

# Math Reasoning- Solutions to "More Exercises"

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**Problem 1.** Compute the following sets, prove your answer:

1.  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (-5) \cdot n < n\}$ . **solution**  $\mathbb{N}_+$
2.  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \exists y \in \mathbb{R}. \exists n \in \mathbb{N}. n + y^2 = x\}$  **solution**  $[0, \infty)$
3.  $\{X \cup \{0\} \mid X \in P(\mathbb{N})\}$ . **solution**  $P(\mathbb{N}) \setminus P(\mathbb{N}_+)$
4.  $\{X \in P(\mathbb{Q}) \mid X \cup \mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}\}$  **solution**  $P(\mathbb{Z})$
5.  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |[x, x + 1] \cap \mathbb{Z}| < 2\}$  **solution**  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Problem 2.** Prove or disprove the following statements:

1. If  $A = A \setminus B$  then  $B = \emptyset$ .  
**solution** Disprove,  $A = \{1, 2\}$   $B = \{3\}$ , we have  $\{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\} \setminus \{3\}$  but also  $\{3\} \neq \emptyset$
2. If  $A = A \setminus B$  then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  
**solution** Proof, Suppose that  $A = A \setminus B$ , we want to prove that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Suppose toward a contradiction that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then there is  $x \in A \cap B$ . By definition of intersection,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . It follows that  $x \in A \setminus B$ . Hence  $x$  is a member of  $A$  which is not a member of  $A \setminus B$ , contradiction the assumption  $A = A \setminus B$ .
3. If  $A \cup B = A \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = A \cap C$  then  $B = C$ . **solution:** Prove, suppose that  $A \cup B = A \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = A \cap C$ , we want to prove that  $B = C$ . Let us prove it by a double inclusion:

- $B \subseteq C$  Let  $x \in B$ , we want to prove that  $x \in C$ . Let us split into cases:
  - (a) If  $x \in A$  then  $x \in A \cap B$  and by the assumption that  $A \cap B = A \cap C$  it follows that  $x \in A \cap C$  and in particular  $x \in C$ .
  - (b) If  $x \notin A$ , recall that  $x \in B$  and therefore  $x \in A \cup B$ . By the assumption  $x \in A \cup C$  and since  $x \notin A$  it follows that  $x \in C$ .
- $C \subseteq B$  Symmetric to the first inclusion.

4. If  $A \Delta C \subseteq A \Delta B$  then  $A \cap C \subseteq B$ .

**solution** Disprove, Take  $A = \{1, 2\}$   $C = \{1\}$   $B = \{3\}$  then  $A \Delta C = \{2\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\} = A \Delta B$  but  $A \cap C = \{1\}$  is not a subset of  $B = \{3\}$ .

5.  $A \cap (B \Delta C) = (A \cap B) \Delta (A \cap C)$ .

**solution** Prove.

**Problem 3.** Let  $A, B, C, D$  be sets. Prove that

$$(A \times B) \setminus (C \times D) = [(A \setminus C) \times B] \cup [A \times (B \setminus D)]$$

**Problem 4.** Prove the for any sets  $A, B$ :

$$A \times B = B \times A \Leftrightarrow [A = B \vee A = \emptyset \vee B = \emptyset]$$

*Proof.* We need to prove a double implication.

- $\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $A \times B = B \times A$ , and suppose toward a contradiction that  $A \neq B$ , and  $A, B \neq \emptyset$  let us split into cases:
  - If there is  $x \in A$  such that  $x \notin B$ , take any  $b \in B$ , then  $\langle x, b \rangle \in A \times B$  but  $\langle x, b \rangle \notin B \times A$  since  $x \notin B$ .
  - the case that there is  $x \in B$  such that  $x \notin A$  is symmetric.
- $\Leftarrow$  Suppose that  $A = B \vee A = \emptyset \vee B = \emptyset$  and we want to prove that  $A \times B = B \times A$ . Let us split into cases:
  - If  $A = B$  then  $A \times B = A \times A = B \times A$ .
  - If  $A = \emptyset$  then  $A \times B = \emptyset = B \times A$
  - the case  $B = \emptyset$  is similar.

