

## Chapter 5 Solutions

- 1) a) Object: real number  $x$   
Property:  
Something:  $f(x) \leq f(x^*)$
- b) Object: element  $x$   
Property:  $x \in S$   
Something:  $g(x) \geq f(x)$
- c) Object: element  $x$   
Property:  $x \in S$   
Something:  $x \leq u$
- 2) a) Object: real numbers  $x$  and  $y$   
Property:  $x < y$   
Something:  $f(x) < f(y)$
- b) Object : elements  $x, y$  and real number  $t$   
Property:  $x, y \in C$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$   
Something:  $tx + (1 - t)y \in C$
- c) Object: real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , real number  $t$   
Property:  $0 \leq t \leq 1$   
Something:  $f(tx + (1 - t)y) \leq t f(x) + (1 - t) f(y)$
- 4) a) If  $p$  is a prime number, then  $p+7$  is a composite.  
b) If  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are sets with  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ .  
c) If  $p$  and  $q$  are integers with  $q \neq 0$ , then  $p/q$  is rational.
- 5) a) Choose a real number  $x'$   
Show that  $f(x') \leq f(x^*)$   
b) Choose an element  $x'$   
Show that  $g(x') \geq f(x')$   
c) Choose an element  $x' \in S$   
Show that  $x' \leq u$ .
- 6) a) Choose real numbers  $x'$  and  $y'$ , with  $x' < y'$   
Show that  $f(x') < f(y')$
- b) Choose elements  $a, b \in C$ , and  $t'$  with  $0 \leq t' \leq 1$   
Show that  $t'a + (1 - t')b \in C$
- c) Choose real numbers  $x'$  and  $y'$ , and  $t'$  with  $0 \leq t' \leq 1$ .  
Show that:  $f(t'x' + (1-t')y') \leq t' f(x') + (1-t')f(y')$ .

- 8) Key Question: How can I show that a set is a subset of another set.  
 Answer: Show that every element of the subset is an element of the set.

Need to show that:

**B<sub>1</sub>**: For all  $r \in R, r \in T$ .

The forward process would begin with:

**A<sub>1</sub>**: Choose an element  $r \in R$ .

Must show that,

**B<sub>2</sub>**:  $r \in T$ .

- 10) Key Question: How do you show that a function is increasing?  
 Answer:  $f(y) > f(x)$  for all  $x, y$  with  $x < y$ .

**A<sub>1</sub>**: Choose real numbers  $x'$  and  $y'$ , with  $x' < y'$ .

To show,

**B<sub>2</sub>**:  $f(x') < f(y')$ .

- 13) a) Incorrect:  $x'$  and  $y'$  should be chosen  $\in S$ , not  $T$ .  
 b) Correct  
 c) Incorrect: **A<sub>1</sub>** should be  $(x', y') \in S$   
     **B<sub>1</sub>** should be  $(x', y') \in T$   
 d) Incorrect: the values should be general, not specific  
 e) Correct, but it would be better to use different letters than  $x$  and  $y$ .

- 15) The choose method is used in the first sentence of the proof: "Let  $x$  be a real number".  
 The key question "How can I show that a real number is a maximizer of a function?"

In order to answer this it needs to be shown that:

**B<sub>1</sub>**: For all real numbers  $x, f(x^*) \geq f(x)$ .

There are two cases that can be addressed here.

Case 1:

**A<sub>1</sub>**:  $x^* \geq x$

**A<sub>2</sub>**:  $x^* - x \geq 0$

**A<sub>3</sub>**:  $a(x^* - x) + b \geq 0$ .

Check that this is true!

(Algebraically using  $x^* = -b/2a$  from the proposition.)

Then, using in the function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , we get:  $a(x^{*2} - x^2) + bx^* - bx + c > c$   
 Arranging the terms on their proper sides yields:

$$ax^2 + bx + c > ax^2 + bx + c$$

This is  $B_1: f(x^*) > f(x)$ , therefore the proof is complete.

Case 2 can be done similarly for when  $x^* < x$ .

