

1. Define the relation  $T = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, G)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $G = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \text{There exists some } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } y = 2^n x\}$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $T$  is reflexive.
  - (b) Verify that  $T$  is transitive.
  - (c) Verify that  $T$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

2. Let  $p$  be a positive real number. Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, E)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$E = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \text{There exists some } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \eta = \zeta \cdot (\cos(np) + i \sin(np)). \}$$

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.
  - (b) Verify that  $R$  is transitive.
  - (c) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}$ ? Justify your answer.
3. Write  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{C}^*, \mathbb{C}^*, G)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^*$  by

$$G = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 : \text{There exists some } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \zeta = \eta \cdot 2^n (\cos(n) + i \sin(n)). \}$$

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.
  - (b) Verify that  $R$  is transitive.
  - (c) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ ? Justify your answer.
4. Define the relation  $T = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, G)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $G = \{(x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and (there exists some } m, n \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ such that } y = 3^m 5^n x)\}$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $T$  is reflexive.
  - (b) Verify that  $T$  is transitive.
  - (c) Verify that  $T$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 5.♣ Let  $A$  be a set,  $G = \{(S, T) \mid S \in \mathfrak{P}(A) \text{ and } T \in \mathfrak{P}(A) \text{ and } S \subset T\}$  and  $R = (\mathfrak{P}(A), \mathfrak{P}(A), G)$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $R$  is a partial ordering.
  - (b) Suppose  $A$  has at least two distinct elements. Verify that  $R$  is not a total ordering.
- 6.♣ *Familiarity with the calculus of one variable is assumed in this question.*

- (a) Let  $A$  be the set of all real-valued continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Define the relation  $S = (A, A, G)$  in  $A$  by

$$G = \left\{ (f, g) \in A^2 : \int_0^x u f(u) du \leq \int_0^x u g(u) du \text{ for any } x \in [0, 1] \right\}.$$

Is  $S$  a partial ordering in  $A$ ? Justify your answer.

- (b) Let  $B$  be the set of all real-valued piecewise-continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Define the relation  $T = (B, B, H)$  in  $B$  by

$$H = \left\{ (f, g) \in B^2 : \int_0^x u f(u) du \leq \int_0^x u g(u) du \text{ for any } x \in [0, 1] \right\}.$$

Is  $T$  a partial ordering in  $B$ ? Justify your answer.

- 7.♥ Define the relation  $S = (\mathbb{N}^2, \mathbb{N}^2, P)$  in  $\mathbb{N}^2$  by  $P = \left\{ (u, v) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist } m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that} \\ u = (m, n), v = (p, q) \text{ and } \frac{2n+1}{2^m} \leq \frac{2q+1}{2^p} \end{array} \right\}.$

Here  $\leq$  is the usual ordering in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $S$  is a partial ordering in  $\mathbb{N}^2$ .
  - (b) Is  $S$  a total ordering in  $\mathbb{N}^2$ ? Why?
- 8.◇ Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, P)$  by  $P = \left\{ (\zeta, \eta) \mid \begin{array}{l} \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and} \\ (\operatorname{Re}(\zeta) < \operatorname{Re}(\eta) \text{ or } (\operatorname{Re}(\zeta) = \operatorname{Re}(\eta) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(\zeta) \leq \operatorname{Im}(\eta))) \end{array} \right\}.$ 
  - (a) Let  $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ .
    - i. Verify that  $(\zeta, \eta) \in P$  iff  $(\operatorname{Re}(\zeta) \leq \operatorname{Re}(\eta) \text{ and } (\operatorname{Re}(\zeta) < \operatorname{Re}(\eta) \text{ or } \operatorname{Im}(\zeta) \leq \operatorname{Im}(\eta)))$ .
    - ii. Verify that  $(\zeta, \eta) \notin P$  iff  $(\operatorname{Re}(\eta) < \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) \text{ or } (\operatorname{Re}(\eta) \leq \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(\eta) < \operatorname{Im}(\zeta)))$ .
  - (b) Verify that  $R$  is a total ordering in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Remark.** Such a total ordering in  $\mathbb{C}$  is known as a **lexicographical ordering**. Think of each complex number as a word with two ‘letters’, the first ‘letter’ being its real part and the second ‘letter’ being its imaginary part respectively. Now how do you arrange such ‘two-letter words’ in a dictionary?

9. Denote by  $\Sigma$  the set of all infinite sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ . (Recall that each infinite sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .) Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define the relation  $R_k = (\Sigma, \Sigma, E)$  by

$$E = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha, \beta \in \Sigma \text{ and there exist some } N \in \mathbb{N}, C \geq 0 \\ \text{such that } (|\alpha(x) - \beta(x)| \leq C/x^k \text{ for any } x \geq N). \end{array} \right\}$$

- (a) $^\diamond$  Verify that  $R_k$  is reflexive and symmetric.  
(b) $^\clubsuit$  Verify that  $R_k$  is an equivalence relation in  $\Sigma$ .
10. (a) Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $G = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (0, 1), (1, 2)\}$ , and  $R = (A, A, G)$ . (Here 0, 1, 2 are pairwise distinct objects.)  
i. Verify that  $R$  is not symmetric.  
ii. Verify that  $R$  is not transitive.  
iii. Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.  
(b) Let  $B = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $H = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$ , and  $S = (B, B, H)$ . (Here 0, 1 are distinct objects.)  
i. Verify that  $S$  is not reflexive.  
ii. Verify that  $S$  is not transitive.  
iii. Verify that  $S$  is symmetric.  
(c) Let  $C = \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $J = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (0, 2)\}$ , and  $T = (C, C, J)$ . (Here 0, 1, 2 are pairwise distinct objects.)  
i. Verify that  $T$  is not reflexive.  
ii. Verify that  $T$  is not symmetric.  
iii. Verify that  $T$  is transitive.

**Remark.** Can you construct a relation in a non-empty set which is reflexive and symmetric but not transitive? Can you construct a relation in a non-empty set which is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric? Can you construct a relation in a non-empty set which is symmetric and transitive but not reflexive?

11. $^\diamond$  Dis-prove each of the statements below by giving an appropriate counter-example.  
(a) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$ . Suppose  $R$  is reflexive and symmetric. Then  $R$  is transitive.  
(b) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$ . Suppose  $R$  is reflexive and transitive. Then  $R$  is symmetric.  
(c) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$ . Suppose  $R$  is symmetric and transitive. Then  $R$  is reflexive.
12. (a) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$  with graph  $G$ . Suppose  $R$  is symmetric and transitive. Prove that the statements below are logically equivalent:  
(#) For any  $x \in A$ , there exists some  $y \in A$  such that  $(x, y) \in G$ .  
(b)  $R$  is reflexive.  
(b) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$  with graph  $G$ . Suppose  $R$  is reflexive. Prove that the statements below are logically equivalent:  
(#) For any  $x, y, z \in A$ , if  $(x, y) \in G$  and  $(y, z) \in G$  then  $(z, x) \in G$ .  
(b)  $R$  is symmetric and transitive.  
(c) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$  with graph  $G$ . Suppose  $R$  is reflexive. Prove that the statements below are logically equivalent:  
(#) For any  $x, y, z \in A$ , if  $(x, y) \in G$  and  $(x, z) \in G$  then  $(y, z) \in G$ .  
(b)  $R$  is symmetric and transitive.
13. $^\diamond$  Let  $A$  be a set,  $F$  be a subset of  $A^2$ , and  $f = (A, A, F)$ . Suppose  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $A$ . (Also think of  $f$  as a relation in  $A$ .) Prove the statements below:  
(a) If  $f$  is reflexive as a relation in  $A$  then  $f = \text{id}_A$ .  
(b) If  $f$  is transitive as a relation in  $A$  then  $f \circ f = f$  as functions.  
(c) If  $f$  is transitive as a relation in  $A$  and  $f$  is injective as a function then  $f = \text{id}_A$ .  
(d) If  $f$  is both symmetric and transitive as a relation in  $A$  then  $f = \text{id}_A$ .

14. $^\clubsuit$  We introduce the definition below:

- Let  $A, B$  be sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function, and  $Q$  be a relation in  $B$  with graph  $H$ . Define the subset  $f^*H$  of  $A^2$  by  $f^*H = \{ (x, w) \mid x \in A \text{ and } w \in A \text{ and } (f(x), f(w)) \in H \}$ . The relation  $(A, A, f^*H)$  is called **pull-back relation** of  $Q$  by  $f$ . It is denoted by  $f^*Q$  in  $A$ .

Let  $A, B$  be sets,  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a function, and  $Q$  be a relation in  $B$  with graph  $H$ .

