

Solutions Test Mathematics A; September 22, 2017.

1. (a) $A = [k, 50 + k)$.

(b)
$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{50} A_k = [1, 100), \quad \bigcap_{k=1}^{50} A_k = [50, 51).$$

2.
$$\forall x[(x \in B \wedge x \in C) \rightarrow x \notin A]$$

3. (a) There exist $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a = 2k$ and $b = 2\ell + 1$.
Then

$$a - b = 2k - (2\ell + 1) = 2(k - \ell - 1) + 1.$$

So $a - b$ is odd.

(b) Basis step for $n = 1$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 (-1)^i \cdot i^2 = (-1)^1 \cdot 1^2 = -1 \quad \text{and also} \quad \frac{(-1)^1 \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1)}{2} = -1.$$

So the statement is correct for $n = 1$.

Induction step:

Let $k \geq 1$ and suppose that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i \cdot i^2 = \frac{(-1)^k \cdot k(k+1)}{2}. \quad (\text{Induction hypothesis: IH})$$

We must show that IH implies:
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^i \cdot i^2 = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)(k+2)}{2}.$$

Well:
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^i \cdot i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i \cdot i^2 + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)^2.$$

By IH this expression is equal to
$$\frac{(-1)^k \cdot k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)^2.$$

Now it remains to show that

$$\frac{(-1)^k \cdot k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)(k+2)}{2}.$$

Dividing both sides by $(-1)^k \cdot (k+1)$ yields:
$$\frac{k}{2} - (k+1) = -\frac{k+2}{2},$$

which is obviously true.

4. (a) Some motivation, like "choose 3 out of 6"; (order does not matter)

So $\binom{6}{3}$ possibilities.

$$\binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{3!(6-3)!} = 20.$$

- (b) Give each boy one kind of fruit: $6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 120$ possibilities

Give each girl one kind of candy: $5 \cdot 4 = 20$ possibilities.

For each allocation to the boys there are 20 possibilities for the girls, so (by the rule of product) the total number of possibilities equals: $120 \cdot 20 = 2.400$.