

c) Is R transitive?

No: $x = \text{dog}$
 $y = \text{log}$
 $z = \text{late}$

xRy and yRz but
 x and z share
 no common letters.

4. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Give an example of relations $R, S,$ and T on A such that $S \circ R = T \circ R$ but $S \neq T$.

$$R = \{ (a, b) \}$$

$$S = \{ (b, c), (a, d) \}$$

$$T = \{ (b, c), (a, b) \}$$

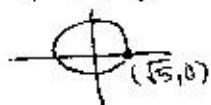
5. Let T be a relation on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ given by $(x, y)T(a, b)$ iff $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 + b^2$. Prove that T is an equivalence relation. Sketch the equivalence class of $(1, 2)$; of $(4, 0)$.

Reflexive $\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

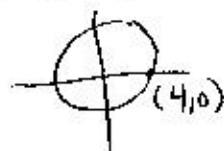
Symmetric $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 + b^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

Transitive $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 + b^2$ and $a^2 + b^2 = u^2 + v^2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = u^2 + v^2$.

$$(1, 2)/T = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 5\}$$



$$(4, 0)/T = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 16\}$$



6. Prove, using the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Base Case $n=1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 2^i = 2 = 2^2 - 2$$

IH $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^k 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} 2^i &= \sum_{i=1}^k 2^i + 2^{k+1} = (2^{k+1} - 2) + 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2(2^{k+1}) - 2 \\ &= 2^{k+2} - 2. \end{aligned}$$

\therefore by PMI, $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$