

INTRODUCTION TO DISCRETE MATHEMATICS. TEST #2

1. Prove that the relation  $R$  defined on the set  $X = \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$mRn \equiv (2m)^2 + (3n)^2 \text{ is divisible by } 13$$

is an equivalence relation. Determine its equivalence classes  $[0]_R, [9]_R$ . How many different equivalence classes does this relation have?

**Hints:**

$$\text{reflexive: } (2m)^2 + (3m)^2 = 13m^2$$

$$\text{symmetric: } (2n)^2 + (3m)^2 = 13m^2 + 13n^2 - ((2m)^2 + (3n)^2)$$

$$\text{transitive: } (2m)^2 + (3p)^2 = ((2m)^2 + (3n)^2) + ((2n)^2 + (3p)^2) - 13n^2$$

$$[0]_R = 13\mathbb{Z}, [9]_R = \{4, 9\} + 13\mathbb{Z}, \text{ there are exactly seven equivalence classes}$$

2. Let  $X = 5\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers divisible by 5, let  $Y = \mathbb{Z}_+$  be the set of all positive integers. Find bijections  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow X$  and  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ .

(question for extra points) Find a bijection  $h : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (X \cup Y)$ .

**Possible answers:**  $f(n) = 5n$ ,

$$g(n) = \begin{cases} 2n & \text{for } n > 0 \\ 1 - 2n & \text{for } n \leq 0, \end{cases} \quad h(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{for } n > 0 \\ 5n & \text{for } n \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

3. Determine for what values of the parameters  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  the operation  $x \ddagger y = 2xy - 5x + ay + b$  defined for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  is commutative and associative.

**Hints:**

$$\text{commutative: } 2xy - 5x + ay + b = 2yx - 5y + ax + b \text{ implies } a = -5$$

$$\text{associative: for } x \ddagger y = 2xy - 5x - 5y + b \text{ we have}$$

$$(0 \ddagger 0) \ddagger 1 = b \ddagger 1 = -2b - 5$$

$$0 \ddagger (0 \ddagger 1) = 0 \ddagger (b - 5) = 25 - 4b; \quad 25 - 4b = -2b - 5 \text{ implies } b = 15$$

Then check manually that  $x \ddagger y = 2xy - 5x - 5y + 15$  is associative or use

$$2xy - 5x - 5y + 15 = \frac{(2x - 5)(2y - 5) + 5}{2}$$

to prove that

$$(x \ddagger y) \ddagger z = \frac{(2x - 5)(2y - 5)(2z - 5) + 5}{2} = x \ddagger (y \ddagger z)$$