□

**Problem 5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any sets. Prove that:

1.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cap P(B)$ .
2.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) \cup P(B)$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B \vee B \subseteq A$ .
3.  $P(A \setminus B) \subseteq \{\emptyset\} \cup (P(A) \setminus P(B))$
4. If  $P(A) \subseteq P(A \setminus B)$  then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Problem 6.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be function. Prove or disprove the following statements:

1. If  $g \circ f$  is injective the  $g$  is injective.

**Solution** Disprove. For example, take  $f : \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ ,  $f(x) = x$  (the identity and  $g : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  defined by  $g(1) = 1, g(2) = 2, g(3) = 2$  clearly  $g$  is not injective and  $g \circ f : \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$   $g \circ f(1) = 1$  and  $g \circ f(2) = 2$ , thus  $g \circ f$  is injective.

2. If  $g \circ f$  is injective the  $f$  is injective.

**Solution** Prove. Suppose that  $g \circ f$  is injective and assume towards a contradiction that  $f$  is not injective. Then there are  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  distinct such that  $f(a_1) = f(a_2) = b$ . In particular,

$$g \circ f(a_1) = g(f(a_1)) = g(b) = g(f(a_2)) = g \circ f(a_2)$$

contradiction the assumption that  $g \circ f$  is injective.

3. If  $g \circ f$  is surjective then  $f$  is surjective.

**Solution** Disprove.

4. If  $g \circ f$  is surjective the  $g$  is surjective.

**Solution** Prove.

5. If  $f$  is surjective and  $g$  is not injective then  $g \circ f$  is not injective.

**Solution:** Suppose that  $g$  is not injective and  $f$  is surjective. We want to prove that  $g \circ f$  is not injective. Let  $b_1, b_2 \in B$  be distinct such that  $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, then there are  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  such that

$f(a_1) = b_1$  and  $f(a_2) = b_2$ . Note that  $a_1 \neq a_2$  since  $f$  is a function (otherwise,  $a_1 = a_2 = a$  and  $f(a) = b_1$  and  $f(a) = b_2$ ). It follows that

$$g \circ f(a_1) = g(f(a_1)) = g(b_1) = g(b_2) = g(f(a_2)) = g \circ f(a_2)$$

Hence  $g \circ f$  is not injective.

**Problem 7.** Determine if the following functions are injective/surjective/bijective. If the function is invertible, compute its inverse.

1.  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f(n) = n^2 - n + 2$ .

**Solution: Not injective:** for example  $f(0) = 2 = f(1)$ .

**Not surjective:** for example  $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$ , to see this, we have already seen that  $f(0), f(1) \neq 0$ , for  $n \geq 2, f(n) = n^2 - n + 2 = n(n - 1) + 2 \geq 2 > 0$ .

2.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{x-1} & x \neq 1 \end{cases}$ .

**solution Injective:** Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , we want to prove that  $x_1 = x_2$ . Note that if  $x \neq 1$ , the  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1} \neq 0$ . Split into cases:

- If  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) = 0$ , then as we have seen  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$ .
- If  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \neq 0$ , then  $x_1, x_2 \neq 1$  and therefore  $f(x_1) = \frac{1}{x_1-1} = \frac{1}{x_2-1} = f(x_2)$ . From simple algebra we get  $x_1 = x_2$ .

**Surjective:** Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we want to prove that there is  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . If  $y = 0$ , define  $x = 1$ , then by definition  $f(1) = 0$ . If  $y \neq 0$  define  $x = \frac{1}{y} + 1$ , then  $x \neq 1$  and we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{y} + 1\right) - 1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{y}} = y$$

By the theorem we have seen in class,  $f$  is invertible and the function  $f^{-1} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f^{-1}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & y = 0 \\ \frac{1}{y} + 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

3.  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}), f(n) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n\}$ .

**Solution Injective:** let  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we suppose that  $n_1 \neq n_2$ , we want to prove that  $f(n_1) \neq f(n_2)$ . Suppose that  $n_1 < n_2$  (the case  $n_2 < n_1$  is symmetric), we want to prove  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n_1\} \neq \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n_2\}$ . Note that  $n_1 < n_2$ , and by the separation principle,  $n_1 \in \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n_2\}$  but  $n_1 \not< n_1$  so  $n_1 \notin \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n_1\}$ . So we found an element  $n_1 \in f(n_2)$  such that  $n_1 \notin f(n_1)$ , and in particular  $f(n_1) \neq f(n_2)$ .

