

# Sample Solution

Math 214 QUIZ 2

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1. Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that if  $m^2$  is divisible by 5, then  $m$  is divisible by 5.

We prove the contrapositive: Suppose  $m$  is not divisible by 5. Prove that  $5 \nmid m^2$

Proof Assume  $5 \nmid m$ . Consider 4 cases.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet m = 5g+1, & \quad m^2 = 25g^2 + 10g + 1 = 5(5g^2 + 2g) + 1, \\ \bullet m = 5g+2, & \quad m^2 = 25g^2 + 10g + 4 = 5(5g^2 + 2g) + 4, \\ \bullet m = 5g+3, & \quad m^2 = 25g^2 + 10g + 9 = 5(5g^2 + 2g + 1) + 4, \\ \bullet m = 5g+4, & \quad m^2 = 25g^2 + 10g + 16 = 5(5g^2 + 2g + 3) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

In all cases,  $m^2$  is not divisible by 5.

2. Prove that  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational.

Hint: Suppose  $\sqrt{5} = p/q$  so that  $p, q$  have no common factor. Then  $5q^2 = p^2$  and use the result in Problem 1 to conclude that  $p$  is divisible by 5. Then argue that  $q$  is also divisible by 5....

Proof Suppose, (by contradiction) that  $\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}$ ,  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  have no common factors.

Then  $5q^2 = p^2$ . So  $5 \mid p$  by Problem 1.

So  $p = 5k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $5q^2 = (5k)^2 = 25k^2$ .

Thus  $q^2 = 5k^2$ , and  $5 \mid q$  by Problem 1.

Hence  $p, q$  have 5 as a common factor,

which is a contradiction !!!

So  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational.

which contradicts the fact that  $p$  &  $q$  have no common factor.



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(e) Prove/disprove "There exist odd integers  $a$  &  $b$  such that  $4 \mid (3a^2 + 7b^2)$ ."

$(a, b)$	$3a^2 + 7b^2$
$(1, 1)$	10
$(1, 3)$	$3 + 63 = 66$
$(1, 5)$	$3 + 7 \times 25 =$ $3 + 7(24+1)$ $= 7 \cdot 24 + 3 + 7$ $= 7 \cdot 24 + 8 + 2$

$$4 \mid (3a^2 + 7b^2).$$

Let

$$a = 2k + 1$$

$$b = 2l + 1 \quad \text{be odd}$$

Then

$$3a^2 + 7b^2 = 3(4k^2 + 4k + 1) + 7(4l^2 + 4l + 1)$$

$$= 4(3k^2 + 3k + 7l^2 + 7l)$$

$$+ 3 + 7$$

$$= 4(3k^2 + 3k + 7l^2 + 7l) + 8 + 2$$

$$= 4(3k^2 + 3k + 7l^2 + 7l + 2) + 2$$

$$\therefore 3a^2 + 7b^2 = 4m + 2.$$

cannot be a multiple of 4.

So the original statement is false.

~~$\exists a, b$  odd integers,  
 $4 \mid (3a^2 + 7b^2)$~~

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The negation of the original statement.

$$\sim [\exists a, b \text{ odd integers } a, b \text{ such that } 4 \mid (3a^2 + 7b^2)]$$

$$\equiv \forall \text{ odd integers } a, b, 4 \nmid (3a^2 + 7b^2)$$

is a true statement

(d) There is a real number  $x$  such that

$$x^6 + x^4 + 1 = 2x^2$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} -x^6 &= x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 \quad \text{~~2x^6~~} \\ &= (x^2 - 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$-x^6 \leq 0, \quad (x^2 - 1)^2 \geq 0.$$

$\therefore$  the equality holds only

when  $\underline{-x^6 = 0 = (x^2 - 1)^2}$ ,

i.e.,  $x = 0$  &  $x^2 - 1 = 0$ , which is impossible

$\therefore$  no real number  $x$  satisfies the equation.

