

**MATH 310C**  
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**SAMPLE EXAM II SOLUTIONS**

1. (a) FALSE. Here is a counterexample:  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = -x$  are both bijections. (Why?) But  $h(x)$  is not. (Why not?)

(b) TRUE.

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are strictly increasing and that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are real numbers such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Since  $f$  is strictly increasing,  $x_1 < x_2$  implies that  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ . Similarly,  $g(x_1) < g(x_2)$ . This means that  $f(x_1) + g(x_1) < f(x_2) + g(x_2)$  and by the definition of  $h(x)$ ,  $h(x_1) < h(x_2)$ . Thus,  $h$  is strictly increasing.

2. (a) Since  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ , there exist integers  $k$  and  $k'$  such that  $a = dk$  and  $b = dk'$ . So,  $\frac{a}{d} = k$  and  $\frac{b}{d} = k'$ , which are both integers.

(b) Let  $k$  and  $k'$  be as defined in part (a). Then  $\gcd(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}) = \gcd(k, k')$ . Let  $n = \gcd(k, k')$ . Then  $n|k$  and  $n|k'$ . This means that there exist integers  $k_1$  and  $k'_1$  such that  $k = nk_1$  and  $k' = nk'_1$ . But then  $a = dk = dnk_1$  and  $b = dk' = dnk'_1$ , which means that  $dn$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $n > 1$ , then  $dn > d$ , which contradicts the fact that  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . So,  $n$  must be 1.

3. (a) Note that  $g$  is essentially the same function as  $f$ . The only difference is the target. So,  $g$  is injective because  $f$  is injective and  $g$  is surjective by the definition of  $f(A)$ . (The target of  $g$  is precisely those elements that get “hit” by  $f(x)$  and therefore by  $g(x)$ .)

(b) i. If  $|A| = n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then there exists a bijection  $F : A \rightarrow [n]$ . The function  $g$  from part (a) is a bijection from  $A$  onto  $f(A)$ . As such,  $g$  has an inverse,  $g^{-1} : f(A) \rightarrow A$ . Since the composition of two bijections is a bijection,  $F \circ g^{-1}$  is a bijection from  $f(A)$  onto  $[n]$ . Thus,  $|f(A)| = n = |A|$ .

ii. If  $A$  is countable, then there exists a bijection from  $A$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ . Again, using the bijection  $g$  from part (a),  $g^{-1}$  is a bijection from  $f(A)$  onto  $A$ . So,  $F \circ g^{-1}$  is a bijection from  $f(A)$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $f(A)$  is also countable.

iii. If  $f(A)$  is countable, then there exists a bijection  $F$  from  $f(A)$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ . Again, with  $g : A \rightarrow f(A)$  the bijection from part (a), the function  $F \circ g$  is a bijection from  $A$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ . This means that  $A$  is countable. This shows that, if  $f(A)$  countable, then  $A$  is countable. The converse is therefore true: if  $A$  is uncountable, then  $f(A)$  is uncountable.

4. (a) By the Division Algorithm, there exist unique  $k$  and  $r$  such that  $Q = 4k + r$  and  $r = 0, 1, 2$ , or  $3$ . Since  $Q$  is odd,  $r$  cannot be 0 or 2. So,  $r$  must be 1 or 3. By the uniqueness of  $r$ ,  $Q$  is either of the form  $4k + 1$  or  $4k + 3$ , but not both.

(b) Basis step:  $n = 1$ :  $a_1 \in S \Rightarrow a_1 \in S \checkmark$

Induction step: Suppose that, if  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i \in S$ , then  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_i \in S$  and consider the product  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_i a_{i+1}$ , where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, a_{i+1} \in S$ . By induction,  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_i = 4k + 1$  for some integer  $k$  and  $a_{i+1} = 4k' + 1$  for some integer  $k'$ . Then,

$$a_1 a_2 \dots a_i a_{i+1} = (4k + 1)(4k' + 1) = 16kk' + 4k + 4k' + 1 = 4(4kk' + k + k') + 1 \in S.$$

- (c) First, note that  $Q$  is odd. (Why?) So all of the prime factors of  $Q$  are odd. (Why?) If all of the prime factors of  $Q$  were of the form  $4k + 1$ , then  $Q$  would also be of the form  $4k + 1$ . (Why?) So, at least one of the prime factors of  $Q$  is of the form  $4k + 3$ .
- (d) TRUE! The proof is extra credit.