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Suggested Solution to Final Examination

1. Find an integer  $x$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 14 \pmod{18} \\x &\equiv 5 \pmod{25}\end{aligned}$$

**Ans:**

By extended Euclidean Algorithm, we have

$$18 \times 7 + 25 \times (-5) = 1$$

By Chinese Remainder Theorem,  $x \equiv 14 \times [25 \times (-5)] + 5 \times (18 \times 7) \equiv -1120 \equiv 230 \pmod{450}$ .

2. (a) Let  $n$  be a positive integer.

Show that if  $a \equiv a' \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv b' \pmod{n}$ , then  $ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{n}$ .

(b) Find  $\varphi(18)$ , where  $\varphi$  is the Euler's phi function.

Hence, or otherwise, find the remainder if  $11^{200}$  is divided by 18.

(c) Find an integer  $x$  such that  $0 \leq x < 79$  and  $23x \equiv 3 \pmod{79}$ .

**Ans:**

(a) By assumption, we have  $a = a' + nk$  and  $b = b' + np$  for some integers  $k$  and  $p$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}ab &= (a' + nk)(b' + np) \\&= a'b' + n(kb' + pa' + npk)\end{aligned}$$

where  $kb' + pa' + npk$  is an integer. Therefore,  $ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{n}$ .

(b) The positive integers that is less than 18 and relatively prime to 18 are 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 17, so  $\varphi(18) = 6$ .

Then,  $11^{200} \equiv (11^6)^{33} \times 11^2 \equiv 1 \times 121 \equiv 13 \pmod{18}$ .

(c) By extended Euclidean Algorithm, we have

$$7 \times 79 - 24 \times 23 = 1$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}21 \times 79 - 72 \times 23 &= 3 \\23 \times (-72) &\equiv 3 \pmod{79} \\23 \times 7 &\equiv 3 \pmod{79}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x = 7$ .

3. Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be sets. Suppose that  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$  are two bijective functions.

Show that  $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$  is a bijective function.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  such that  $(f \circ g)(x_1) = (f \circ g)(x_2)$ , i.e.  $f(g(x_1)) = f(g(x_2))$ .

Since  $f$  is injective,  $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$ . Then, since  $g$  is injective,  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Therefore  $f \circ g$  is injective.

Let  $y \in C$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists  $w \in B$  such that  $f(w) = y$ .

Also, since  $g$  is surjective, there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $g(x) = w$ .

Then, we have  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(w) = y$  and so  $f \circ g$  is surjective.

4. (a) By constructing an explicit bijective function  $f : [0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$ , show that both sets  $[0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1)$  have the same cardinality.
- (b) Show that both sets  $(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$  have the same cardinality.
- (c) Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b < c$ . Show that the sets  $(a, b) \cup (b, c)$  and  $(a, c)$  have the same cardinality.

**Ans:**

- (a) Let  $a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$  where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Define a function  $f : [0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a_{n+1} & \text{if } x = a_n; \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $f$  is a bijective function and so  $[0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1)$  have the same cardinality.

- (b) Let  $g : (-1, 1) \rightarrow (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$  be a function defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1; \\ x & \text{if } -1 < x < 0. \end{cases}$$

By the construction of the function and the fact that  $f$  is a bijective function,  $g$  is also a bijective function. Therefore, both sets  $(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$  have the same cardinality.

- (c) Let  $h_1 : (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \rightarrow (a, b) \cup (b, c)$  be a function defined by

$$h_1(x) = \begin{cases} b + (c - b)x & \text{if } 0 < x < 1; \\ b + (b - a)x & \text{if } -1 < x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Also, let  $h_2 : (-1, 1) \rightarrow (a, c)$  be a function defined by  $h_2(x) = c + \frac{(c - a)(x - 1)}{2}$ . Note that both  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are bijective functions. Then,  $h_1 \circ g \circ h_2^{-1}$  is a bijective function from  $(a, c)$  to  $(a, b) \cup (b, c)$  which shows that the sets  $(a, b) \cup (b, c)$  and  $(a, c)$  have the same cardinality.

5. (a) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . State the definition of a cluster point of  $A$ .
- (b) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $c$  be a cluster point of  $A$ , and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. State the definition of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , where  $L$  is a real number.
- (c) By using the definition stated in (b), show that
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2x + 1 = 7$ .
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 + x = c^2 + c$ , where  $c$  is a real number.