**Not surjective:** For example  $\{1\} \in P(\mathbb{N})$ , suppose toward a contradiction that there is  $n$  such that  $f(n) = \{1\}$ , then  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n\} = \{1\}$ . By set equality  $1 \in \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n\}$  and by separation  $1 < n$ . It follows that  $0 < n$  and therefore  $0 \in \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n\}$ . By the list principle,  $0 \notin \{1\}$  which contradicts the equality  $f(n) = \{1\}$ .

4.  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}), f(\langle n, m \rangle) = \{n, m\}$ . **Solution** Not injective, not surjective.

5.  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}), f(\langle n, m \rangle) = \{n, n + m\}$  **Solution** Injective, not surjective.

6.  $f : P(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}_{\text{even}}) \times P(\mathbb{N}_{\text{odd}}), f(X) = \langle X \cap \mathbb{N}_{\text{even}}, X \cap \mathbb{N}_{\text{odd}} \rangle$ . **Solution** Injective and surjective. The inverse function is  $f^{-1} : P(\mathbb{N}_{\text{even}}) \times P(\mathbb{N}_{\text{odd}}) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N})$ , defined by  $P(\langle X, Y \rangle) = X \cup Y$ .

**Problem 8.** Prove by induction the following claims:

- For every  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2n = n(n + 1)$$

**Solution**

– **Induction basis:** For  $n = 1$  we need to prove that  $2 = 1 \cdots 2$  which is clear.

– **Induction hypothesis:** Suppose that

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2n = n(n + 1)$$

for a general  $n$

– **Induction step;** We want to prove

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2(n + 1) = (n + 1)(n + 2)$$

Indeed

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n + 2(n + 1) = n(n + 1) + 2(n + 1) = (n + 2)(n + 2)$$

• For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + (2n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+1} = 2 + n \cdot 2^{2n+3}$$

**Solution**

– **Induction basis:** We need to prove that

$$1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 = 2 + 1 \cdot 2^{2+5}$$

$$\text{Indeed } 2 + 8 + 24 = 34 = 2 + 32 = 2 + 2^5.$$

– **Induction hypothesis** Assume

$$1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + (2n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+1} = 2 + n \cdot 2^{2n+3}$$

For a general  $n$ .

– **Induction step:** We want to prove that

$$1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + (2n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+1} + (2n + 2)2^{2n+2} + (2n + 3)2^{2n+3} = 2 + (n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+5}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \cdot 2^1 + \dots + (2n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+1} + (2n + 2)2^{2n+2} + (2n + 3)2^{2n+3} = \\ & = 2 + n2^{2n+3} + (2n + 2)2^{2n+2} + (2n + 3)2^{2n+3} = 2 + 2^{2n+2}(2n + 2n + 2 + 2(2n + 3)) = \\ & = 2 + 2^{2n+2}(8n + 8) = 2 + (n + 1) \cdot 2^{2n+5} \end{aligned}$$

• For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{33}{8} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n-1} + 1}{2^n} = \frac{2^{2n} - 1}{2^n}$$

**Solution**

- **Induction basis:** We need to prove that  $\frac{3}{2} = \frac{2^2-1}{2^2}$  which is true.
- **Induction hypothesis** Assume

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{33}{8} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n-1} + 1}{2^n} = \frac{2^{2n} - 1}{2^n}$$

for a general  $n$ .

- **Induction step;** We want to prove

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{33}{8} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n-1} + 1}{2^n} + \frac{2^{2n+1} + 1}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{2^{2n+2} - 1}{2^{n+1}}$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{33}{8} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n-1} + 1}{2^n} + \frac{2^{2n+1} + 1}{2^{n+1}} &= \\ &= \frac{2^{2n} - 1}{2^n} + \frac{2^{2n+1} + 1}{2^{n+1}} = \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot 2^{2n} - 2 + 2^{2n+1} + 1}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{2^{2n+2} - 1}{2^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

- For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)2n} = \frac{1}{2n}$$

**Solution**

- **Induction basis:** For  $n = 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot (1+1)} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 1}$ .
- **Induction hypothesis** Assume

$$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)2n} = \frac{1}{2n}$$

for a general  $n$ .

