

(20 marks) Problem 1.

Prove that the sum of the squares of any four consecutive positive integers always leaves a remainder of six when divided by eight.

Proof by Induction: (3 marks) The statement says

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (n+i)^2 \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$$

(3 marks) Base case:  $n = 1$ ;

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (1+i)^2 \equiv 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 \equiv 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 \pmod{8} \equiv 1 + 4 + 1 + 0 \pmod{8} \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$$

(3 marks) Inductive Hypothesis:

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (k+i)^2 \equiv 6 \pmod{8} \text{ for } 1 \leq k < n$$

Induction:

(3 marks)

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (n+i)^2 \equiv n^2 + (n+1)^2 + (n+2)^2 + (n+3)^2 \pmod{8}$$

$$\downarrow \text{(4 marks)} \quad \equiv (n-1)^2 + n^2 + (n+1)^2 + (n+2)^2 + (n+3)^2 - (n-1)^2 \pmod{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv \left. \begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=0}^3 (n-1+i)^2 + (n+3)^2 - (n-1)^2 \pmod{8} \\ &\equiv 6 + n^2 + 6n + 9 - n^2 + 2n - 1 \pmod{8} \\ &\equiv 6 + 8n + 8 \pmod{8} \\ &\equiv 6 \pmod{8} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(4 marks)} \end{aligned}$$

(20 marks) Problem 2. The Lucas numbers,  $L_i$  are defined as

$$\begin{cases} L_1 = 1 \\ L_2 = 3 \\ L_i = L_{i-1} + L_{i-2} \text{ for } i \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $L_3 = 4$  and  $L_4 = 7$ . Prove by mathematical induction, that for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L_i^2 = L_n L_{n+1} - 2$$

(4 points) Base case,  $n = 1$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^1 L_i^2 = L_1^2 = 1$  (L.H.S)

$$L_n L_{n+1} - 2 = L_1 \cdot L_2 - 2 = 1 \cdot 3 - 2 = 1 \text{ (R.H.S)}$$

(4 points) Inductive Hypothesis:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k L_i^2 = L_k L_{k+1} - 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq k < n$$

Induction:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} L_i^2 + L_n^2 && \text{(2 points for breaking up the sum)} \\ &= L_{n-1} L_n - 2 + L_n^2 && \text{(5 points for applying I.H.)} \\ &= L_n (L_{n-1} + L_n) - 2 \\ &= L_n L_{n+1} - 2 && \text{(5 points for complete solution)} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

Apply Euclidian Algorithm to find  $\gcd(481, 592)$

$$592 = 1 \cdot 481 + 111 \text{ (5 points)}$$

$$481 = 4 \cdot 111 + 37 \text{ (5 points)}$$

$$111 = 3 \cdot 37 + 0 \text{ (5 points)}$$

$$\gcd(481, 592) = 37 \text{ (5 points for identifying the GCD correctly)}$$

Problem 4

Use Laws of Logic and Rules of Inference to justify the following argument

$r \vee q$   
 $r \rightarrow t$   
 $q \rightarrow s$   
 $(t \vee s) \rightarrow v$   
 $v \rightarrow (u \wedge p)$

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$\therefore p$

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| 1. $r \vee q$                    | Premise                       |            |
| 2. $\neg q \rightarrow r$        | Law of implication of 1       | (2 points) |
| 3. $r \rightarrow t$             | Premise                       |            |
| 4. $\neg q \rightarrow t$        | Hypothetical Syllogism of 2,3 | (3 points) |
| 5. $q \rightarrow s$             | Premise                       |            |
| 6. $q \vee t$                    | Law of implication of 4       | (2 points) |
| 7. $\neg q \vee s$               | Law of implication of 5       | (2 points) |
| 8. $t \vee s$                    | Resolution                    | (3 points) |
| 9. $(t \vee s) \rightarrow v$    | Premise                       |            |
| 10. $v$                          | Modus Ponens from 8,9         | (3 points) |
| 11. $v \rightarrow (u \wedge p)$ | Premise                       |            |
| 12. $u \wedge p$                 | Modus Ponens from 10,11       | (3 points) |
| 13. $p$                          | Simplification on 12          | (2 points) |

Problem 5

Let  $f:A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow A$  be functions such that

(i)  $\forall y \in B (f \circ g)(y) = y$

(ii)  $\exists x \in A (g \circ f)(x) \neq x$

Prove that  $f$  is surjective, but not injective.

$f$  is surjective:  $\forall y \in B \exists x \in A : f(x) = y$  (4 points for definition of surjective, verbal OK)

Let  $y \in B$ , then let  $x = g(y) \in A$  (2 points for proper start of proof)

$f(x)$

$= f(g(y))$  (By the choice/definition of  $x$ )

$= (f \circ g)(y)$  (Definition of function composition)

$= y$  (By Condition (i))

$\therefore \forall y \in B, \exists x \in A$ , in particular  $g(y) \in A: f(x) = y$ . (4 points for complete solution)

f is not injective:

$\neg(\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) = f(a_2) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2)$  (4 points for definition of injective, verbal OK)

$\exists a_1, a_2 \in A: f(a_1) = f(a_2) \wedge a_1 \neq a_2$  (2 points for negation)

Apply existential instantiation on (ii)

Let  $a_1$  be such that  $(g \circ f)(a_1) \neq a_1$

$a_1 \in A$ , and  $(g \circ f)(a_1) \in A$

Let  $a_2 = (g \circ f)(a_1)$ .  $a_2 \in A$  and  $a_1 \neq a_2$

$f(a_2)$

$= f((g \circ f)(a_1))$  (By the choice of  $a_2$ )

$= f(g(f(a_1)))$  (Definition of  $g \circ f$ )

$= (f \circ g)(f(a_1))$  (Definition of  $f \circ g$ )

$= f(a_1)$  (By Condition (i) with  $y = f(a_1) \in B$ ).

$\therefore \exists a_1, a_2 : a_1 \neq a_2 \wedge f(a_1) = f(a_2)$

(4 points for complete solution)

Extra Credit

Find  $c$  such that  $1000! = 9^c \cdot k$  and  $9 \nmid k$ , for integers  $c$  and  $k$ .

Let  $f_3(n)$  be the number of factors of 3 in  $n!$

$$\text{Then } f_3(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ \lfloor n/3 \rfloor + f_3(\lfloor n/3 \rfloor) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(6 points for correct recurrence)

Just calculations from this point.

$$f_3(1000) = f_3(333) + 333$$

$$= f_3(111) + 111 + 333$$

$$= f_3(37) + 37 + 444$$

$$= f_3(12) + 12 + 481$$

$$= f_3(4) + 4 + 493$$

$$= f_3(1) + 1 + 497$$

$$= 0 + 498$$

$$\therefore 1000! = 3^{498} \cdot k = 9^{249} \cdot k$$

$$c = 249$$

(4 points for correct answer)