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F U L L N A M E	S T U D E N T I D	6 questions on 4 pages, 120 minutes 100 points in total Justify your answer

**1. (7 pts)** Prove or disprove the following: For any set  $x$ , if  $x$  is transitive, then  $\bigcup x$  is transitive.

Let  $x$  be a set. Suppose that  $x$  is transitive. We shall show that  $\bigcup x$  is transitive, that is, for every  $y \in \bigcup x$ , we have  $y \subseteq \bigcup x$ . Let  $y \in \bigcup x$ . Then, by definition,  $y \in z$  for some  $z \in x$ . Since  $x$  is transitive,  $z \subseteq x$  and hence  $y \in x$ . But then, for any  $w \in y$ , since  $w \in y$  and  $y \in x$ , we have  $w \in \bigcup x$ . Hence  $y \subseteq \bigcup x$ . Thus  $\bigcup x$  is transitive.

**2. (10 pts)** Recall that the recursive definitions of addition and multiplication operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} m + 0 & = & m \\ m + S(n) & = & S(m + n) \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} m \cdot 0 & = & 0 \\ m \cdot S(n) & = & (m \cdot n) + m \end{array}$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $S(n)$  denotes the successor of the natural number  $n$ . You are given that the identity

$$m \cdot (n + p) = m \cdot n + m \cdot p$$

hold for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $\cdot$  is associative, that is, for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$(m \cdot n) \cdot p = m \cdot (n \cdot p)$$

[**WARNING:** If you use an identity involving arithmetical operations on  $\mathbb{N}$  other than the identities given in the question, you are supposed to prove it.]

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We shall prove that  $(m \cdot n) \cdot p = m \cdot (n \cdot p)$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  by induction on  $p$ .

- **Base case.** By the definition of  $\cdot$ , we have  $(m \cdot n) \cdot 0 = 0 = m \cdot 0 = m \cdot (n \cdot 0)$  and hence the claim holds for  $p = 0$ .
- **Successor step.** Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $(m \cdot n) \cdot p = m \cdot (n \cdot p)$ . Then, by the definition of  $\cdot$ , the inductive assumption and the given identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m \cdot n) \cdot S(p) &= ((m \cdot n) \cdot p) + (m \cdot n) \\ &= (m \cdot (n \cdot p)) + (m \cdot n) \\ &= m \cdot ((n \cdot p) + n) \\ &= m \cdot (n \cdot S(p)) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the claim holds for  $S(p)$ . Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, the claim holds for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**3. (5 × 7 = 35 pts)** Consider the relation  $\preceq$  defined on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  as follows.

$$(m, n) \preceq (k, \ell) \iff m + n < k + \ell \vee (m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k)$$

for all  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

(a) Show that the relation  $\preceq$  is transitive.

Let  $(m, n), (k, \ell), (p, r) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose that  $(m, n) \preceq (k, \ell)$  and  $(k, \ell) \preceq (p, r)$ . By the definition of  $\preceq$ , we must have  $m + n < k + \ell \vee (m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k)$  and  $k + \ell < p + r \vee (k + \ell = p + r \wedge k \leq p)$ . We now split into four cases.

- Case I:  $(m + n < k + \ell$  and  $k + \ell < p + r)$  Then  $m + n < p + r$  and hence  $(m, n) \preceq (p, r)$ .
- Case II:  $(m + n < k + \ell$  and  $k + \ell = p + r \wedge k \leq p)$  Then  $m + n < k + \ell = p + r$  and hence  $(m, n) \preceq (p, r)$ .
- Case III:  $(m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k$  and  $k + \ell < p + r)$  Then  $m + n = k + \ell < p + r$  and hence  $(m, n) \preceq (p, r)$ .
- Case IV:  $(m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k$  and  $k + \ell = p + r \wedge k \leq p)$  Then  $m + n = k + \ell = p + r$  and  $m \leq p$ , and hence  $(m, n) \preceq (p, r)$ .

It follows that  $\preceq$  is a transitive relation.