- **Induction step:** We want to prove that

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$$

We add and subtract  $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \\
&= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2n(2n+1)} + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \\
&= \frac{2n+2}{2n(2n+1)} + \frac{n-2(2n+1)}{2n(n+1)(2n+1)} = \frac{2(n+1)^2 - 3n - 2}{2n(n+1)(2n+1)} = \\
&= \frac{2n^2 + n}{2n(n+1)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)}
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 9.** 1. Prove that for every  $n$ , we have  $n, (n+1)^2$  are coprime.

*Proof.* By the Bezout identity, it suffices to prove that 1 is a linear combination of  $n, (n+1)^2$ . Indeed for the integer coefficients  $s = 1$  and  $t = -(n+2)$  we get that

$$s(n+1)^2 + tn = 1 \cdot (n+1)^2 - (n+2) \cdot n = n^2 + 2n + 1 - n^2 - 2n = 1$$

Hence  $n, (n+1)^2$  are coprime. □

2. Prove that for every  $n$ ,  $9^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 7.

*Proof.* By induction on  $n$ :

- **Base:** For  $n = 0$ , we get that  $9^0 - 2^0 = 1 - 1 = 0$  which is divisible by 7.
- **Hypothesis:** Suppose that  $9^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 7.
- **Step:** we want to prove that  $9^{n+1} - 2^{n+1}$  is divisible by 7.

$$9^{n+1} - 2^{n+1} = 9 \cdot 9^n - 2 \cdot 2^n = 7 \cdot 9^n + 2 \cdot 9^n - 2 \cdot 2^n = 7 \cdot 9^n + 2(9^n - 2^n)$$

By the induction hypothesis  $9^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 7 and thus  $2(9^n - 2^n)$  is divisible by 7. Also,  $7 \cdot 9^n$  is divisible by 7. Hence  $9^{n+1} - 2^{n+1}$  is divisible by 7.



□

3. Prove that  $n$  is divisible by 7 if and only if  $n^2$  is divisible by 7

*Proof.* This is an "if and only if" statement so we will prove it by a double inclusion.

- $\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $n$  is divisible by 7. We want to prove that  $n^2$  is divisible by 7. Since  $n$  is divisible by 7, there is  $k$  such that  $n = 7k$  and therefore  $n^2 = (7k)^2 = 7(7k^2)$ . Since  $7k^2$  is an integer then  $n^2$  is divisible by 7.
- $\Leftarrow$  Suppose that  $n^2$  is divisible by 7. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic there are (unique)  $q, r$  such that

$$n = 7q + r, \quad 0 \leq r < 7$$

In order to prove that  $n$  is divisible by 7, it suffices to prove that  $r = 0$ . Toward a contradiction assume  $r > 0$ , then

$$n^2 = (7q + r)^2 = 49q^2 + 14qr + r^2$$

Hence

$$r^2 = n^2 - 49q^2 - 14qr$$

and since  $n^2, 49q^2, 14qr$  are all divisible by 7, it follows that  $r^2$  is divisible by 7. Going over all the possibilities of  $r = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  one-by-one, we see that none of the numbers 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36 is divisible by 7, contradiction  $r^2$  being divisible by 7.

□

4. Prove that if  $\sqrt{7}$  and  $\sqrt{28}$  are irrational.

**Problem 10.** For any function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , denote by  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 0\}$ .

1. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any functions. Prove that if  $0 \in \text{Ker}(g)$ , then  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g \circ f)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $0 \in \text{Ker}(g)$ , we want to prove that  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g \circ f)$ . By definition of  $\text{Ker}(g)$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ . To prove the inclusion, let  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$ , we want to prove that  $x \in \text{Ker}(f \circ g)$ . By definition of  $\text{Ker}(f)$ ,  $f(x) = 0$ , hence by definition of composition,

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(0) = 0$$

It follows by the definition of  $\text{Ker}(g \circ f)$  that  $x \in \text{Ker}(g \circ f)$ .  $\square$

2. Give an example of such  $f, g$  such that  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq \text{Ker}(g \circ f)$ .

**Solution** Define the functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = 0$ , then  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$  and  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x) = 0$ , hence  $\text{Ker}(g \circ f) = \mathbb{R} \neq \{0\} = \text{Ker}(f)$ .

3. For any  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $\text{Ker}(f \upharpoonright X) = \text{Ker}(f) \cap X$ .

