

MATH1050 Proof-writing Exercise 7 (Answers and selected solution)

1. (a) **Answer.**

There exist some  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x + y, y + z$  are divisible by 3 and  $x + z$  is not divisible by 3.

(b) **Solution.**

Take  $x = z = 1, y = 2$ .

We have  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Note that  $x + y = y + z = 3 = 1 \cdot 3$ . We have  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then, by definition,  $x + y, y + z$  are divisible by 3.

Note that  $x + z = 2$ . We verify that 2 is not divisible by 3:

Suppose 2 were divisible by 3.

Then there would exist some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $2 = 3k$ .

For the same  $k$ , we would have  $k = \frac{2}{3}$ . Then  $k$  is not an integer.

Contradiction arises.

2. (a) —

(b) —

(c) **Solution.**

Denote by  $M$  the statement below:

$M$ : Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $\zeta$  be a complex number. Suppose  $\zeta$  is an  $n^2$ -th root of unity. Then  $\zeta^2$  is an  $n$ -th root of unity.

The negation of  $M$  reads:

$\sim M$ : There exist some positive integer  $n$  and some complex number  $\zeta$  such that  $\zeta$  is an  $n^2$ -th root of unity and  $\zeta^2$  is not an  $n$ -th root of unity.

We verify  $\sim M$ :

- Take  $n = 3, \zeta = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right)$ .

$$\zeta^{3^2} = \zeta^9 = \cos\left(9 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(9 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{9}\right) = \cos(2\pi) + i \sin(2\pi) = 1.$$

Then  $\zeta$  is a  $n^2$ -th root of unity.

$$\zeta^2 = \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{9}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right).$$

$$(\zeta^2)^3 = \cos\left(3 \cdot \frac{4\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(3 \cdot \frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \neq 1.$$

Then  $\zeta^2$  is not an  $n$ -th root of unity.

3. (a) **Solution.**

Denote by  $M$  the statement below:

$M$ : Suppose  $A, B, C$  be sets. Then  $A \setminus (C \setminus B) \subset A \cap B$ .

The negation of  $M$  reads:

$\sim M$ : There exist some sets  $A, B, C$  such that  $A \setminus (C \setminus B) \not\subset A \cap B$ .

We verify  $\sim M$ :

- Regard 0, 1, 2 as distinct objects.

Let  $A = \{0, 1\}, B = \{1\}, C = \{2\}$ .

We have  $A \cap B = B = \{1\}, C \setminus B = C = \{2\}, A \setminus (C \setminus B) = A = \{0, 1\}$ .

Note that  $0 \in A \setminus (C \setminus B)$  and  $0 \notin A \cap B$ .

Hence  $A \setminus (C \setminus B) \not\subset A \cap B$ .

(b) —

4. —

5. —