

MATH 109, MATHEMATICAL REASONING,  
MIDTERM EXAM NUMBER 2

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Problem 1. Define a relation  $\sim$  on the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  by declaring that

$$a \sim b \iff a - b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(Here  $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  is the set of all integers.)

(a) Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b) List all  $x$  in the range  $0 < x < 3$  belonging to the equivalence class of  $\sqrt{2}$ .

- (a). reflexive:  $a \sim a$  since  $a - a = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- . symmetric: Suppose  $a \sim b$ , i.e.  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $-(a - b) = b - a$  is also an integer, meaning  $b \sim a$ .
- . transitive: Suppose  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ , i.e.  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b - c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then their sum is also an integer:  $(a - b) + (b - c) = a - c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 this means  $a \sim c$ .  

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(b) The equivalence class of  $\sqrt{2}$  is  $[\sqrt{2}] = \{a \in \mathbb{R} : a \sim \sqrt{2}\}$ .  
 It consists of all numbers of the form  $a = \sqrt{2} + t$ ,  
 for varying  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $1 < \sqrt{2} < 2$ , only the numbers  $x =$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{2} - 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2} + 1}^2$$

lie in the interval  $(0, 3)$

| $t$ | $a = \sqrt{2} + t$ |
|-----|--------------------|
| -2  | $\sqrt{2} - 2$     |
| -1  | $\sqrt{2} - 1$     |
| 0   | $\sqrt{2}$         |
| 1   | $\sqrt{2} + 1$     |
| 2   | $\sqrt{2} + 2$     |

recall,  $[3]$  is the set of numbers of the form  $3 + 7t$  as  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  varies.

Problem 2. In this problem  $[3]$  denotes the residue class of 3 modulo 7.

- (a) Give the integer  $r$  in the range  $0 \leq r < 7$  satisfying  $r \equiv 100 \pmod{7}$ .  
 (b) List all elements of  $[3]$  belonging to the open interval  $(-20, 20)$ .  
 (c) Give an  $x \in [3]$  such that  $x^2 \in [3]$  or disprove the existence of such an  $x$ .

(a) Observe that:  $100 = 14 \cdot 7 + 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ , so  $\boxed{r=2}$   
 ("division w. remainder")  $\uparrow$  in the range  $0 \leq r < 7$ .

(b)

| $t$ | $3 + 7t$ |
|-----|----------|
| -4  | -25      |
| -3  | -18      |
| -2  | -11      |
| -1  | -4       |
| 0   | 3        |
| 1   | 10       |
| 2   | 17       |
| 3   | 24       |

only these numbers  $3 + 7t$  lie in the interval  $(-20, 20)$ :

$\boxed{-18, -11, -4, 3, 10, 17}$

(c) No, such an  $x$  does not exist — for the following reason: Saying  $x \in [3]$  amounts to  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ .

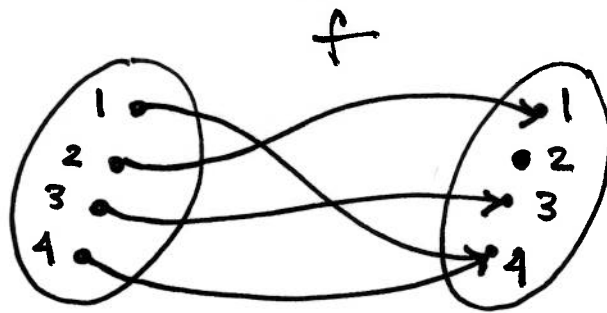
Then, as we know from class, this implies

$$x^2 \equiv 3^2 \pmod{7}, \text{ i.e. } x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

Cannot have  $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and  $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

since  $[2]$  and  $[3]$  are disjoint. Contradiction.

not injective:  
1 and 4  
collapse  
to a point (4)



not surjective:  
2 is not in  
the range.

Problem 3. Define a function  $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  as follows:

$$f(1) = 4 \quad f(2) = 1 \quad f(3) = 3 \quad f(4) = 4.$$

- (a) Is  $f$  surjective or injective? (Give a thorough explanation.)  
 (b) Calculate the value  $(f \circ f)(2)$ .  
 (c) List all elements of the two subsets  $f(\{1, 2\})$  and  $f^{-1}(\{3, 4\})$ .

