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1. [5pts] Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = 2x^2 + 5$. Find each of the following.
 $f(\{1, 2\})$, $f([1, 2])$, $f^{-1}(\{7\})$, $f^{-1}(\{3\})$, $f^{-1}([23, 37])$.

Solution. $f\{(1, 2)\} = \{f(1), f(2)\} = \{7, 13\}$.

$f([1, 2]) = [7, 13]$.

$f^{-1}(\{7\}) = \{-1, 1\}$.

$f^{-1}(\{3\}) = \emptyset$.

$f^{-1}([23, 37]) = [-4, -3] \cup [3, 4]$.

2. [5pts] Show that the set $3\mathbb{Z}$ of all multiples of 3 is countable.

Solution. Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$ be given $f(x) = 3x$ for each integer x . Then f is one-to-one because if $f(x) = f(x')$, then $3x = 3x'$ i.e. $x = x'$. Also, f is onto because if $y \in 3\mathbb{Z}$, then $y = 3x$ for some integer x and so $f(x) = y$. Hence f is a bijection from the denumerable set \mathbb{Z} onto $3\mathbb{Z}$, and therefore $3\mathbb{Z}$ is denumerable (and hence countable).

[Another way: Construct a one-to-one correspondence between the sequence $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$ and $0, 3, -3, 6, -6, \dots$

A third way: Since $3\mathbb{Z}$ is clearly an infinite subset of \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z} is denumerable, it follows that $3\mathbb{Z}$ is denumerable (and hence countable).]

3. [5pts] The sum of the digits of a positive integer n is 12. Does this mean n is even? Does it mean n is a multiple of 3? Justify your answers.

Solution. No, n is not necessarily even; for example, the sum of the digits of 57 is 12 but 57 is not even.

Yes, n is a multiple of 3 because n is divisible by 3 iff the sum of its digits (which is 12 in this case) is divisible by 3.

4. [5pts] Let n be an integer. Determine $\gcd(n, n+1)$.

Solution. Let $d = \gcd(n, n+1)$, then d divides $(n+1) - n$, i.e. d divides 1. Since d is positive (as a gcd), it follows that $d = 1$.