Prove the statements below:

- (a) Suppose  $Q$  is reflexive. Then  $f^*Q$  is reflexive.
- (b) Suppose  $Q$  is symmetric. Then  $f^*Q$  is symmetric.
- (c) Suppose  $Q$  is transitive. Then  $f^*Q$  is transitive.
- (d) Suppose  $Q$  is an equivalence relation. Then  $f^*Q$  is an equivalence relation.
- (e) Suppose  $f^*Q$  is an equivalence relation and  $f$  is surjective. Then  $Q$  is an equivalence relation.
- (f) Suppose  $Q$  is reflexive and  $f^*Q$  is anti-symmetric. Then  $f$  is injective.
- (g) Suppose  $Q$  is a partial ordering and  $f$  is injective. Then  $f^*Q$  is a partial ordering.

15. Let  $A$  be a non-empty set, and  $R$  be a relation in  $A$  with graph  $E$ .

For any  $x \in A$ , we define  $R[x] = \{y \in A : (x, y) \in E\}$ . We define  $\Omega = \{ R[x] \mid x \in A \}$ .

Suppose that  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $A$ .

(a) Prove the statements below:

- i. For any  $x \in A$ ,  $x \in R[x]$ .
- ii.  $\emptyset \notin \Omega$ .
- iii.  $\diamond$  For any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $(x, y) \in E$  then  $R[y] \subset R[x]$ .
- iv.  $\clubsuit$  For any  $x, y \in A$ , the statements (i), (ii), (b) are logically equivalent:
 

(i) $(x, y) \in E$ .	(ii) $R[x] = R[y]$ .	(b) $R[x] \cap R[y] \neq \emptyset$ .
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**Remark.**  $R[x]$  is called the **equivalence class** of  $x$  under the equivalence relation  $R$ .

(b)  $\clubsuit$  Apply part (a), or otherwise, to prove that  $\Omega$  is a partition of  $A$ , in the sense that the statements (N), (U), (D) are true:

- (N)  $\emptyset \notin \Omega$ .
- (U)  $\{z \in A : z \in S \text{ for some } S \in \Omega\} = A$
- (D) For any  $S, T \in \Omega$ , exactly one of the statements ' $S = T$ ', ' $S \cap T = \emptyset$ ' is true.

**Remark.** We call  $\Omega$  the **quotient** of  $A$  by the equivalence relation  $R$ , and usually write  $\Omega$  as  $A/R$ . We refer to the elements of  $\Omega$  as the equivalence classes under  $R$ .

(c)  $\heartsuit$  Let  $\Phi$  be the subset of  $A \times \Omega$  given by  $\Phi = \{ (x, S) \mid x \in A \text{ and } S \in \Omega \text{ and } x \in S \}$ . Define the relation  $\varphi = (A, \Omega, \Phi)$ .

- i. Prove that  $\varphi$  is a surjective function, and that  $\varphi(x) = R[x]$  for any  $x \in A$ .

**Remark.** We call  $\varphi$  the **quotient mapping** of the equivalence relation  $R$ .

- ii. Let  $B$  be a set and  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a function. Suppose that for any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $(x, y) \in E$  then  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Prove that there exists some unique function  $g : \Omega \longrightarrow B$  such that  $g \circ \varphi = f$ .

16. Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, E)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $E = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) = \operatorname{Re}(\eta)\}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.
- (b) Verify that  $R$  is symmetric.
- (c) Verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- (d) For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ , denote by  $[\zeta]$  the equivalence class of  $\zeta$  under  $R$ .  
(Note that by definition,  $[\zeta] = \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} : (\zeta, \eta) \in E\}$ .)  
What are the respective equivalence classes of  $1, 0, i$  under  $R$ ? Describe these sets in geometric terms in the Argand plane.

17. Write  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{C}^*, \mathbb{C}^*, E)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^*$  by  $E = \left\{ (\zeta, \eta) \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 : \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\zeta)}{|\zeta|^2} = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\eta)}{|\eta|^2} \right\}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .
- (b)  $\clubsuit$  For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , denote by  $[\zeta]$  the equivalence class of  $\zeta$  under  $R$ .
  - i. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . Verify that  $[ai] = \{ti \mid t \in \mathbb{R}^*\}$ .
  - ii. Let  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Suppose  $\operatorname{Re}(\zeta) \neq 0$ . Define  $r_\zeta = \frac{|\zeta|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(\zeta)}$ . Verify the statements (†) and (‡):
 

(†) $(\zeta, 2r_\zeta) \in E$ .
(‡) Suppose $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Then $\eta \in [\zeta]$ iff $(\operatorname{Re}(\eta) - r_\zeta)^2 + (\operatorname{Im}(\eta))^2 = (r_\zeta)^2$ .

