

### HOMEWORK 3

- 1) Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $5|xy$  if and only if  $5|x$  or  $5|y$ .
- 2) Prove that for every two distinct real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , either  $\frac{a+b}{2} > a$  or  $\frac{a+b}{2} > b$ .  
(Note: for two distinct real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , either  $\frac{a+b}{2} < a$  or  $\frac{a+b}{2} < b$  is also true.)
- 3) Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $x^2 - 3x = y^2 - 3y$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $x + y = 3$ .
- 4) Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $3x^6 + 4x^4 + 5x^2 + 1 \leq x^7 + 4x^5 + 2x^3$ , then  $x > 0$ .
- 5) Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $x < 0$ , then  $x^3 - x^2y \leq x^2y - xy^2$ .
- 6) a) Disprove: if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $\log(ab) = \log(a)\log(b)$ .  
b) Let  $f(x) = 2x^6 + x^4 + 1$ . Disprove: there exists a  $c \in [-1, 1]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .  
c) Disprove: there exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\sqrt{x+y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ .
- 7) Prove  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational (you may use question 8 from homework 2 as needed).
- 8) Prove that the quotient of an irrational number and a non-zero rational number is irrational.
- 9) Let  $m$  be odd and  $n = 2m$ . Prove there do not exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x^2 - y^2 = n$ .
- 10) Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$ . Prove that there exists a  $c \in [-2, -1]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

Not collected Book problems: 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.19, 4.25, 4.55, 4.66, 4.68,  
5.1, 5.11, 5.13, 5.15, 5.32, 5.33, 5.36, 5.43, 5.45, 5.46