

1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Suppose that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y). \quad (*)$$

We will show that  $f(qx) = qf(x)$  for every  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Use induction on  $n$  to show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $f(nx) = nf(x)$ .
  - (b) Use the fact that  $0 + 0 = 0$  and  $(*)$  to show that  $f(0) = 0$ .
  - (c) Use the fact that  $x + (-x) = 0$  and  $(*)$  to show that  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - (d) Put these together to deduce that  $f(nx) = nf(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - (e) Use the fact that this holds for  $y = \frac{x}{n}$  to show that  $f(\frac{x}{n}) = \frac{1}{n}f(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - (f) Deduce that if  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $f(qx) = qf(x)$ .
2. Consider the following algorithm. We start with some number  $n$ . If  $n = 1$ , we stop. If  $n = 2^k$  for some  $k$ , we replace our value of  $n$  with  $k$ . Otherwise we replace it with  $n + 1$ . For example, if we start with  $n = 6$  we get the values 6, 7, 8, 3, 4, 2, 1. If we start with  $n = 28$  we get 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 5, 6, 7, 8, 3, 4, 2, 1.
- (a) Find the sequence of numbers we get when we start with  $n = 63$ , and the sequence we get when we start with  $n = 60$ .
  - (b) What do we get if we start with  $n = 33$ ? (Do not write out the sequence of values in full).
  - (c) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $2^k \leq n < 2^{k+1}$ . Since  $k < 2^k$  we have  $k < n$ . Use this fact to prove by complete induction that the sequence terminates for any starting value of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3. Let  $S$  be a set with at least 2 elements, and let  $A = \mathcal{P}(S)$ . Define a relation  $\rho$  on  $A$  by declaring that, for  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \rho y$  iff  $x \cap y \neq \emptyset$ . Determine whether or not  $\rho$  is (a) reflexive, (b) symmetric, (c) antisymmetric, and (d) transitive.