

1. (a) Suppose  $m < n$ . Then (since  $m, n \geq 0$ )  $m^2 < n^2$ , so  $m^2 + m < n^2 + n$ , i.e.  $f(m) < f(n)$ .
- (b) Suppose  $m \not< n$ . Then  $n \leq m$ . If  $n < m$  then, by (a),  $f(m) < f(n)$ , and if  $m = n$  then  $f(m) = f(n)$ . So we have  $f(n) \leq f(m)$ , so  $f(m) \not< f(n)$ . Hence, by contraposition, if  $f(m) < f(n)$  then  $m < n$ .
- (c) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . [We must show that if  $f(m) = f(n)$  then  $m = n$ .] Suppose, for a contradiction, that  $f(m) = f(n)$  but  $m \neq n$ . Since  $m \neq n$  we have  $m < n$  or  $n < m$ . So, by (a), we have  $f(m) < f(n)$  or  $f(n) < f(m)$ . Either way, we have  $f(m) \neq f(n)$ , contradicting our assumption that  $f(m) = f(n)$ . Hence if  $f(m) = f(n)$  then  $m = n$ , in other words  $f$  is one-to-one.
2. We need to show existence and uniqueness.

**Existence:** Put  $x_0 = \frac{k-c}{m}$ . Note that division by  $m$  is allowed because  $m \neq 0$ . Then  $mx_0 + c = m \frac{k-c}{m} + c = (k-c) + c = k$ . Thus  $x_0$  is a solution of the equation  $mx + c = k$ .

**Uniqueness:** Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are both solutions of the equation. Then  $mx + c = k$  and  $my + c = k$ , so  $mx + c = my + c$ , so (subtracting  $c$  from both sides)  $mx = my$ , so (dividing both sides by  $m$ , which is allowed because  $m \neq 0$ )  $x = y$ , as required.

[Notice that what you would normally do to solve the equation amounts to showing that **if**  $x$  is a solution then  $x = \frac{k-c}{m}$ : this gives us the uniqueness part (if  $x$  and  $y$  are both solutions then  $x = \frac{k-c}{m}$  and  $y = \frac{k-c}{m}$  so  $x = y$ ). It does **not** establish that value of  $x$  we found really is a solution. To see this, compare that “solution” with the following “solution” of the equation  $x = x + 1$ : squaring both sides gives  $x^2 = (x + 1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$ , subtracting  $x^2$  from both sides gives  $0 = 2x + 1$ , so  $-1 = 2x$  so  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ . This “solution” shows that  $-\frac{1}{2}$  is the only possible solution of  $x = x + 1$ , but of course it does not show that  $-\frac{1}{2}$  is a solution.]

3. Let  $S$  be the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and let  $A$  be the set  $\{x^2 : x \in S\}$ .
- (a) We can describe  $A$  as  $A = \{1, 4, 9\}$  or as  $\{x : (\exists n \in \{1, 2, 3\})(x = n^2)\}$ .
- (b) (i)  $1 \in S$ : True. (iv)  $1 \subseteq A$ : False. (vii)  $A \in S$ : False.  
(ii)  $1 \subseteq S$ : False. (v)  $S \in A$ : False. (viii)  $A \subseteq S$ : False.  
(iii)  $1 \in A$ : True. (vi)  $S \subseteq A$ : False.

4. We will prove (1)  $\implies$  (2), (2)  $\implies$  (3) and (3)  $\implies$  (1).

(1)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $A \cap B = A$ . [We will show that  $A \cup B = B$ .] Let  $x \in A \cup B$ . Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ . If  $x \in A$  then  $x \in A \cap B$  (since  $A \cap B = A$ ) so  $x \in B$  in this case also. So, either way, we have  $x \in B$ . Hence  $A \cup B \subseteq B$ . Conversely, let  $y \in B$ . Then  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ , so  $y \in A \cup B$ . Hence  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ . Combining these we have  $A \cup B = B$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3): Suppose that  $A \cup B = B$ . [We will show that  $A \subseteq B$ .] Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ , so  $x \in A \cup B$ , so (since  $A \cup B = B$ )  $x \in B$ . Hence  $A \subseteq B$ .

(3)  $\implies$  (1): Suppose that  $A \subseteq B$ . [We will show that  $A \cap B = A$ .] Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ : in particular  $x \in A$ . Hence  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ . Conversely, let  $y \in A$ . Then (since  $A \subseteq B$ ) we also have  $y \in B$ , so  $y \in A \cap B$ . Hence  $A \subseteq A \cap B$ . Combining these we have  $A \cap B = A$ .

**5. Method 1:** Let  $x \in A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha$ . For every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have  $x \notin B_\alpha$  (since if it was in any one of these sets then it would be in the union), so  $x \in A \setminus B_\alpha$ . Since this is true for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , and  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha)$ . Thus  $A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha)$ . Conversely, let  $y \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha)$ . Since there is at least one  $\alpha_0 \in \Lambda$ , and we have  $y \in A \setminus B_{\alpha_0}$ , we certainly have  $y \in A$ . Also, for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  we have  $y \in A \setminus B_\alpha$ , so  $y \notin B_\alpha$ . Since there is no  $\alpha$  with  $y \in B_\alpha$ , we have  $y \notin \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha$ . Hence  $y \in A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha) \subseteq A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha$ . Combining these we have  $A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha)$ .

**Method 2:** For any  $x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in A \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha &\iff x \in A \wedge x \notin \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge \sim(x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} B_\alpha) \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge \sim(\exists \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \in B_\alpha) \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge (\forall \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \notin B_\alpha) \\
&\iff (\forall \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \in A \wedge x \notin B_\alpha) && \text{(see below)} \\
&\iff (\forall \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \in A \setminus B_\alpha) \\
&\iff x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\alpha)
\end{aligned}$$

All but one of these steps is obviously an equivalence. The implication

$$x \in A \wedge (\forall \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \notin B_\alpha) \implies (\forall \alpha \in \Lambda)(x \in A \wedge x \notin B_\alpha)$$

is obvious but the converse is only true because  $\Lambda$  is not empty. [In general, a statement  $(\forall x \in S)P(x)$  could be true because  $S$  is empty and not because there actually is any  $x$  at all which makes  $P(x)$  true—for example the statement “All of my aeroplanes have five wings” is true because I don’t own any aeroplanes at all.]