

1. ① reflexive:

$aRa \Leftrightarrow a^2$ is a perfect square. True.

② symmetric:

$aRb \Leftrightarrow ab$ is a perfect square.

$\Leftrightarrow ba$ is a perfect square. $\Leftrightarrow bRa$

③ transitive:

if aRb & bRc , then

ab, bc are perfect squares

$\Rightarrow abc = b(ac)$ are perfect squares.

say $abc = k^2$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus $b^2 | k^2$, i.e. $ac = k^2/b^2 \in \mathbb{N}$

Note that $k/b \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow ac$ is a perfect square

$\Rightarrow aRc$.

By ①②③, R is an equivalent relation.

2. For $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$, define that

$$R = \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (0, 0), (2, 2)\}$$

$$S = \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (0, 0), (3, 3)\}.$$

It can be checked that

R, S are transitive and symmetric.

$$\text{And } |R - S| = |\{(2, 2)\}| = |S - R| = |\{(3, 3)\}| = 1.$$

3. ① Prove f is surjective.

$$\forall Q \in B, \text{ say } Q(x) = a_{2020}x^{2020} + a_{2019}x^{2019} + \dots + a_1x + a_0.$$

Then note that by taking

$$P_b(x) = \frac{a_{2020}}{2^{2021}} x^{2021} + \frac{a_{2019}}{2^{2020}} x^{2020} + \dots + \frac{a_1}{2} x^2 + a_0 x + b$$

where $b \in \mathbb{R}$ a constant, we have $P'_b = Q$.

If $P'_b(2) = 3$, then $b = 3 - \sum_{i=0}^{2020} \frac{a_i}{2^{i+1}} \cdot 2^{i+1}$, which is determined.

$\Rightarrow \exists P = P_b \in A$ s.t. $f(P) = P'_b = Q$.

$\Rightarrow f$ is surjective.

② Prove that f is injective.

Suppose $f(S) = f(T) = Q \in B$ for $S, T \in A$.

Then $S = P_{b_1}$, $T = P_{b_2}$ with $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ by ①.

However, if $b_1 \neq b_2$, then $P_{b_1} \in A \Rightarrow P_{b_2} \notin A$

& $P_{b_2} \in A \Rightarrow P_{b_1} \notin A$

since b is uniquely determined by a_0, \dots, a_{2020} .

$\Rightarrow b_1 = b_2 \Rightarrow S = T$

$\Rightarrow f$ is injective.

Thus, by ①②, f is a bijection.

4. If f is injective then we have $|B| \geq |A|$.

Again, if f is surjective then we obtain $|B \times B| \leq |A|$

Thus,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |B \times B| \leq |A| \leq |B| \\ \text{with } |B \times B| \geq |B| \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow |B \times B| = |A| = |B|$$

① If $|B| < \infty$, then $|A| \geq 2$ leads to $|B \times B| = |B|^2 = |B| \geq 2$ which is absurd. So $|A| = 1$ in this case.

② If $|B| = \infty$, then $|A| = \infty$ and there is a bijection $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$.

E.g. $A = B = \mathbb{N}$ is correct.

(So this problem requires A, B to be finite).

5. ① Prove f is injective.

$$\text{Suppose } f\left(\frac{a_1}{b_1}\right) = f\left(\frac{a_2}{b_2}\right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{a_1(b_1+1)}{b_1} = \frac{a_2(b_2+1)}{b_2}$$

$$\text{with } \gcd(a_1, b_1) = \gcd(a_2, b_2) = 1.$$

On the other hand, may assume $b_1 \neq \pm 1, b_2 \neq \pm 1$.

$$\text{note that } \gcd(b_1, b_1+1) = \gcd(b_2, b_2+1),$$

so it forces $b_1 = b_2$.

Thus, $a_1 = a_2$ as well.

$\Rightarrow a_1/b_1 = a_2/b_2$, f is injective.

② Prove f is not surjective.

Assume it is. Then $\forall p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

$$\exists a/b \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } f(a/b) = a(b+1)/b = p/q.$$

Similarly, note that when $b \neq 1, q \neq 1$.

$$\text{we obtain } \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b+1, b) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b = q \Rightarrow a = \frac{pb}{q \cdot (b+1)} = \frac{p}{q+1}$$

RHS above is not necessarily an integer

since p, q are arbitrary. Contradiction!

Thus, f is not a surjection.

6. Note that if $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$a_k \equiv a_{k+l} \pmod{m} \quad \& \quad a_{k+1} \equiv a_{k+l+1} \pmod{m}$$

then $a_n \equiv a_{n+l} \pmod{m}$ for all $n \geq k$.

This is because in the sense of mod m :

$$a_{k+l} = r a_{k+1} + s a_k \equiv r a_{k+l+1} + s a_{k+l} = a_{k+l+2}$$

$$a_{k+l+1} = r a_{k+l} + s a_{k+l-1} \equiv r a_{k+l+2} + s a_{k+l+1} = a_{k+l+3}$$

...

$$a_{k+(n-k)} \equiv a_{k+l+(n-k)} \Leftrightarrow a_n \equiv a_{n+l}.$$

Now, consider the map

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(a_i, a_{i+1}) \longmapsto (\bar{a}_i, \bar{a}_{i+1})$$

where $\bar{a}_i = (a_i \pmod{m})$, $\bar{a}_{i+1} = (a_{i+1} \pmod{m})$

$$\& \quad 0 \leq \bar{a}_i, \bar{a}_{i+1} < m.$$

It is clear that there are many finitely many pairs of the form $(\bar{a}_i, \bar{a}_{i+1})$,

$$\text{thus } |\{(\bar{a}_i, \bar{a}_{i+1}) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}| < |\{(a_i, a_{i+1}) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}|.$$

By Pigeonhole Principle, $\exists i \neq j \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\varphi(a_i, a_{i+1}) = \varphi(a_j, a_{j+1})$

$$\text{i.e. } \bar{a}_i = \bar{a}_j, \bar{a}_{i+1} = \bar{a}_{j+1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } a_i \equiv a_j \pmod{m}, a_{i+1} \equiv a_{j+1} \pmod{m}.$$

\rightarrow We can take $|i-j| = l$, $i+1 = k$.

Then we have find $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ as desired.