You are now given that  $\preceq$  is a partial order relation on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) Show that  $\preceq$  is a linear order relation on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\leq$  is a linear order relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we may split into three cases:

- Case I:  $(m + n < k + \ell)$  Then, by the definition of  $\preceq$ , we have  $(m, n) \preceq (k, \ell)$ .
- Case II:  $(m + n > k + \ell)$  Then, by the definition of  $\preceq$ , we have  $(k, \ell) \preceq (m, n)$ .
- Case III:  $(m + n = k + \ell)$  By the exact same reasoning as above, we may split into two further cases
  - Case III.a:  $(m \leq k)$  Then, by the definition of  $\preceq$ , we have  $(m, n) \preceq (k, \ell)$ .
  - Case III.b:  $(k < m)$  Then, by the definition of  $\preceq$ , we have  $(k, \ell) \preceq (m, n)$ .

In all cases, we obtained  $(m, n) \preceq (k, \ell)$  or  $(k, \ell) \preceq (m, n)$ , and hence  $\preceq$  is a linear order relation.

(c) Show that  $\preceq$  is not a well order relation on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Observe that the sequence  $((0, -n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  form an infinite strictly decreasing sequence, namely,

$$(0, 0) \succ (0, -1) \succ (0, -2) \succ \dots$$

in the linearly ordered set  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}, \preceq)$ . Therefore  $\preceq$  is not a well-order relation.

(d) Let  $\prec$  denote the induced strict partial order relation given by  $(m, n) \prec (k, \ell) \iff (m, n) \preceq (k, \ell) \wedge (m, n) \neq (k, \ell)$  for all  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Find an element  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that

For all  $(k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $(a, b) \prec (k, \ell)$ , then there exists  $(m, n) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(a, b) \prec (m, n) \prec (k, \ell)$

In other words,  $(a, b)$  does not have a successor element with respect to this partial order relation.

THIS PART OF THE QUESTION IS CANCELED DUE TO A TYPO. IN THIS PART OF THE QUESTION, ALL  $\preceq$  SHOULD HAVE BEEN  $\succ$  AND ALL  $\prec$  SHOULD HAVE BEEN  $\succ$ . SO IT SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR AN ELEMENT THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PREDECESSOR. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FULL POINTS FROM THIS QUESTION.

(e) Prove that there exists an order preserving function from  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}, \preccurlyeq)$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$ , that is, there exists a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(m, n) \preccurlyeq (k, \ell)$  iff  $f(m, n) \leq f(k, \ell)$ , for all  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(m, n) = m + n - \frac{1}{m+1}$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We shall show that  $f$  is order-preserving. Recall that, since  $\preccurlyeq$  is a linear order relation, it suffices to show that  $(m, n) \preccurlyeq (k, \ell)$  implies  $f(m, n) \leq f(k, \ell)$  for all  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $(m, n), (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $(m, n) \preccurlyeq (k, \ell)$ . Then, by definition,  $m + n < k + \ell$  or  $m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k$ . We split into cases.

- Case I:  $(m + n < k + \ell)$ . Then we have

$$f(m, n) = m + n - \frac{1}{m+1} \leq m + n \leq k + \ell - 1 \leq k + \ell - \frac{1}{k+1} = f(k, \ell)$$

- Case II:  $(m + n = k + \ell \wedge m \leq k)$  Then we have

$$f(m, n) = m + n - \frac{1}{m+1} = k + \ell - \frac{1}{m+1} \leq k + \ell - \frac{1}{k+1} = f(k, \ell)$$

In both cases, we obtain  $f(m, n) \leq f(k, \ell)$ . Therefore  $f$  is order-preserving.

**4. (4 × 7 = 28 pts)** Recall that  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$  is the set of functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to 2. In other words,  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$  is the set of 0-1 sequences indexed by  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Consider the relation  $E$  on  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$  given by

$$f E g \iff \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} f(n+k) = g(n)$$

for all  $f, g \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ .

(a) Show that the relation  $E$  is an equivalence relation on  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ .

Let  $f \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ . Then, choosing  $k = 0$ , we have  $f(n+k) = f(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and hence  $f E f$ . Thus  $E$  is reflexive.

Let  $f, g \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ . Assume that  $f E g$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(n+k) = g(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But this implies that  $g(n+K) = f(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $K = -k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $g E f$ . Thus  $E$  is symmetric.

Let  $f, g, h \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ . Assume that  $f E g$  and  $g E h$ . Then, by definition, there exist  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(n+k) = g(n)$  and  $g(n+\ell) = h(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows that  $f(n+K) = h(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $K = k+\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $f E h$ . Thus  $E$  is transitive.