18. Define the relation  $T = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, G)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $G = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \zeta^4 = \eta^4\}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $T$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- (b)♣ For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ , denote by  $[\zeta]$  the equivalence class of  $\zeta$  under  $T$ .  
Prove the statements below:  
i. For any  $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $\eta \in [\zeta]$  then  $(\eta = \zeta \text{ or } \eta = i\zeta \text{ or } \eta = -\zeta \text{ or } \eta = -i\zeta)$ .  
ii. For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $[\zeta] = \{\zeta, i\zeta, -\zeta, -i\zeta\}$ .
- (c)♡ Denote by  $\Omega$  the quotient of  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $T$ , and define the function  $\pi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \Omega$  by  $\pi(\zeta) = [\zeta]$  for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function. Define

$$\varphi = \left\{ (U, \chi) \mid \begin{array}{l} U \in \Omega \text{ and } \chi \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and} \\ \text{there exists } \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } U = [\zeta] \text{ and } \chi = f(\zeta^4). \end{array} \right\}.$$

Note that  $\varphi \subset \Omega \times \mathbb{C}$ .

Prove the statements below:

- i.  $\varphi$  is a function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
ii.  $(\varphi \circ \pi)(\zeta) = f(\zeta^4)$  for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
iii. Let  $\psi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a function. Suppose  $(\psi \circ \pi)(\zeta) = f(\zeta^4)$  for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\psi = \varphi$ .

19. Let  $A, B$  be non-empty sets, and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective function.

Define the relation  $R_f = (A, A, E_f)$  in  $A$  by  $E_f = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A \text{ and } f(x) = f(y)\}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $R_f$  is an equivalence relation.
- (b)♣ For any  $x \in A$ , denote the equivalence class of  $x$  under  $R_f$  by  $[x]_f$ .  
Verify that  $[x]_f = f^{-1}(\{f(x)\})$  for any  $x \in A$ .
- (c)♣ Define  $\Omega = \{S \in \mathfrak{P}(A) \mid S = [x]_f \text{ for some } x \in A\}$ .  
Verify that  $\Omega$  is a partition of  $A$ , in the sense that the statements (N), (U), (D) are true:  
(N)  $\emptyset \notin \Omega$ .  
(U)  $\{z \in A : z \in S \text{ for some } S \in \Omega\} = A$ .  
(D) For any  $S, T \in \Omega$ , exactly one of the statements ' $S = T$ ', ' $S \cap T = \emptyset$ ' is true.
- (d)♣ Define  $G_f = \{(x, S) \mid x \in A \text{ and } S \in \Omega \text{ and } x \in S\}$  and  $\pi_f = (A, \Omega, G_f)$ .  
Verify that  $\pi_f$  is a surjective function.
- (e)♣ Let  $\varphi : A \rightarrow C$  be a function. Suppose that for any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $f(x) = f(y)$  then  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y)$ . Prove that there exists some unique function  $\psi : \Omega \rightarrow C$  such that  $\psi \circ \pi = \varphi$ .

- 20.♡ Recall that whenever  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , the relation  $R_n = (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, E_n)$  given by  $E_n = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } x \equiv y \pmod{n}\}$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The quotient of  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $R_n$  is the set  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

For each  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we denote by  $[x]_n$  the equivalence class of  $x$  under the equivalence relation  $R_n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . It is the element of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given explicitly by  $[x]_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : (x, y) \in E_n\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv y \pmod{n}\}$ .

Below are several 'declarations' through each of which some function is supposed to be defined. Determine whether it makes sense or not. Justify your answer.

- (a) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f([k]_{10}) = 10k$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (b) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{100}$  by  $f([k]_{10}) = [k]_{100}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (c) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{100} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  by  $f([k]_{100}) = [k]_{10}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (d) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{100}$  by  $f([k]_{10}) = [10k]_{100}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (e) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  by  $f([k]_{10}) = [3k]_{10}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (f) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  by  $f([3k]_{10}) = [k]_{10}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'
- (g) 'Define the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  by  $f([4k]_{10}) = [3k]_{10}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .'

- 21.♠ Let  $\mathbb{G} = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(\zeta) \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . ( $\mathbb{G}$  is the set of all Gaussian integers.)

Define the subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  by  $E = \{(\zeta, \eta) \mid \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \zeta - \eta \in \mathbb{G}\}$ .

Define  $R = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, E)$ .

For each  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ , define  $[\zeta] = \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} : (\zeta, \eta) \in E\}$ .

Let  $T = \{[\zeta] \mid \zeta \in \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Throughout this question, you may take the validity of the statements (S1), (S2), (S3) for granted:

- (S1)  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
(S2) For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\zeta \in [\zeta]$ .