**Ans:**

- (a) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $c$  is a cluster point of  $A$  if for all  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $x \in A \setminus \{c\}$  such that  $|x - c| < \delta$ .

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in A$  with  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

(c) i. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2} > 0$ .

Then, for all  $0 < |x - 3| < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\epsilon}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ -\epsilon &< 2x - 6 < \epsilon \\ -\epsilon &< (2x + 1) - 7 < \epsilon \\ |(2x + 1) - 7| &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2x + 1 = 7$ .

ii. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{2|c| + 2}\} > 0$ .

Then, for all  $0 < |x - c| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|c| + 2}$ , we have

$$|x - c| < \delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2|c| + 2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |x - c| &< \delta \leq 1 \\ -1 &< x - c < 1 \\ -2|c| - 2 &\leq 2c - 1 < x + c + 1 < 2c + 2 \leq 2|c| + 2 \\ |x + c + 1| &< 2|c| + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |(x^2 + x) - (c^2 + c)| &= |x - c||x + c + 1| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2|c| + 2} \cdot (2|c| + 2) \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 + x = c^2 + c$ .

6. (a) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $c$  is a cluster point of  $A$ .

Suppose that  $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are functions such that  $f$  is bounded on  $A$ , i.e. there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in A$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$ .

Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = 0$ .

(b) By using the result in (a), evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos(\frac{1}{x})$ .

**Ans:**

(a) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Given that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$ , so there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in A$  with  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have  $|g(x) - 0| < \frac{\epsilon}{M}$ . Then,

$$|f(x)g(x) - 0| \leq M|g(x)| < M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{M} = \epsilon$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = 0$ .

(b) By considering  $c = 0$ ,  $f(x) = \cos(\frac{1}{x})$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ . Then, both  $f$  and  $g$  are functions defined on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Note that 0 is a cluster point of  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$ .

Therefore, by the result in (a), we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos(\frac{1}{x}) = 0$ .

7. (a) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . State the definition of  $m \leq n$ .
- (b) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that if  $m \leq n$ , then  $m^+ \leq n^+$ , where  $m^+ = m \cup \{m\}$  and  $n^+ = n \cup \{n\}$  are successor sets of  $m$  and  $n$  respectively.
- (c) Let  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that if  $m \leq n$ , then  $m + p \leq n + p$ .  
(Hint: Using mathematical induction on  $p$ .)

**Ans:**

(a)  $m \leq n$  if  $m$  is a subset of  $n$ .

(b) Suppose that  $m \leq n$ , i.e.  $m \subseteq n$ .

Let  $x \in m^+ = m \cup \{m\}$ . Then, there are two cases:

- Case 1:  $x \in m$ , then  $x \in m \subseteq n$  and so  $x \in n^+$ .
- Case 2:  $x \in \{m\}$ , i.e.  $x = m$ , then  $x \subseteq n \subsetneq n^+$ . Therefore,  $x \in n^+$ .

We have  $m^+ \subseteq n^+$  and so  $m^+ \leq n^+$ .

(c) When  $p = 0$ , it is obvious that  $m + 0 = m \leq n = n + 0$ .

Assume that for a natural number  $p$ , if  $m$  and  $n$  are natural numbers such that  $m \leq n$ , then we have  $m + p \leq n + p$ . Then, by (b) and the definition of addition,

$$m + p^+ = (m + p)^+ \leq (n + p)^+ = n + p^+.$$

By mathematical induction, let  $m, n$  and  $p$  be natural numbers, if  $m \leq n$ , then we have  $m + p \leq n + p$ .

8. Suppose that  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are usual addition and multiplication on  $\mathbb{N}$  respectively.

Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(m, n) \sim (p, q)$  if and only if  $m + q = p + n$ .

An addition  $\boxplus$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$(m, n) \boxplus (p, q) = (m + p, n + q)$$

and a multiplication  $\boxtimes$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$(m, n) \boxtimes (p, q) = (m \cdot p + n \cdot q, n \cdot p + m \cdot q).$$

(a) Show that  $\sim$  defines an equivalence relation.

(b) The set of all integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is defined as  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) / \sim$ .