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In other words, the original statement is false.

$$x^6 + x^4 + 1 - 2x^2 = 0$$

$f(x)$

**Examples**

(a) Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \geq xy$ .

(b) Let  $S_a = [0, a]$  for  $a > 0$ . Determine (with explanation/proof) the following:

$\bigcup_{a \in [1,2]} S_a, \quad \bigcup_{a \in (1,2)} S_a, \quad \bigcap_{a \in [1,2]} S_a, \quad \bigcap_{a \in (1,2)} S_a.$

(a) Prove. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \right) - (xy) \\ &= \frac{1}{12} [4x^2 + 9y^2 - 12xy] \\ &\neq \frac{1}{12} (2x - 3y)^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \geq xy$

To prove  $E_1 \supseteq E_2 (a, b, c, d)$

Consider  $E_1 - E_2$

$= \dots \geq 0$

$\therefore E_1 \supseteq E_2$

(b)  $\alpha > 0, S_\alpha = [0, \alpha]$

~~Determine~~ ~~Determine~~ Claim:  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in [1,2]} S_\alpha = [0, 2]$

Example:  $\alpha = 0.1, S_{0.1} = [0, 0.1]$

$\alpha = \pi, S_\pi = [0, \pi]$

$\alpha = 10, S_{10} = [0, 10]$

To prove  $X = Y$

We need to prove  $(X \subseteq Y)$ :

$(Y \subseteq X)$ :

$(\subseteq): \bigcup_{\alpha \in [1,2]} S_\alpha \subseteq [0, 2]$   $(\supseteq) [0, 2] \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in [1,2]} S_\alpha$

Let  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in [1,2]} S_\alpha$

i.e., there is  $\alpha_0 \in [1, 2]$

s.t.  $x \in S_{\alpha_0} = [0, \alpha_0]$

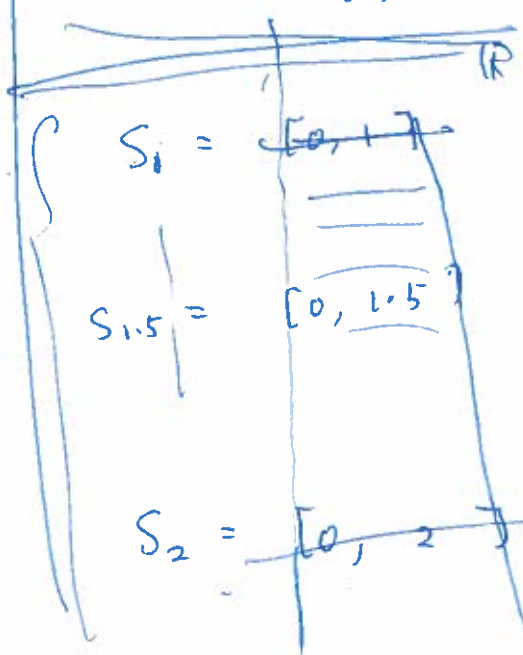
$\therefore$

$\therefore x \in [0, 2]$ , as

Let  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Then  $x \in S_{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

$\therefore x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in [1,2]} S_\alpha$



(b.2) Claim:  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in (1,2)} S_\alpha = [0, 2)$ .

Proof:

( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in (1,2)} S_\alpha$

There is  $\alpha_0 \in (1,2)$   
 such that  $x \in S_{\alpha_0} = [0, \alpha_0]$   
 $\subseteq \bigcup$

$\therefore x \in [0, 2)$  because  
 ~~$\alpha_0 < 2$~~   
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 $\underline{\underline{2}}$

( $\supseteq$ ) Let  $x \in [0, 2)$

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 Then let  $\alpha_0 = \frac{x+2}{2} < 2$ .

and  $x < \alpha_0$ .

Then  $x \in [0, \alpha_0] = S_{\alpha_0}$ .

$\therefore x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in (1,2)} S_\alpha$

