

**MAT 1348 B - Assignment 3**  
**Due date: 7 March at DGD**

1. Use a **proof by cases** to show the following:

Let  $n$  be an integer. If 4 does not divide  $n$ , then 4 divides  $n^3 - 6n^2 + 11n - 6$ .

2. Let  $A, B, C$  be three subsets of the universal set.

- (a) Prove the following using set identities and properties of set operations:

$$(B - \overline{C}) \cup (B - A) = B - \overline{C \cup A}.$$

- (b) For each of the following, either prove the statement or give a counterexample. (A counterexample for (i) would consist of particular sets  $A, B, C$  such that  $A - B = A - C$  but  $B \neq C$ .)

i. If  $A - B = A - C$ , then  $B = C$ .

ii. If  $A - B = A - C$ , then  $A \cap B = A \cap C$ .

3. (i) Is the function

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \quad f(x, y) = x - 2y$$

- (a) one-to-one?

- (b) onto?

Fully justify your answer.

- (ii) Suppose you already know that the function

$$g : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \quad g(x, y) = (y, y - x)$$

is one-to-one and onto. Is it invertible? If so, find its inverse.

4. Let  $R$  be a binary relation on the set  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  defined by

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

Determine whether  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, or transitive. Fully justify your answer.

5. A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is defined on the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$(x_1, y_1) \mathcal{R} (x_2, y_2) \iff x_1^2 - y_1 = x_2^2 - y_2.$$

- (a) Prove that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) Determine the partition of the set  $A$  below into equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

$$A = \{(-2, 3), (-\sqrt{3}, 4), (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (\sqrt{3}, -4), (\sqrt{3}, 2), (2, 3), (\sqrt{6}, -1)\}$$

- (c) Give a geometric description of the equivalence class  $[(-1, 1)]_{\mathcal{R}}$ .