- (S3) For any  $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ , the statements (♯), (♭), (b) are equivalent:  
 (♯)  $(\zeta, \eta) \in E$ .      (♭)  $[\zeta] = [\eta]$ .      (b)  $[\zeta] \cap [\eta] \neq \emptyset$ .

(a) Define the subset  $\Sigma$  of  $T^2 \times T$  by

$$\Sigma = \left\{ ((p, q), r) \mid \begin{array}{l} p, q, r \in T \text{ and (there exist some } \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C} \\ \text{such that } p = [\zeta], q = [\eta] \text{ and } r = [\zeta + \eta]). \end{array} \right\}.$$

Define  $\alpha = (T^2, T, \Sigma)$ . Note that  $\alpha$  is a relation from  $T^2$  to  $T$ .

Verify that  $\alpha$  is a function from  $T^2$  to  $T$ .

(b) Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a surjective function. Consider the statements (★), (★★) below:

(★) There exists some surjective function  $h : T \rightarrow T$  such that for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h([\zeta]) = [f(\zeta)]$ .

(★★) For any  $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $\zeta - \eta \in \mathbb{G}$  then  $f(\zeta) - f(\eta) \in \mathbb{G}$ .

- i. Suppose (★) holds. Prove that (★★) holds.
- ii. Suppose (★★) holds. Prove that (★) holds.

22. ♠ Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Define the subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  by  $E = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \operatorname{Re}(\bar{\lambda}\zeta) = \operatorname{Re}(\bar{\lambda}\eta)\}$ .

Define  $R = (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}, E)$ .

For each  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ , define  $[\zeta] = \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} : (\zeta, \eta) \in E\}$ .

Let  $L = \{[\zeta] \mid \zeta \in \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Throughout this question, you may take the validity of the statements (S1), (S2), (S3) for granted:

(S1)  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

(S2) For any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\zeta \in [\zeta]$ .

(S3) For any  $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ , the statements (♯), (♭), (b) are equivalent:  
 (♯)  $(\zeta, \eta) \in E$ .      (♭)  $[\zeta] = [\eta]$ .      (b)  $[\zeta] \cap [\eta] \neq \emptyset$ .

(a) Define the subset  $\Sigma$  of  $L^2 \times L$  by

$$\Sigma = \left\{ ((p, q), r) \mid \begin{array}{l} p, q, r \in L \text{ and (there exist some } \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C} \\ \text{such that } p = [\zeta], q = [\eta] \text{ and } r = [\zeta + \eta]). \end{array} \right\}.$$

Define  $\alpha = (L^2, L, \Sigma)$ . Note that  $\alpha$  is a relation from  $L^2$  to  $L$ .

Verify that  $\alpha$  is a function from  $L^2$  to  $L$ .

(b) Now also suppose  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Define the function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\bar{\lambda}\zeta)}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} \quad \text{for any } \zeta \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Prove the statement (★):

(★) There exists some bijective function  $h : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that (for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h([\zeta]) = f(\zeta)$ ) and (for any  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h(\alpha([\sigma], [\tau])) = f(\sigma) + f(\tau)$ ).

23. ♠ Write  $\mathbb{Z}^* = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Define the subset  $F$  of  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*)^2$  by

$$F = \{((x, y), (x', y')) \mid x, x' \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } y, y' \in \mathbb{Z}^* \text{ and } xy' = x'y\}.$$

Define  $Q = (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*, F)$

For any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}, y \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ , define  $[x, y] = \{(s, t) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{Z}^* \text{ and } ((x, y), (s, t)) \in F\}$ .

Let  $\Phi = \{[x, y] \mid x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{Z}^*\}$ .

Throughout this question, you may take the validity of the statements (S1), (S2), (S3) for granted:

(S1)  $Q$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$ .

(S2) For any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , for any  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ ,  $(x, y) \in [(x, y)]$ .

(S3) For any  $x, x' \in \mathbb{Z}$ , for any  $y, y' \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ , the statements (♯), (♭), (b) are equivalent:

(♯)  $((x, y), (x', y')) \in F$ .      (♭)  $[x, y] = [x', y']$ .      (b)  $[x, y] \cap [x', y'] \neq \emptyset$ .

- (a) Define the subset  $G$  of  $\Phi^2 \times \Phi$  by

$$G = \left\{ ((u, v), w) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist some } x, x' \in \mathbb{Z}, y, y' \in \mathbb{Z}^* \\ \text{such that } u = [x, y] \text{ and } v = [x', y'] \text{ and } w = [xy' + yx', yy']. \end{array} \right\}.$$

Define  $\alpha = (\Phi^2, \Phi, G)$ . Note that  $\alpha$  is a relation from  $G^2$  to  $G$ .