*Proof.* We want to prove that  $\text{Ker}(f \upharpoonright X) = \text{Ker}(f) \cap X$ , which is a set equality, so we prove it by a double inclusion:

- (a)  $\subseteq$  Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(f \upharpoonright X)$ , then  $x \in \text{dom}(f \upharpoonright X) = X$  and  $(f \upharpoonright X)(x) = 0$ , by definition of restriction,  $f(x) = (f \upharpoonright X)(x) = 0$ , hence  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . By definition of intersection  $x \in \text{Ker}(f) \cap X$ .
- (b)  $\supseteq$  Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(f) \cap X$ , then  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$  and  $x \in X$ . It follows that  $x \in \text{Dom}(f \upharpoonright X)$  and that  $(f \upharpoonright X)(x) = f(x)$ . Since  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$ ,  $(f \upharpoonright X)(x) = f(x) = 0$ , hence  $x \in \text{Ker}(f \upharpoonright X)$ .

$\square$

4. Prove that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bijection then  $|\text{Ker}(f)| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is a bijection and let us prove that  $|\text{Ker}(f)| = 1$ , namely that there is an element  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such such that  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{x_0\}$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, it is in particular surjective and therefore there exists  $x_0$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$ . it follows that  $x_0 \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . To see that  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{x_0\}$ , suppose toward a contradiction that this is not the case, then there is  $a \in \text{Ker}(f)$  such that  $a \neq x_0$ . By definition of  $\text{Ker}(f)$ ,  $f(a) = 0 = f(x_0)$ . Since  $a \neq x_0$ , this is a contradiction to  $f$  being injective.  $\square$

5. Prove or disprove, if  $|Ker(f)| = 1$ , then  $f$  is a bijection.

**Problem 11.** 1. Prove the following logical identities:

- (a)  $\neg(p \Leftrightarrow p) \equiv p \Leftrightarrow \neg q$ .
- (b)  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r \equiv \neg p \vee (q \Rightarrow r)$
- (c)  $p \Rightarrow F \equiv \neg p$
- (d)  $p \Rightarrow T \equiv T$ .

2. Decide weather the conclusion follows from the premises:

- (a) Pre. 1:  $A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)$
- (b) Pre. 2:  $\neg B \vee (\neg C)$
- (c) Conclusion  $\neg B \vee \neg A$ .

3. Decide weather the conclusion follows from the premises:

- (a) Pre. 1:  $A \wedge (\neg B \Rightarrow C)$
- (b) Pre. 2:  $B \Rightarrow \neg A$
- (c) Conclusion:  $\neg C \vee \neg A$ .

**Problem 12.** Prove or disprove:

- 1.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. x < y \Rightarrow \exists z \in \mathbb{Q}. x < z + 1 < y$ .
- 2.  $\forall A \forall B \exists X. P(A \cap X) = P(B \cap X)$ .
- 3.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. (\exists y. 2y + 1 = x^2) \Rightarrow x + 1 \pmod 3 = 0$ .

**Problem 13.** Prove that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{even}$ ,  $gcd(n, n + 2) = 2$ .

[Hint: Prove  $gcd(n, n + 2) \geq 2$  and proceed towards contradiction].

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{even}$ , then 2 divides  $n$ . Also,  $n + 2$  is even so 2 divides  $n + 2$ . By the definition of  $gcd(n, n + 2)$ , it follows that  $2 \leq gcd(n, n + 2)$ . For the other direction,  $2 = (n + 2) - n$  and by definition of  $gcd(n, n + 2)$ , it divides both  $n, n + 2$  and thus divides 2. It follows that  $gcd(n, n + 2) \leq 2$ . We conclude that  $gcd(n, n + 2) = 2$ .  $\square$

**Problem 14.** Define for every set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$A + r := \{a + r \mid a \in A\}$$

1. Compute  $\{1, 7, -0.12\} + 0.5$ . No proof required. **solution**  $\{1.5, 2.5, 0.38\}$
2. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  be any number. Compute  $\mathbb{R} + r$ , prove your answer.

*Proof.* Prove that  $\mathbb{R} + r = \mathbb{R}$  by a double inclusion. □

3. Prove the following claim:

$$\forall r \in \mathbb{R}. \mathbb{Z} + r = \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

4. Prove or disprove:  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}. \mathbb{N} + r = \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow r \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
**Solution** Disprove, for example  $r = 1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and but

$$\mathbb{N} + 1 = \{n + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \mathbb{N}_+ \neq \mathbb{N}$$