- 16)** Choose method: The choose method is used in the second sentence: “let  $x \in R \cap S$ .” The choose method is used here because in order to show that  $R \cap S \subseteq T$ , it is required to show that for all  $x \in R \cap S$ ,  $x \in T$ .

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| <b>A<sub>1</sub>:</b> $t \in T$  | From the choose method  |
| <b>A<sub>2</sub>:</b> $x \in S$  | From the choose method.   |
| <b>A<sub>3</sub>:</b> $x(x - 3) \leq 0$  |   |
| <b>A<sub>4</sub>:</b> $x \geq 0, x - 3 \leq 0$ .   | $A_3$ and $A_4$ follow from the definition of $S$<br>(note $x \leq 0, x - 3 \geq 0$ cannot happen – why?) |
| <b>A<sub>5</sub>:</b> $0 \leq x \leq 3$  | This is gotten working forward from $A_4$ .   |
| <b>A<sub>6</sub>:</b> $t \geq 3$   | This is given as a condition of set $T$ in the Proposition.   |
| <b>A<sub>7</sub>:</b> Combining $A_5$ and $A_6$ yields $x \leq 3 \leq t$ , showing $x \leq t$ .  |   |
| <b>A<sub>8</sub>:</b> Showing that $x \leq t$ completes the proof as all elements of $S$ are now lower than all elements of $T$ , showing that all elements $t \in T$ are upper bounds for the set $S$ . |   |

**19) Analysis of Proof:**

The appearance of the quantifier “for all” in the conclusion suggests the choose method.

The choose method is used in the first sentence of the proof in saying that  $r, q$  are the same sign and  $p/(qr) > 0$ , and that  $p$  is a positive integer.

**A<sub>1</sub>:** Let  $q$  and  $r$  have the same sign,  $q, r \neq 0$ . Let  $p$  be a positive integer.

**A<sub>2</sub>:** Then  $p/(qr) > 0$ . This is true because  $p$  is a positive integer and  $q, r$  have the same sign therefore the denominator will be positive.

**A<sub>3</sub>:**  $q < r$  This is given in the hypothesis.

**A<sub>4</sub>:** Multiplying both sides of the inequality in  $A_3$  by  $p/(qr)$  gives:

$$(pq/qr) < (pr/qr)$$

**A<sub>5</sub>:** This reduces to  $(p/r) < (p/q)$ .

Therefore the proof is complete.

22) **Key Question:** How can I show that a set is a convex set?

**Answer (B<sub>1</sub>):** For every  $x, y \in C$ , and for every real number  $t$  with  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  
 $t(x) + (1 - t)(y) \in C$ . (From the definition of a convex set.)

**A<sub>1</sub>:** Let  $x', y' \in C$ ,  $t'$  with  $0 \leq t' \leq 1$ .

For which it must be shown that,

**B<sub>2</sub>:**  $t'(x') + (1 - t')(y') \in C$ , meaning that  $a(tx + (1 - t)y) \leq b$ . (Because set  $C$  is real numbers  $x$ :  $ax \leq b$ )

Because  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $C$ , it can be shown that

**A<sub>2</sub>:**  $ax' \leq b$ , and  $ay' \leq b$ .

Multiplying  $A_2$  by  $t'$  and  $(1-t')$  and adding the two inequalities gives:

**A<sub>3</sub>:**  $t'ax' + (1 - t')ay' \leq t'b' + (1 - t')b' = b'$

**Proof:** Let  $x', y' \in C$ , and  $t'$  be a real number with  $0 \leq t' \leq 1$ . From the definition of  $C$ :  $ax' \leq b$ , and  $ay' \leq b$ . Multiplying each of these inequalities by both  $t' \geq 0$  and  $(1-t') \geq 0$ , respectively, and performing algebra yields  $a[t'x' + (1 - t')y'] \leq b$ . By showing this, it means that  $t(x') + (1 - t)(y') \in C$ , from the definition of a convex set. Therefore, the set  $C$  is a convex set and the proof is complete.