Verify that  $\alpha$  is a function.

- (b) For any  $u, v \in \Phi$ , we write  $\alpha(u, v)$  as  $u \oplus v$ .

Verify the statements below:

- i. For any  $u, v \in \Phi$ ,  $u \oplus v = v \oplus u$ .
- ii. For any  $u, v, w \in \Phi$ ,  $(u \oplus v) \oplus w = u \oplus (v \oplus w)$ .
- iii. There exists some unique  $e \in \Phi$  such that for any  $u \in \Phi$ ,  $u \oplus e = u$  and  $e \oplus u = u$ .
- iv. For any  $u \in \Phi$ , there exists some unique  $v \in \Phi$  such that  $u \oplus v = e$  and  $v \oplus u = e$ . (Here  $e$  is the unique element of  $\Phi$  which satisfies  $u \oplus e = u = e \oplus u$  for any  $u \in \Phi$ .)

24. (a) Verify that  $2^x(2y + 1) \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (b) Define the function  $f : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  by  $f(x, y) = 2^x(2y + 1)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Verify that  $f$  is bijective.

- (c) Verify that  $\mathbb{N}^2 \sim \mathbb{N}$ .

25. Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x = m^2 \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $C = \{y \in \mathbb{N} : y = n^3 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Define  $F = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in S \text{ and } y \in C \text{ and} \\ \text{there exists some } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ \text{such that } (x = k^2 \text{ and } y = k^3). \end{array} \right\}$ , and  $f = (S, C, F)$ . Note that  $F \subset S \times C$ .

- (a) Is  $f$  a function from  $S$  to  $C$ ? Justify your answer.

- (b) Is it true that  $S \sim C$ ? Justify your answer.

26. Let  $p, q$  be distinct positive odd integers, and

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x = s^p \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{Q}\}, \quad B = \{y \in \mathbb{Q} : y = t^q \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Define  $F = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and} \\ \text{there exists some } r \in \mathbb{Q} \\ \text{such that } (x = r^p \text{ and } y = r^q). \end{array} \right\}$  and  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .

- (a) $^\diamond$  Is  $f$  a function from  $A$  to  $B$ ? Justify your answer.

- (b) Is it true that  $A$  is of cardinality equal to  $B$ ? Justify your answer.

27. (a) Let  $A_1 = [1, 2]$ ,  $B_1 = (3, 4)$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A_1 \sim B_1$ .

- (b) Let  $A_2 = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $B_2 = (-1, 1) \cup [2, 3]$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A_2 \sim B_2$ .

- (c) $^\diamond$  Let  $A_3 = (-\infty, -1) \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B_3 = [0.1, 0.9] \cup (1.1, 1.9)$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A_3 \sim B_3$ .

- (d) $^\diamond$  Let  $A_4 = [1, 9] \cup (\mathbb{Q} \cap [10, 99])$ ,  $B_4 = (0.01, 0.09) \cup (0.1, 0.9) \cup \mathbb{N}$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A_4 \sim B_4$ .

- (e) $^\diamond$  Let  $A_5 = [1, 2] \cup \{100\}$  and  $B_5 = (1, 10) \cup ((100, +\infty) \setminus \mathbb{Q})$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A_5 \sim B_5$ .

- (f) $^\clubsuit$  Let  $D = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\zeta| \leq 1\}$ ,  $S = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\operatorname{Re}(\zeta)| \leq 1 \text{ and } |\operatorname{Im}(\zeta)| \leq 1\}$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $D \sim S$ .

28. $^\clubsuit$  In this question, you may take for granted the results  $[0, 1] \sim \mathbb{R}$ ,  $[0, 1] \sim [0, 1]^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \sim \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (a) Let  $\Pi$  be the set of all planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $\Pi \sim \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark.** Let  $\Lambda$  be the set of all lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . How to prove  $\Lambda \sim \mathbb{R}$ ?

- (b) Let  $\mathbb{S}^2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ ,  $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{B}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $\mathbb{S}^2 \sim \mathbb{I}\mathbb{B}^3$ .

- (c) Let  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\zeta| = 1\}$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ . Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $\mathbb{S}^1 \sim \mathbb{S}^2$ .

