

## CLASS QUIZ: JANUARY 18: MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

MATH 153, SECTION 55 (VIPUL NAIK)

Your name (print clearly in capital letters): \_\_\_\_\_

For all these questions, *natural number* refers to positive integer. In particular, 0 is not considered to be a natural number.

- (1) Suppose  $S$  is a subset of the natural numbers with the property that  $1 \in S$  and  $k \in S \implies k+2 \in S$ . What can we conclude is **definitely true** about  $S$ ? *Last year: 18/29 correct*
- (A)  $S$  contains all natural numbers.
  - (B)  $S$  contains all natural numbers other than 2. It may or may not contain 2.
  - (C)  $S$  contains all odd natural numbers.
  - (D)  $S$  contains all even natural numbers.
  - (E)  $S$  does not contain any natural number other than 1.

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) Suppose  $S$  is a subset of the natural numbers with the property that whenever  $k \in S$ , we have  $k+5 \in S$ . Which of these is the **smallest subset**  $T$  with the property that checking  $T \subseteq S$  is sufficient to show that  $S$  is the set of all natural numbers? *Last year: 21/29 correct*
- (A)  $\{1, 2, 3\}$
  - (B)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
  - (C)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
  - (D)  $\{1, 4\}$
  - (E)  $\{1, 3, 5\}$

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) Consider the function  $f(x) := a \sin x + b \cos x$ , with  $a, b$  nonzero reals. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $f$  is denote  $f^{(n)}$ . The association  $n \mapsto f^{(n)}$  is periodic, i.e., there is a unique smallest positive integer  $h$  such that  $f^{(n+h)} = f^{(n)}$  for all  $n$ . What is **this value** of  $h$ ? *Last year: 25/29 correct*
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
  - (E) 5

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (4) What is the correct **general expression** for the sum  $\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2-1}$  for a positive integer  $n \geq 2$ ? *Last year: 18/29 correct*
- (A)  $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{2n+3}{2(n+1)}$
  - (B)  $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{2n+3}{n(n+1)}$
  - (C)  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$
  - (D)  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n-1}{2n(n-1)}$
  - (E)  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n+1}{2n(n+1)}$

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_