(a) No. •  $f$  is not surjective since there's no  $x$  s.t.  $f(x) = 2$ .  
 and •  $f$  is not injective since  $f(1) = 4 = f(4)$ , but  $1 \neq 4$ .

(b)  $(f \circ f)(2) = f(f(2)) = f(1) = \boxed{4}$ .

(c) Image:

$$f(\{1, 2\}) = \{f(1), f(2)\} = \{4, 1\} = \boxed{\{1, 4\}}.$$

Inverse image:

$$f^{-1}(\{3, 4\}) = \{x: f(x) = 3 \vee f(x) = 4\} = \boxed{\{1, 3, 4\}}.$$

$\downarrow$  solutions?  $x = 3$                        $\downarrow$  solutions?  $x = 1$  and  $x = 4$ .

Problem 4.

- (a) Suppose you are given 11 positive integers. Explain why at least two of them must have the same last digit.
- (b) Suppose you are given 5 points in a disk of radius 1. Explain why at least two of them are within a distance  $\sqrt{2}$  of each other.

(a) Let  $X = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{10}\}$  be the 11 elements of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

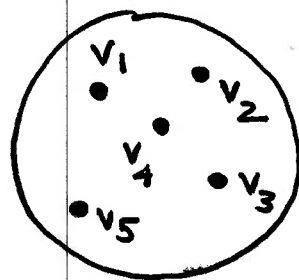
Consider the function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  given by  $f(x) = [x]$ .  
 (taking  $x$  to its residue class mod 10). Since  $|\mathbb{Z}_{10}| = 10 < |X| = 11$   
 the "pigeonhole principle" tells us  $f$  is not injective.  
 I.e., there are at least two indices  $i \neq j$  in  $\{0, 1, \dots, 10\}$   
 s.t.  $f(x_i) = f(x_j)$ . This means  $x_i \equiv x_j \pmod{10}$ ,  
 in other words they have the same last digit.

(b) Let  $A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  be the 5 points in the  
 disk  $D$  of radius 1. Divide  $D$  into  
 4 sectors  $D = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3 \cup D_4$ . By the  
 "pigeonhole principle" at least two points.

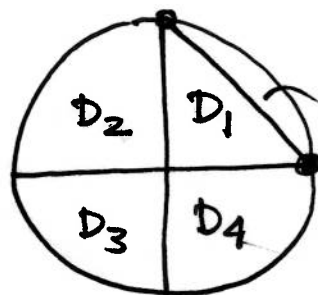
$v_i \neq v_j$  must lie in the same sector, say  $D_1$ .

Since  $D_1$  has diameter  $\sqrt{2}$ ,

$$d(v_i, v_j) \leq \sqrt{2}.$$



(radius=1)



$\text{diam}(D_1) =$

Problem 5. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  be a sequence of real numbers converging to a number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Prove that the sequence is bounded<sup>1</sup>.  
 (b) Give an example of a bounded sequence which is not convergent.

(a) Convergence means  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N : |x_n - x| < \varepsilon$ .  
 Take  $\varepsilon = 1$  and get an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $|x_n - x| < 1$  as long as  $n \geq N$ . By the triangle inequality,

$$|x_n| = |(x_n - x) + x| \leq |x_n - x| + |x| < 1 + |x|$$

for  $n = N, N+1, N+2, \dots$ . Now just take any  $B \geq 1 + |x|$  which is larger than the (finitely many) numbers  $|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{N-1}|$ . — i.e. larger than their maximum.

(b) Let  $c_n = (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 1 & n \text{ even} \\ -1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$ . This bounded:

$|c_n| = 1$  for all  $n$ .  
 (any  $B > 1$  works as a bound)

— Claim  $(c_n)$  is not convergent.

For suppose  $c_n \rightarrow c$ . Then,

$$2 = |c_{n+1} - c_n| \leq |c_{n+1} - c| + |c - c_n| < 1 + 1 = 2$$

↑

↑ triangle inequality.

<sup>1</sup>This means there is a constant  $B > 0$  such that  $|x_n| < B$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

two consecutive terms are  $\pm 1$ :

$$|1 - (-1)| = 2$$

$$|(-1) - 1| = 2.$$

Combined, this reads  $2 < 2$ .

A contradiction, so  $c_n$  diverges.

for all  $n$  large enough (take  $\varepsilon = 1$  in def. of convergence)