

**MATH 3100 Project on Constructing the Rationals.  
Part 2.**

Due date: 11:59 pm Monday April 8.

Exercise 2.

i.) [Regarding the addition.] Let the operation  $\oplus$  be defined on the equivalence classes by

$$[(a, b)] \oplus [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, bd)].$$

Show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the operation  $\oplus$  is an abelian group.

ii.) [Regarding the multiplication.] Define the operation  $\otimes$  on the equivalence classes by

$$[(a, b)] \otimes [(c, d)] = [(ac, bd)].$$

Show that  $\mathbb{Q} - \{\text{the additive identity of } \oplus\}$  (i.e. the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the additive identity removed) is an abelian group with the operation  $\otimes$ .

iii.) [Identifying the integers inside the rationals.] Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  by  $\varphi(z) = [(z, 1)]$ . Show that

- a.)  $\varphi$  is 1-to-1.
- b.)  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism from  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  to  $(\mathbb{Q}, \oplus)$ .
- c.)  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism from  $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  to  $(\mathbb{Q}, \otimes)$ .