

Math 300 Assignment 7

Due Tuesday, December 12

1) (#6, Section 6.4) Prove part (1) of Theorem 6.20.

Let A, B , and C be nonempty sets and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$. If f and g are both injections, then $g \circ f$ is an injection.

2) Let S be a set and define an equivalence relation on $\mathcal{P}(S)$ by

$$S \sim T \text{ if } \text{card}(S) = \text{card}(T).$$

Prove that “ \sim ” is an equivalence relation.

3) (#2, Section 8.1)

(a) Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $k \neq 0$. Prove that if $k \mid a$ and $k \mid (a + 1)$, then $k \mid 1$, and hence $k = \pm 1$.

(b) Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Find the greatest common divisor of the consecutive integers a and $a + 1$. That is, determine $\text{gcd}(a, a + 1)$.

4) a) Let $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$. prove that $\text{gcd}(n, n + k) = \text{gcd}(n, k)$.

b) (Extra Credit) Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that $\text{gcd}(f_n, f_m) = f_{\text{gcd}(n, m)}$ where f_k is the k^{th} Fibonacci number for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

5)

(a) Show that, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\times_{i=1}^n \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

(b) Explain how part (a) proves the following statement: a finite direct product of countable sets is countable.

(c) (Extra Credit) Prove that the countable union of countable sets is countable.

6) Define $f : \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6$ by

$$f([x]_2, [y]_3) = [2y - 3x]_6$$

(a) Show that f is bijective.

(b) Find the inverse function of f , and carefully justify that this is the inverse.