

# Math Reasoning- More Exercises

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

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

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

1. If  $A = A \setminus B$  then  $B = \emptyset$ .
2. If  $A = A \setminus B$  then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
3. If  $A \cup B = A \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = A \cap C$  then  $B = C$ .
4. If  $A \Delta C \subseteq A \Delta B$  then  $A \cap C \subseteq B$ .
5.  $A \cap (B \Delta C) = (A \cap B) \Delta (A \cap C)$ .

**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  $A, B$ :

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

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

1.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cap P(B)$ .
2. Prove that  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) \cup P(B)$  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.
2. If  $g \circ f$  is injective the  $f$  is injective.
3. If  $g \circ f$  is surjective then  $f$  is surjective
4. If  $g \circ f$  is surjective the  $g$  is surjective.
5. If  $f$  is surjective and  $g$  is not injective then  $g \circ f$  is not injective

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

1.  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f(n) = n^2 - n + 2$ .
2.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{x-1} & x \neq 1 \end{cases}$ .
3.  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}), f(n) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k < n\}$ .
4.  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}) f(\langle n, m \rangle) = \{n, m\}$ .
5.  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}), f(\langle n, m \rangle) = \{n, n + m\}$
6.  $f : P(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N}_{even}) \times P(\mathbb{N}_{odd}), f(X) = \langle X \cap \mathbb{N}_{even}, X \cap \mathbb{N}_{odd} \rangle$ .

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

- For every  $n \geq 1$ ,

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

- For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

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

- For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

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

- For any  $n \geq 1$ ,

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

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

2. Prove that for every  $n$ ,  $9^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 7.
3. Prove that  $n$  is divisible by 7 if and only if  $n^2$  is 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  $Ker(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 0\}$ .

1. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  be any functions. Prove that if  $0 \in Ker(g)$ , then  $Ker(f) \subseteq Ker(g \circ f)$ .
2. Give an example of such  $f, g$  such that  $Ker(f) \neq Ker(g \circ f)$ .
3. For any  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $Ker(f \upharpoonright X) = Ker(f) \cap X$ .
4. Prove that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bijection then  $|Ker(f)| = 1$ .
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 whether 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 whether 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.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. (\exists y. 2y + 1 = x^2) \Rightarrow x + 1 \bmod 3 = 0$ .

**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].

**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.
2. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  be any number. Compute  $\mathbb{R} + r$ , prove your answer.
3. Prove the following claim:

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

4. Prove or disprove:  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}. \mathbb{N} + r = \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow r \in \mathbb{N}$ .