29. Let  $A, B$  be non-empty sets. Suppose each of  $A, B$  is not a singleton. Pick  $a, a' \in A$ , with  $a \neq a'$ , and pick  $b, b' \in B$ , with  $b \neq b'$ . Regard 0, 1 as distinct objects.

- (a) Construct an injective function from  $A \cup B$  to  $(A \times \{0\}) \cup (B \times \{1\})$ .

- (b) Construct a bijective function from  $A \times \{0\}$  to  $A \times \{b\}$ .

- (c) Construct a bijective function from  $B \times \{1\}$  to  $(\{a\} \times (B \setminus \{b\})) \cup \{(a', b')\}$ .
- (d) Construct a bijective function from  $(A \times \{0\}) \cup (B \times \{1\})$  to  $(A \times \{b\}) \cup (\{a\} \times (B \setminus \{b\})) \cup \{(a', b')\}$ .
- (e) Conclude that  $A \cup B \lesssim A \times B$ .

30.  $\heartsuit$  In this question, we are going to give a proof for the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem.

- (a) Let  $A, B$  be sets, and  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow A$  be injective functions.  
For any subset  $V$  of  $B$ , define  $V^* = B \setminus f(A \setminus g(V))$ . (Note that  $V^*$  is a subset of  $B$ .)  
Define  $\mathcal{C} = \{V \in \mathfrak{P}(B) : V^* \subset V\}$ ,  $K = \{y \in B : y \in V \text{ for any } V \in \mathcal{C}\}$ .  
Prove the statements below:
  - i. For any subsets  $V, W$  of  $B$ , if  $V \subset W$  then  $V^* \subset W^*$ .
  - ii.  $K \in \mathcal{C}$ .
  - Remark.** This is a hint: By the definition of  $K$ , we have  $K \subset W$  for any  $W \in \mathcal{C}$ .
  - iii.  $K^* = K$ .
  - iv.  $f(A \setminus g(K)) = B \setminus K$ .

- (b) Apply the above results to prove the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem.

**Remark.** How to start the argument? Focus on what part (a.iv) suggests for a pair of injective functions whose respective domains are the respective ranges of the others. At some stage of the subsequent argument, you may need the Glueing Lemma.

- 31. (a) Define the function  $\Phi : \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\}) \rightarrow \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1, 2\})$  by  $(\Phi(\alpha))(x) = \alpha(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Verify that  $\Phi$  is an injective function.
- (b)  $\clubsuit$  Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem, or otherwise, to prove that  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\}) \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1, 2\})$ .
- 32. (a) Let  $A, B, C, D$  be non-empty sets. Prove the statements below:
  - i.  $\clubsuit$  Suppose  $A \sim C$  and  $B \sim D$ . Then  $\text{Map}(A, B) \sim \text{Map}(C, D)$ .
  - ii.  $\diamond$  Suppose  $A \subset C$ . Then  $\text{Map}(A, B) \lesssim \text{Map}(C, B)$ .
  - iii.  $\diamond$  Suppose  $B \subset D$ . Then  $\text{Map}(A, B) \lesssim \text{Map}(A, D)$ .
  - iv.  $\diamond$  Suppose  $B \lesssim D$ . Then  $\text{Map}(A, B) \lesssim \text{Map}(A, D)$ .
  - v.  $\diamond$  Suppose  $A \subset C$  and  $B \subset D$ . Then  $\text{Map}(A, B) \lesssim \text{Map}(C, D)$ .
  - vi.  $\heartsuit$   $\text{Map}(A \times B, C) \sim \text{Map}(A, \text{Map}(B, C))$ .
- (b)  $\heartsuit$  Prove each of the statements below. Where necessary, apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem. You may take for granted that  $\mathbb{N}^2 \sim \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \sim \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R} \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket)$ .
  - i.  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\}) \lesssim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N})$ .
  - ii.  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}) \lesssim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\}))$ .
  - iii.  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}) \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\})$ .
  - iv.  $\mathbb{R} \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N})$ .
  - v.  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\}) \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$ .
  - vi.  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}) \sim \text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

33.  $\heartsuit$  We introduce/recall the definitions below:

- Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .
  - \*  $z$  is said to be a **Gaussian rational number** if both of  $\text{Re}(z), \text{Im}(z)$  are rational numbers.
  - \*  $z$  is said to be a **Gaussian irrational number** if  $z$  is not a Gaussian rational number.

The set of all Gaussian rational numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{Q}[i]$ .

For any  $p, q \in \mathbb{C}$ , we define  $\sigma[p, q]$  to be the set  $\{\tau p + (1 - \tau)q \mid \tau \in [0, 1]\}$ . ( $\sigma[p, q]$  is the line segment on the Argand plane joining the point  $p$  and the point  $q$ .)

Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Q}[i]$ . Suppose  $z_1 \neq z_2$ . Prove that there exist some  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Q}[i]$  such that the  $\sigma[z_1, w] \cup \sigma[z_2, w] \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Q}[i]$ .

**Remark.** Hence any two Gaussian irrational numbers can be joint by a path made up of two line segments which lie entirely in the set of Gaussian irrational numbers. The proof-by-contradiction method is more suitable for the argument for this result. At some stage of the argument you may need the result  $\mathbb{N} < \mathbb{R}$  (or something equivalent) and the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem.

34.  $\heartsuit$  Familiarity with the calculus of one variable is assumed in this question.

Let  $J$  be an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Denote by  $C(J)$  the set of all real-valued continuous functions on  $J$ . Denote by  $C^1(J)$  the set of all real-valued differentiable functions on  $J$  whose first derivatives are continuous functions on  $J$ .

Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem, or otherwise, to prove that  $C(J) \sim C^1(J)$ .

35.  $\heartsuit$  Consider the sets  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ . We introduce these notations:

- We write  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N}) = \{S \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N}) : S \text{ is finite}\}$ . ( $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N})$  is the set of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .)

- For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $\mathfrak{F}_n(\mathbb{N}) = \{S \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N}) : S \text{ is finite and } |S| = n.\}$ . ( $\mathfrak{F}_n(\mathbb{N})$  is the set of all subsets of cardinality  $n$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ . It is by definition a subset of  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N})$ .)
- We write  $\mathfrak{C}_\infty(\mathbb{N}) = \{S \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N}) : S \text{ is countably infinite.}\}$ . ( $\mathfrak{C}_\infty(\mathbb{N})$  is the set of all countably infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .)

Note that the statements below hold:

- (A)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N}) \cup \mathfrak{C}_\infty(\mathbb{N}) = \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ .
- (B)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N}) \cap \mathfrak{C}_\infty(\mathbb{N}) = \emptyset$ .
- (C)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N}) = \{S \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N}) : S \in \mathfrak{F}_n(\mathbb{N}) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
- (D)  $\mathfrak{F}_m(\mathbb{N}) \cap \mathfrak{F}_n(\mathbb{N}) = \emptyset$  whenever  $m \neq n$ .

These combine together to give the formal formulation of the ‘fact’ that  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is ‘partitioned’ into these ‘infinitely many’ ‘chambers’: the set of all (countably) infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of all (finite) subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with one element, the set of all (finite) subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with two elements, the set of all (finite) subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with three elements, ... .

- (a) What is  $\mathfrak{F}_0(\mathbb{N})$ ?
- (b) Write down a bijective function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathfrak{F}_1(\mathbb{N})$ .
- (c) Write down a surjective function from  $\mathbb{N}^2$  to  $\mathfrak{F}_2(\mathbb{N}) \cup \mathfrak{F}_1(\mathbb{N})$ .
- (d) Is there an injective function from  $\mathfrak{F}_2(\mathbb{N})$  to  $\mathbb{N}^2$ ? Justify your answer.
- (e) Is there an injective function from  $\mathfrak{F}_3(\mathbb{N})$  to  $\mathbb{N}^3$ ? Justify your answer.
- (f) Is it true that  $\mathfrak{F}_n(\mathbb{N})$  is countable for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ? Justify your answer.
- (g) Is it true that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{N})$  is countable? Justify your answer.
- (h) Is  $\mathfrak{C}_\infty(\mathbb{N})$  countable? Justify your answer.

36. ♠ Let  $A$  be a non-empty finite set. We introduce these notations:

- We write  $\mathfrak{S}(A) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Map}([1, n], A)$ . ( $\mathfrak{S}(A)$  is the set of all finite sequences in  $A$ . Read  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Map}([1, n], A)$  as  $\{\varphi \mid \varphi \in \text{Map}([1, n], A) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .)
- For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $\mathfrak{S}_n(A) = \text{Map}([1, n], A)$ . ( $\mathfrak{S}_n(A)$  is the set of all finite sequences of length  $n$  in  $A$ .)

- (a) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Is  $\mathfrak{S}_n(A)$  finite? If it is finite, what is its cardinality?
- (b) Is  $\mathfrak{S}(A)$  countably infinite? Why?
- (c) Is there any surjective function from  $\mathfrak{S}(A)$  to  $\text{Map}(\mathfrak{S}(A), \mathfrak{S}(A))$ ? Why?