

MATH1061 — DISCRETE MATHEMATICS
First Semester Examination, June 2001 (continued)

11. (6 marks) Use Mathematical Induction to prove that, for all integers $n \geq 4$,
 $3n + 1 < 2^n$.

Let $P(n)$ be the statement $3n + 1 < 2^n$ for $n \geq 4$.

$P(4)$ is the statement $3(4) + 1 < 2^4$.

$P(k)$ is the statement $3k + 1 < 2^k$.

$P(k+1)$ is the statement $3(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$.

$P(4)$ is true since $3(4) + 1 = 13$ and $2^4 = 16$ and $13 < 16$.

Assume $P(k)$ is true and show that $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$\text{R.H.S. of } P(k+1) = 2^{k+1}$$

$$= 2^k \cdot 2$$

$$> (3k+1) \cdot 2 \quad (\text{since } P(k) \text{ is assumed true})$$

$$= 6k + 2$$

$$= 3k + 3k + 2$$

$$> 3k + 4 \quad (\text{since } 3k + 2 > 4 \text{ for } k \geq 4)$$

$$= \text{L.H.S. of } P(k+1)$$

Hence $3(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$, so by mathematical induction $3n + 1 < 2^n$ for all integers $n \geq 4$.

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12. (9 marks)
Binary relations α and β are defined on the set $\mathbb{Z}^+$ of positive integers by:
 $m \alpha n$ if and only if $m + n$ is even;
 $m \beta n$ if and only if $m \mid n$, that is, m divides n .

Insert ticks (for yes) or crosses (for no) into the following table, to show which properties these relations on $\mathbb{Z}^+$ have.

	α	β
Reflexive	✓	✓
Symmetric	✓	✗
Antisymmetric	✗	✓
Transitive	*	✓
Equivalence relation	✓	✗

Explain your answer to the box marked *.

Suppose that $m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $m \alpha n$ and $n \alpha p$.

Since $m \alpha n$, $m + n = 2k$ for some integer k .

Since $n \alpha p$, $n + p = 2l$ for some integer l .

$$\text{Then } m + p = 2k - n + 2l - n = 2k + 2l - 2n = 2(k + l - n)$$

So $m + p$ is even. $\therefore m \alpha p$

$\therefore \alpha$ is transitive.

Precisely ONE of these relations is an equivalence relation.

State which one, and give its equivalence classes.

α is an equivalence relation.

The equivalence classes are

$$[1] = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid m \text{ is odd}\}.$$

$$[2] = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid m \text{ is even}\}.$$

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