Math 330 Section 7 - Spring 2019 - Homework 07

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Status - Reading Assignments:

Here is the status of the reading assignments you were asked to complete so far:

B/G (Beck/Geoghegan) Textbook: Preface and ch.1 – ch5

MF lecture notes: ch.1 – ch.3; ch.5, ch.6 through ch.6.6 (skim ch.6.3)

B/K lecture notes: ch.1.1 (Introduction to sets) ch.1.2 (Introduction to Functions) but skip ch.1.2.4: Floor and Ceiling Functions

New reading assignments:

Reading assignment 1 - due Monday, February 18:

a. Read carefully MF ch.6.7 – 6.9

Reading assignment 2 - due: Wednesday, February 20:

a. Finish MF ch.6: Read carefully MF ch.6.10 – 6.12.

Reading assignment 3 - due Friday, February 22:

a. Read carefully MF ch.7.1 and 7.2. Skip or skim the proof of prop.7.3.

Written assignment 1: Prove B/G Prop. 4.7(i) by induction: Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exists $j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $5^{2k} - 1 = 24j$. In other words, $24 \mid (5^{2k} - 1)$ according to MF def.6.11 in ch6.4 (Divisibility) or the definitions that follow B/G prop.1.14.

Written assignment 2: Prove MF Prop. 6.3.1 by induction on c: Let $(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{Z} and let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \leq b < c$. Then

$$\sum_{j=a}^{c} x_j = \sum_{j=a}^{b} x_j + \sum_{j=b+1}^{c} x_j.$$

Hints: Think carefully about the base case: If a = 5, how would you choose *b* and *c*? If a = 28, how would you choose *b* and *c*? For general *a*, how would you choose *b* and *c*?