- i. Show that the addition  $\boxplus$  and the multiplication  $\boxtimes$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  induces an addition  $\oplus$  and an multiplication  $\odot$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  respectively.
- ii. The integers  $-1, 0$  and  $1$  are defined as  $[(0, 1)], [(0, 0)]$  and  $[(1, 0)]$  respectively.  
Show that  $(-1) \oplus 1 = 0$ ,  $(-1) \odot (-1) = 1$  and  $0 \odot x = 0$  for all integers  $x$ .
- iii. Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a function defined by  $f(a) = [(a, 0)]$ .  
Show that  $f$  is an injective function and  $f(a \cdot b) = [(a, 0)] \odot [(b, 0)]$ .

**Ans:**

- (a) • Since  $m + n = m + n$ , we have  $(m, n) \sim (m, n)$ .
- If  $(m, n) \sim (p, q)$ , then  $m + q = p + n$  and so  $p + n = m + q$  which implies  $(p, q) \sim (m, n)$ .

- If  $(m, n) \sim (p, q)$  and  $(p, q) \sim (r, s)$ , then  $m + q = p + n$  and  $p + s = r + q$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}(m + q) + (p + s) &= (p + n) + (r + q) \\ (m + s) + (p + q) &= (r + n) + (p + q) \\ m + s &= r + n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(m, n) \sim (r, s)$ .

By the above,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

- (b) i. • **Claim:** If  $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$  and  $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$ , then  $(m, n) \boxplus (p, q) \sim (m', n') \boxplus (p', q')$ .  
We have  $m + n' = m' + n$  and  $p + q' = p' + q$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(m + n') + (p + q') &= (m' + n) + (p' + q) \\ (m + p) + (n' + q') &= (m' + p') + (n + q)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(m, n) \boxplus (p, q) \sim (m', n') \boxplus (p', q')$  and the addition  $\boxplus$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  induces an addition  $\oplus$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- **Claim:** If  $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$  and  $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$ , then  $(m, n) \boxtimes (p, q) \sim (m', n') \boxtimes (p', q')$ .  
We have  $m + n' = m' + n$  and  $p + q' = p' + q$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}m \cdot p + n \cdot q + n' \cdot p' + m' \cdot q' + m \cdot q' &= m \cdot p' + n \cdot q + n' \cdot p' + m' \cdot q' + m \cdot q \\ &= m' \cdot p' + n \cdot q + n \cdot p' + m' \cdot q' + m \cdot q \\ &= m' \cdot p' + n \cdot q' + n \cdot p + m' \cdot q' + m \cdot q \\ &= m' \cdot p' + n' \cdot q' + n \cdot p + m \cdot q' + m \cdot q \\ &= m' \cdot p' + n' \cdot q' + n \cdot p + m \cdot q + m \cdot q' \\ m \cdot p + n \cdot q + n' \cdot p' + m' \cdot q' &= m' \cdot p' + n' \cdot q' + n \cdot p + m \cdot q\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(m, n) \boxtimes (p, q) \sim (m', n') \boxtimes (p', q')$  and the multiplication  $\boxtimes$  on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  induces a multiplication  $\odot$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- ii. •

$$\begin{aligned}(-1) \oplus 1 &= [(0, 1)] \oplus [(1, 0)] \\ &= [(0, 1) \boxplus (1, 0)] \\ &= [(0 + 1, 1 + 0)] \\ &= [(1, 1)] \\ &= [(0, 0)] \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(-1) \odot (-1) &= [(0, 1)] \odot [(0, 1)] \\ &= [(0, 1) \boxtimes (0, 1)] \\ &= [(0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1, 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1)] \\ &= [(1, 0)] \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- Let  $x = [(a, b)] \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \odot x &= [(0, 0)] \odot [(a, b)] \\
 &= [(0, 0) \boxminus (a, b)] \\
 &= [(0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b, 0 \cdot b + 0 \cdot a)] \\
 &= [(0, 0)] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

iii. Suppose that  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then  $[(a, 0)] = [(b, 0)]$  which means  $(a, 0) \sim (b, 0)$ . It implies that  $a + 0 = b + 0$ , i.e.  $a = b$ . Therefore,  $f$  is an injective function.

Also,  $f(a \cdot b) = [(a \cdot b, 0)] = [(a \cdot b + 0 \cdot 0, b \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0)] = [(a, 0) \boxminus (b, 0)] = [(a, 0)] \odot [(b, 0)]$ .