

1. One way to start is to see that  $8 = 2^3$ . Then we may observe that  $343^{\frac{1}{3}} = 7$ , that is,  $7^3 = 343$ . We can write:

$$\left(\frac{8}{343}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\frac{2^3}{7^3}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{-3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}} = \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{-2}.$$

We know that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{4}.$$

2. (a) (Case i) If  $x \geq 1/4$ , then  $|4x - 1| = 4x - 1$ . We have the solution.

$$4x - 1 = 3 \iff 4x = 4 \iff x = 1.$$

Now the solution  $x = 1$  is in the right area  $x \geq 1/4$

(Case ii) If  $x < 1/4$ , then  $|4x - 1| = 1 - 4x$ . We have the solution

$$1 - 4x = 3 \iff 4x = -2 \iff x = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Also now the solution  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  is in the right area  $x < 1/4$

(b) (Case i) If  $x \geq -2$ , then  $|x + 2| = x + 2$ . We get

$$x + 2 = \frac{1}{3}x + 5 \iff x - \frac{1}{3}x = 5 - 2 \iff \frac{2}{3}x = 3 \iff x = \frac{9}{2} = 4\frac{1}{2}.$$

The solution belongs to the area.

(Case ii) If  $x < -2$ , then  $|x + 2| = -x - 2$ . The solution is

$$-x - 2 = \frac{1}{3}x + 5 \iff x + \frac{1}{3}x = -7 \iff \frac{4}{3}x = -7 = x = -\frac{7 \cdot 3}{4} = -\frac{21}{4}.$$

The solution belongs to the area.

3. (Case i) If  $x \geq 5/6$ , then  $|6x - 5| = 6x - 5$  and  $|3x + 4| = 3x + 4$ . The solution is

$$6x - 5 = 3x + 4 \iff x = 3$$

The solution belongs to the area.

(Case ii) If  $-3/4 \leq x < 5/6$ , then  $|6x - 5| = 5 - 6x$  and  $|3x + 4| = 3x + 4$ . We can solve:

$$5 - 6x = 3x + 4 \iff x = \frac{1}{9}.$$

The solution belongs to the area.

(Case iii) if  $x < -3/4$ , then  $|6x - 5| = 5 - 6x$  and  $|3x + 4| = -3x - 4$ . The solution is

$$5 - 6x = -3x - 4 \iff x = 3.$$

The solution does not belong to the area. But no worries, because we already have found this solution.

**4.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets and suppose that there are bijections  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ .

(i) We prove that  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection. Let  $c \in C$ . Because  $g$  is a bijection, it is a surjection. Therefore, there is  $b \in B$  such that  $g(b) = c$ . Moreover, because  $f$  is surjective, there is  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . We have that

$$(g \circ f)(a) = g(f(a)) = g(b) = c.$$

This means that  $g \circ f$  is a surjection.

(ii) We prove that  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection. Suppose that  $(g \circ f)(a) = (g \circ f)(b)$  for some  $a, b \in A$ , that is,  $g(f(a)) = g(f(b))$ . Because  $g$  is an injection, we have  $f(a) = f(b)$ . Because  $f$  is an injection, we get  $a = b$ .

Since  $g \circ f$  is both surjective and injective, it is a bijection.

**5.** The solution is that each guest moves to the next room: guest in room 1 moves to room 2, guest in room 2 moves to room 3, guest in room 3 moves to room 4, and so on. Because the hotel is enumerable infinite, this can be done. The new guest can enter to room 1.

**6.** The solution is that the guest in room  $k$  moves to the room  $2k$ . This means that all rooms with odd number get free: 1, 3, 5, 7, ... There are countable infinite number of new passengers:

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$$

We can accommodate them in rooms having odd numbers by the rule (function) that the guest  $x_k$  goes to the room  $2k + 1$ .