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- 1. (a) The contrapositive of A(n) is "If n + 2 is not prime then n is not prime."
  - (b) The converse of A(n) is "If n + 2 is prime then n is prime."
  - (c) The negation of A(n) is "n is prime but n + 2 is not prime."
  - (d) A(n) true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : for example, A(5) is true.
  - (e) A(n) is true for every n: for example, A(7) is false.
  - (f) Since the contrapositive of A(n) is equivalent to A(n) itself, from (d) and (e) we see that the contrapositive is true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  but not for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
  - (g) The converse of A(n) is true for some but not all n: for example, the converse of A(7) is true but the converse of A(9) is false.
- **2.** (a) **Reflexive:** Let  $x \in X$ . Then f(x) = f(x), so  $f(x) \leq f(x)$ , so  $x \rho x$ . Hence  $\rho$  is reflexive. **Transitive:** Let  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $x \rho y$  and  $y \rho z$ . Then  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  and  $f(y) \leq f(z)$ , so  $f(x) \leq f(z)$ , so  $x \rho z$ . Hence  $\rho$  is transitive.
  - (b) Suppose first that  $\rho$  is antisymmetric. Let  $x, y \in X$  with f(x) = f(y). Then  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ , so  $x \rho y$ , and  $f(y) \leq f(x)$  so  $y \rho x$ . Since  $\rho$  is antisymmetric and  $x \rho y$  and  $y \rho x$ , we have x = y. Thus f is one-to-one. Conversely, suppose that f is one-to-one. Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \rho y$  and  $y \rho x$ . Then  $f(x) \leq f(y)$

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- 3. (a) Suppose that f is a blah function. We have 0+0=0, so f(0+0) = f(0), so f(0) ⋅ f(0) = f(x). But the only solutions of x ⋅ x = x in R are x = 0 and x = 1, and we cannot have f(0) = 0 (since f : Z → R \ {0}). So f(0) = 1.
  - (b) Suppose that f is a blah function. Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then f(x+(-x)) = f(0), so  $f(x) \cdot f(-1) = f(0) = 1$  (by part (a)). Dividing by f(x) (which we can do since  $f(x) \neq 0$ ) we have  $f(-x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ .
  - (c) Let f and g be blah functions with f(1) = g(1). For n ∈ N let P<sub>n</sub> be the statement that f(n) = g(n). We prove by induction that P<sub>n</sub> is true for all n.
    Base: We are given that f(1) = g(1), so P<sub>1</sub> is true.

**Inductive Step:** Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $P_n$  true. Then f(n) = g(n), so

$$\begin{split} f(n+1) &= f(n) \cdot f(1) & \text{ since } f \text{ is blah} \\ &= g(n) \cdot f(1) & \text{ by inductive hypothesis, and the fact that } f(1) = g(1) \\ &= g(n+1) & \text{ since } g \text{ is blah.} \end{split}$$

Hence  $P_{n+1}$  is true.

Hence, by induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(d) Let f and g be blah functions with f(1) = g(1). To show that f = g we must show that f and g have the same domain and that f(x) = g(x) for all  $x \in \text{dom}(f)$ . Well,  $\text{dom}(f) = \text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{Z}$ , so we only need to show that f(x) = g(x) for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We have three cases to consider: x > 0, x = 0 and x < 0.

**Case 1:** When x > 0 we have  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  so by (c) above we have f(x) = g(x). **Case 2:** When x = 0 we have f(x) = 1 = g(x) by (a).

**Case 3:** When x < 0 we have  $-x \in \mathbb{N}$ , so f(-x) = g(-x) by Case 1, so  $\frac{1}{f(x)} = \frac{1}{g(x)}$  by (b), so f(x) = g(x).

Hence in any case we have f(x) = g(x), as required.

4. (a) We must show that the equation has a solution, and that the solution is unique. Note that, if we multiply the equation by  $\overline{c}$  we get  $\overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{x} = \overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{b}$ , in other words  $\overline{x} = \overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{b}$  (since  $\overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{a} = \overline{ca} = \overline{1}$ . This suggests our solution should be  $\overline{x} = \overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{b}$ . So we substitute this value into the equation:

$$\overline{a} \cdot_n (\overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{b}) = (\overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{c}) \cdot_n \overline{b} = \overline{1} \cdot_n \overline{b} = \overline{b},$$

so this is indeed a solution.

Now we must show that it is unique, so suppose that  $\overline{x}$  and  $\overline{y}$  are both solutions, in other words that  $\overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{x} = \overline{b}$  and  $\overline{x} \cdot_n \overline{y} = \overline{b}$ . Then  $\overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{x} = \overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{y}$ , so  $\overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{x} = \overline{c} \cdot_n \overline{a} \cdot_n \overline{y}$ , i.e.  $\overline{1} \cdot_n \overline{x} = \overline{1} \cdot_n \overline{y}$ , so  $\overline{1} \cdot_n x = \overline{1} \cdot_n \overline{y}$ , i.e.  $\overline{x} = \overline{y}$ , as required.

(b) We use Euclid's Algorithm:

35	1	0
16	0	1
3	1	-2
1	-5	11
0	16	-35

From this we see that  $35 \cdot (-5) + 16 \cdot 11 = 1$ . Multiplying by 3 we have  $35 \cdot (-15) + 16 \cdot 33 = 3$ , so x = -15, y = 33 is a solution, and the general solution is

$$x = -15 + 16t, y = 33 - 35t$$
 for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .