

Correction  
Exam  
Algebra I

Solution 01:

1) Let's determine  $f(A)$ :

$$f(A) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A\} \text{ (0.5)}$$

$$= \{f(0), f(\frac{1}{2}), f(2)\}$$

$$= \{0, \frac{2}{5}\} \text{ (0.5)}$$

2) Since  $f(\frac{1}{2}) = f(2) = \frac{2}{5}$  (0.1)  
then  $f$  is not injective.

3) Surjectivity:

$f$  is surjective  $\leftrightarrow$  (0.5)

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, y = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$$

We have:

$$y = \frac{x}{1+x^2} \rightarrow yx^2 - x + y = 0 \text{ (0.5)}$$

$$\Delta = 1 - 4y^2 \text{ (0.5)}$$

for  $y = 1$ ,  $\Delta = -3 < 0$  (0.5)

$\rightarrow \nexists x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = 1$

Thus,  $f$  is not surjective on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Solution 02:

Let's show that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*: \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

a) For  $n=0$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^0 k^2 = 0^2 = 0 \text{ (0.5) and}$$

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{0(1)(1)}{6} = 0 \text{ (0.5)}$$

then  $0=0$  (0.5)

Thus  $P(0)$  is true.

2) We assume that  $P(n)$  is true and we show that  $P(n+1)$  is true, i.e.: (0.1)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} k^2 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6}$$

We have =

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} k^2 = 0^2 + 1^2 + \dots + n^2 + (n+1)^2 \text{ (0.5)}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 + (n+1)^2 \text{ (0.5)}$$

by  $P(n) \rightarrow$  (0.5)

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2 \text{ (0.5)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)[n(2n+1) + (n+1)6]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(2n^2 + 7n + 6)}{6} \text{ (0.5)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6}$$

So  $P(n+1)$  is true (0.5)

Thus the relation is true.  $\square$

### Solution 03:

1) Let's show that R is an equivalence relation

a) R is reflexive:

$\forall x \in R$ , we have:

$$x^3 - x^3 = d(x^2 - x^2) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

Thus  $x R x$  (0.5)

b) R is symmetric:

$\forall x, y \in R$ , we have

$$x R y \rightarrow x^3 - y^3 = d(x^2 - y^2) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow -(y^3 - x^3) = -d(y^2 - x^2) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow y^3 - x^3 = d(y^2 - x^2) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow y R x \quad (0.5)$$

c) R is transitive:

$\forall x, y, z \in R$ , we have

$$(x R y) \wedge (y R z)$$

$$\rightarrow [x^3 - y^3 = d(x^2 - y^2)] \wedge [y^3 - z^3 = d(y^2 - z^2)] \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow x^3 - y^3 + y^3 - z^3 = d(x^2 - y^2 + y^2 - z^2)$$

(by addition) (0.5)

$$\rightarrow x^3 - z^3 = d(x^2 - z^2) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow x R z \quad (0.5)$$

Hence R is an equivalence relation

### Solution 04:

1) Let's show that \* is commutative

$\forall x, y \in G$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x * y &= xy + 2(x+y) + 2 \\ &= yx + 2(y+x) + 2 \\ &= y * x \quad (0.5) \end{aligned}$$

2)  $(G, *)$  is a group:

\* is associative:

a)  $*$  is associative

Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(x * y) * z &= (xy + 2(x+y) + 2) * z \quad \text{0.75} \\ &= (xy + 2(x+y) + 2)z + 2(xy + 2(x+y) + 2 + z) + 2 \\ &= xyz + 2xz + 2yz + 2z + 2xy + 4x + 4y + 4 + 2z + 2 \\ &= xyz + 2xy + 2xz + 2yz + 4x + 4y + 4z + 6 \quad \dots \text{①}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}x * (y * z) &= x * (yz + 2(y+z) + 2) \quad \text{0.75} \\ &= x(yz + 2(y+z) + 2) + 2(x + yz + 2(y+z) + 2) + 2 \\ &= xyz + 2xy + 2xz + 2yz + 4x + 4y + 4z + 6 \quad \dots \text{②}\end{aligned}$$

From ① and ②, then  $*$  is associative.

b) Existence of identity element "e" :

Let  $x \in G$ , we have :

$$\begin{aligned}x * e = x &\rightarrow xe + 2(x+e) + 2 = x \rightarrow xe + x + 2e + 2 = 0 \\ &\rightarrow e(x+2) = -(x+2) \rightarrow e = -1 \in G \quad (\text{since } * \text{ is commutative})\end{aligned}$$

c) Existence of symmetric element " $x^{-1}$ " :

$$\text{we have : } x * x^{-1} = e \rightarrow xx^{-1} + 2(x + x^{-1}) + 2 = -1$$

$$\rightarrow x^{-1}(x+2) = -2x-3 \rightarrow x^{-1} = \frac{-2x-3}{x+2} \stackrel{?}{\in} G \quad \text{0.1}$$

Show that  $x^{-1} \in G$  : 0.5

$$\text{We assume that } x^{-1} = \frac{-2x-3}{x+2} = -2$$

$$\rightarrow -2x-3 = -2x-4 \rightarrow -3 = -4 \quad (\text{contradiction})$$

Hence  $(G, *)$  is a group commutative.