(b) Show that the equivalence class  $[f]_E$  is countable for all  $f \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ .

Observe that, for all  $g \in [f]_E$ , since  $f E g$ , we can choose some  $k_g \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(n+k_g) = g(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider the function  $\varphi : [f]_E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $\varphi(g) = k_g$  for all  $g \in [f]_E$ .

Observe that  $\text{ran}(\varphi) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  is countable since it is a subset of a countable set. We claim that  $\varphi$  is injective. Let  $g, h \in [f]_E$ . Suppose that  $\varphi(g) = \varphi(h)$ . Then, for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we must have

$$g(n) = f(n+k_g) = f(n+k_h) = h(n)$$

and hence  $g = h$ . This shows that  $\varphi$  is injective from which it follows that  $|[f]_E| = |\text{ran}(\varphi)|$ . But since the latter set is countable, we have that  $[f]_E$  is countable as well.

(c) Show that there exists an injection from  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2/E$  to  ${}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$ .

Since each equivalence class is non-empty, by the axiom of choice, for each  $S \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2/E$ , we can choose some  $f_S \in S$ . Consider the function  $\psi : {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2/E \rightarrow {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2$  given by  $\psi(S) = f_S$  for all  $S \in {}^{\mathbb{Z}}2/E$ . Then  $\psi$  is an injection because if  $f_S = \psi(S) = \psi(S') = f_{S'}$ , then  $f_S \in S \cap S'$  and hence  $S = S'$  since two equivalence classes are either identical or disjoint.

(d) Show that there exists an injection from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_2/E$ .

Consider the map  $\gamma : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  given by  $\gamma(f)(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ f\left(-\frac{n}{2}\right) & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ is even} \\ f\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$ . In other words, considered as a sequence,

$\gamma$  is the sequence

$$\gamma(f) = (\dots, 0, 0, 0, 1, f(0), f(-1), f(1), f(-2), f(2), \dots)$$

indexed by  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where the leftmost entry 1 is at index 0.

We claim that, for all  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , if  $\gamma(f) E \gamma(g)$ , then  $f = g$ . Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Suppose  $\gamma(f) E \gamma(g)$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gamma(f)(n+k) = \gamma(g)(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Observe that the leftmost entry 1 appears at index  $-1$  in both sequences  $\gamma(f)$  and  $\gamma(g)$ . Consequently, we must have  $k = 0$ . Otherwise, if  $k > 0$ , then  $\gamma(g)(-k) = \gamma(f)(0) = 1$  and so  $\gamma(g)$  would have entry 1 at index  $-k$ ; and if  $k < 0$ , then  $\gamma(f)(k) = \gamma(g)(0) = 1$  and  $\gamma(f)$  would have entry 1 at index  $k$ . But then, since  $k = 0$ , we have  $\gamma(f) = \gamma(g)$  from which it follows that  $f(n) = g(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $f = g$ .

Now, consider  $\eta : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2/E$  given by  $\eta(f) = [\gamma(f)]_E$ . By the claim above, we have that  $f \neq g$  implies  $\neg \gamma(f) E \gamma(g)$  which subsequently implies  $\eta(f) \neq \eta(g)$  and hence,  $\eta$  is an injection.

**5. (5+5=10 pts)** a) State the Axiom of Pairing or the Axiom of Union.

Read the lecture notes for statements of both axioms.

b) Let  $x$  be a set. By referring to the relevant axioms ZFC, explain why its successor  $S(x) = x \cup \{x\}$  exists, i.e. explain how you construct  $S(x)$  using the relevant axioms of ZFC.

Given a set  $x$ , by the Axiom of Pairing, we can pair  $x$  with itself and obtain the singleton  $\{x\}$ . Now, applying the Axiom of Pairing with sets  $x$  and  $\{x\}$ , we obtain the set  $\{x, \{x\}\}$ . Finally, applying the Axiom of Union to the set  $\{x, \{x\}\}$ , we obtain a set that consists of precisely the elements of elements of  $\{x, \{x\}\}$ , that is,  $S(x) = x \cup \{x\}$ .

**6. (10 pts)** State and prove Cantor's theorem.

Read the lecture notes for a statement and proof of Cantor's theorem.