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F U L L N A M E	S T U D E N T I D	DURATION: 70 MINUTES 5 QUESTIONS ON 2 PAGES TOTAL: 40 POINTS

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for all  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then  $x \cdot y = x \cdot y$  and hence,  $(x, y) \sim (x, y)$ . Therefore  $\sim$  is reflexive.

Let  $(x, y), (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Assume that  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . Then, by definition,  $x \cdot y = \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y}$  and hence,  $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = x \cdot y$  which shows that  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (x, y)$ . Therefore  $\sim$  is symmetric.

Let  $(x, y), (\hat{x}, \hat{y}), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Assume that  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Then, by definition,  $x \cdot y = \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y}$  and  $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$ . It follows that  $x \cdot y = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$  and hence,  $(x, y) \sim (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Therefore  $\sim$  is transitive, which completes the proof that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) Describe the set  $[(0, 0)]$  in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  geometrically.

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(c) Find  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $[(a, b)] = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = \frac{2}{x} \right\}$ .

Choose  $(a, b) = (2, 1)$ . Then we have that

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**(6 pts) 2.** Let  $A$  be a set and  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a function. Show that if  $f$  has a left inverse, then  $f \circ f$  also has a left inverse.

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**Solution II:** Assume that  $f$  has a left inverse. Then  $f$  is one-to-one. Consequently,  $f \circ f$  is one-to-one and hence, has a left inverse.

**(3+3+5=11 pts) 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the function defined by  $f(m, n) = m - n$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**(6 pts) 4.** Let  $A$  be a set and let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$  with the following properties:

- $R$  is reflexive
- For any  $x, y, z \in A$ , if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$ , then  $zRx$ .

Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

We need to show that  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. That  $R$  is reflexive is given as the first assumption. Let  $x, y \in A$ . Assume that  $xRy$ . As  $R$  is reflexive,  $xRx$ . Then, since  $xRx$  and  $xRy$ , by the second assumption, we have that  $yRx$ . Thus  $R$  is symmetric.

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