

**MATH 310.01 - METHODS OF PROOF  
EXAM III**

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*SHOW ALL WORK NEATLY* and clearly indicate how you arrived at your answers. If you aren't sure if you have written enough, please ask. There are 9 problems on 5 pages. The time allowed is 50 minutes and the exam is worth 100 points. *Put your name on each page.* If you need extra space, complete the problem on the back of the page and indicate that you have done so. **GOOD LUCK!**

1. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and let  $f$  be the function on  $A$  defined by

$$f = \{(a, c), (b, d), (c, c), (d, a)\}.$$

- (a) (4 points) Determine  $f^{-1}$ .

$$f^{-1} = \{(c, a), (d, b), (c, c), (a, d)\}$$

- (b) (4 points) Is  $f^{-1}$  a function? Why or why not?

No.  $f^{-1}(c) = a$  and  $f^{-1}(c) = c$ .

2. (8 points) In  $\mathbf{Z}_7$ , express the following as  $[r]$ , where  $0 \leq r < 7$ .

(a)  $[-43] + [101]$

$$= [6] + [3]$$

$$= [9]$$

$$= [2]$$

(b)  $[25] \cdot [-37]$

$$= [4] \cdot [5]$$

$$= [20]$$

$$= [6]$$

3. Let  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ . Define the relation  $R$  on  $S$  as follows:

For all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $aRb$  if and only if  $5a \equiv 2b \pmod{3}$ .

(a) (15 points) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Let  $a \in S$ . Then  $5a - 2a = 3a$ , so  $5a \equiv 2a \pmod{3}$ .

Thus  $aRa$  &  $R$  is reflexive.

Let  $a, b \in S$  such that  $aRb$ . Then  $5a \equiv 2b \pmod{3}$ ,

so  $3 \mid (5a - 2b)$ . Thus  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $5a - 2b = 3k$ .

Now  $5b - 2a = 3b + 3a - (5a - 2b) = 3b + 3a - 3k = 3(b + a - k)$ .

As  $b + a - k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3 \mid (5b - 2a)$ , so  $5b \equiv 2a \pmod{3}$ .

Thus  $bRa$  and  $R$  is symmetric.

Let  $a, b, c \in S$  such that  $aRb$  and  $bRc$ . Then

$5a \equiv 2b \pmod{3}$  and  $5b \equiv 2c \pmod{3}$ . So  $3 \mid (5a - 2b)$

and  $3 \mid (5b - 2c)$ . Thus  $\exists k, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $5a - 2b = 3k$

and  $5b - 2c = 3y$ . Now

$5a - 2c = (5a - 2b) + (5b - 2c) - 3b = 3k + 3y - 3b = 3(k + y - b)$ .

As  $k + y - b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3 \mid (5a - 2c)$ , so  $5a \equiv 2c \pmod{3}$ . Thus  $aRc$  and  $R$  is transitive.

As  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric & transitive,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) (6 points) Determine all the distinct equivalence classes of this equivalence relation.

$\{0, 3, 6\}, \{1, 4, 7\}, \{2, 5, 8\}$

4. Define  $f: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6$  by  $f([a]) = [5a + 1]$ .

(a) (8 points) Show that  $f$  is well-defined.

Let  $[a], [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_6$  s.t.  $[a] = [b]$ .

Then  $a \equiv b \pmod{6}$ , so  $5a \equiv 5b \pmod{6}$ .

As  $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $5a + 1 \equiv (5b + 1) \pmod{6}$ ,

and so  $[5a + 1] = [5b + 1]$ .

Thus  $f([a]) = f([b])$  and  $f$  is well-defined.

(b) (6 points) Is  $f$  ~~a surjection~~ <sup>an injection</sup>? Why or why not?

$$f([0]) = [1] \qquad f([5]) = [2]$$

$$f([1]) = [0]$$

$$f([2]) = [5]$$

$$f([3]) = [4]$$

$$f([4]) = [3]$$

Yes, there are 6 distinct images under  $f$ .

5. (8 points) Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be nonempty sets and let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ . Suppose that  $g \circ f$  is an injection. Prove that  $f$  is an injection.

Let  $x, y \in A$  and suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$

Then, as  $g$  is a function,

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(f(y)) = (g \circ f)(y).$$

As  $g \circ f$  is an injection,  $x = y$ .

Thus  $f$  is one-to-one

i.e.  $f$  is an injection.

6. (15 points) Define  $g: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x, y) = (y - 7, 2x + 3)$ . Prove that  $g$  is a bijection.

Let  $(x, y), (z, w) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and suppose  $g(x, y) = g(z, w)$ .

Thus  $(y - 7, 2x + 3) = (w - 7, 2z + 3)$  and so we have  
 $y - 7 = w - 7$  and  $2x + 3 = 2z + 3$ . Thus  $y = w$  and  $x = z$   
 i.e.  $(x, y) = (z, w)$ , and we have shown that  $g$  is  
 one-to-one.

Let  $(z, w) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . We need  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  st  $g(x, y) = (z, w)$ .

Consider  $(x, y) = (\frac{w-3}{2}, z+7)$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$   
 and  $g(x, y) = g(\frac{w-3}{2}, z+7) = ((z+7) - 7, 2(\frac{w-3}{2}) + 3) = (z, w)$ .

Thus  $g$  is onto.

As  $g$  is one-to-one and onto,  $g$  is a bijection.

7. (8 points) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . The distinct equivalence classes resulting from an equivalence relation  $R$  are  $\{1, 4, 6\}$ ,  $\{3, 5\}$ ,  $\{2\}$  and  $\{7\}$ . What is  $R$ ?

$$R = \left\{ (1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4), (1, 6), (6, 1), (4, 6), \right. \\ (6, 4), (6, 6), (3, 3), (3, 5), (5, 3), (5, 5), \\ \left. (2, 2), (7, 7) \right\}$$

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8. (12 points) Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  be permutations in  $S_6$ .

(a) Determine  $\alpha \circ \beta$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Determine  $\beta^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Give another permutation in  $S_6$  aside from the two given above.

9. (8 points) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} - \{3\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-3}$ . Is  $f$  a surjection? Why or why not?

Consider  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $\frac{4}{x-3} = y$  if  $4 = xy - 3y$ , and so if  $x = \frac{4+3y}{y}$ .

Thus we cannot have  $y=0$

(Also notice,  $\frac{4}{x-3} \neq 0 \forall x$  as  $4 \neq 0$ .)

$\therefore f$  is not a surjection.

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