

1. (a) Let  $P_n$  be the statement “for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(nx) = nf(x)$ ”.

**Base case:**  $P_1$  is true because for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $f(1x) = f(x) = 1f(x)$ .

**Inductive step:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and suppose  $P_n$  is true. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f((n+1)x) &= f(nx+x) \\ &= f(nx) + f(x) && \text{(by (*) )} \\ &= nf(x) + f(x) && \text{(by ind. hyp.)} \\ &= (n+1)f(x). \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n$ .

- (b) By (\*) we have  $f(0+0) = f(0) + f(0)$ , i.e.  $f(0) = f(0) + f(0)$ . Subtracting  $f(0)$  from both sides we get  $0 = f(0)$ .
- (c) By (\*) we have  $f(x+(-x)) = f(x) + f(-x)$ , so  $f(x) + f(-x) = f(0) = 0$ . Subtracting  $f(x)$  from both sides gives  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .
- (d) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $n > 0$  then  $f(nx) = nf(x)$  by (a). If  $n = 0$  then  $f(nx) = f(0) = 0 = nf(x)$  by (b). If  $n < 0$  then  $-n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $f((-n)x) = (-n)f(x)$  by (a). So, by (c),  $f(nx) = -f(-nx) = -f((-n)x) = -(-n)f(x) = nf(x)$ .
- (e) Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Put  $y = \frac{x}{n}$ . Then, by (d),  $f(ny) = nf(y)$ , i.e.  $f(n\frac{x}{n}) = nf(\frac{x}{n})$ , so  $f(x) = nf(\frac{x}{n})$ . Dividing by  $n$  gives  $\frac{1}{n}f(x) = f(\frac{x}{n})$ .
- (f) Let  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $q = \frac{m}{n}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Applying (e) we have  $f(\frac{x}{n}) = \frac{1}{n}f(x)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} f(qx) &= f\left(\frac{m}{n}x\right) \\ &= f\left(m\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) \\ &= mf\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) && \text{(by (d))} \\ &= m\frac{1}{n}f(x), && \text{(by (e))} \end{aligned}$$

so  $f(qx) = qf(x)$  as required.

2. (a) When we start with  $n = 63$ , we get the sequence 63, 64, 6, 7, 8, 3, 4, 2, 1. When we start with  $n = 60$  we get 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 6, 7, 8, 3, 4, 2, 1.
- (b) If we start with  $n = 33$  we get 33, 34, 35, ..., until we reach 60, 61, 62, and so on and are into the sequence above.
- (c) Let  $P_n$  be the statement that the algorithm terminates if we start with the value  $n$ .

**Base case:** if we start with  $n = 1$  the algorithm terminates immediately.

**Inductive step:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $P_j$  is true for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . By the hint, we know there is some  $k$  with  $2^k \leq n+1 < 2^{k+1}$ . If  $2^k = n+1$ , then the sequence will begin  $n+1, k, \dots$ . Now,  $k < 2^k$  so  $k < n+1$  so by inductive hypothesis  $P_k$  is true. So, if we had started with  $k$ , the sequence would terminate. So, since we have reached a value of  $k$  we know that the sequence will terminate.

Suppose instead that we have  $2^k < n+1 < 2^{k+1}$ . Then the sequence will begin  $n+1, n+2, \dots, 2^{k+1}-1, 2^{k+1}, k+1, \dots$ . If  $k+1 \leq n$  then we know that  $P_{k+1}$  is true (by ind. hyp.) so as before we know the sequence terminates. Now,  $k < 2^k < n+1$ , so  $k+1 \leq 2^k \leq n$ , since for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $m < n \iff M = 1 \leq n$ . So  $k+1 \leq n$ , as required.

So, either way, the sequence terminates when we start with  $n+1$ , i.e.  $P_{n+1}$  is true.

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

3. (a)  $\rho$  is not reflexive because  $\emptyset \in A$  and  $\emptyset \not\rho \emptyset$ .
- (b)  $\rho$  is symmetric: let  $x, y \in A$  with  $x \rho y$ . Then  $x \cap y \neq \emptyset$ , so  $y \cap x \neq \emptyset$ , so  $y \rho x$ .
- (c)  $\rho$  is not antisymmetric. Choose  $a, b \in A$  with  $a \neq b$ . Then  $\{a\} \in A$  and  $\{a, b\} \in A$  and  $\{a\} \rho \{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, b\} \rho \{a\}$  but  $\{a\} \neq \{a, b\}$ .
- (d)  $\rho$  is not transitive. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be as above. Then  $\{a\} \rho \{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, b\} \rho \{b\}$  but  $\{a\} \not\rho \{b\}$ .