

# **MATH-505A: Assignment #**

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## Exercise # 1.2

(3)

At the start of the tournament we have  $2^n$  players to begin with. At each round there will be **one** winner emerging from each of the pairs while the other gets 'knocked out'. One possible configuration for the first round of the tournament would be:  $Player_1$  v/s  $Player_2$ ;  $Player_3$  v/s  $Player_4$ ; ...,  $Player_{(2^n - 1)}$  v/s  $Player_{(2^n)}$ . At the end of first round, there are exactly  $\frac{2^n}{2} = 2^{n-1}$  winners and an equal number of knocked out players.

At round 1 the set of  $2^n - 1$  pairs can be represented as:  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, \dots, P_{2^n - 1}$ . The total number of such pairs is  $2^n$  divided by 2 since each pair has 2 players. The outcome of first round can generate two values for each of these pairs depending on who amongst the two players is the winner. For e.g.  $Player_1$  can win while playing in  $P_1$  or  $Player_2$  can, Thus total number of such configurations for the round 1 would be  $2 * 2 * 2 * \dots * (2^n - 1)$  times which is equal to  $2^{2^n - 1}$ . Now at round 2 we would have  $2^{n-2}$  pairs of players to play with and the possible configuration for choosing a winner of such a configuration is  $2^{2^{n-2} - 1}$ .

Thus, the sample space representing how the winners are chosen (or the knocked out persons are knocked out) can be calculated by multiplying configurations as obtained in  $round_1, round_2, \dots, round_n$  by the **rule of product** as:  $2^{2^{n-1} - 1} * 2^{2^{n-2} - 1} * \dots * 2^1 = X$

$$\log_2 X = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 1$$

$$\log_2 X = \frac{2^{n-1+1} - 1}{2 - 1}$$

Thus  $X = 2^{2^n - 1}$

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5: (a)

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

Let  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C) \implies x \in A$  OR  $x \in B \cap C$ . Case 1:  $x \in A$  Then  $x \in (A \cup B)$  AND  $x \in (A \cup C)$ . That is given  $x$  is contained in  $A$  it is for sure contained in union of  $A$  and  $B$ , and also in the union of  $A$  with  $C$ . From the definition of intersection, this would imply:  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Case 2:  $x \in (B \cap C)$  Then  $x \in B$  AND  $x \in C \implies x \in (A \cup B)$  AND  $x \in (A \cup C)$  where  $A$  can be any set, since  $B \subseteq (A \cup B)$

Thus from both the cases we get:  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

This implies

$$A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \quad (1)$$

Now consider a  $y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \implies y \in (A \cup B)$  AND  $y \in (A \cup C)$ . This implies  $y$  belongs to  $A$  OR  $B$  AND  $A$  OR  $C$  Two cases again: Case 1:  $x \in A \implies x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$  as  $A \subseteq (A \cup (B \cap C))$

Case 2:  $x \in B$  AND  $x \in C \implies x \in (B \cap C) \cup A$  as  $(B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup (B \cap C))$

Thus from both the cases we draw the same conclusion:  $x \in (A \cup (B \cap C)) \implies (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$

From 1 and 2, it is implied that:

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \quad \text{Ans. TRUE}$$

**5: (b)**

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

Let  $x \in (A \cap (B \cap C)) \implies x \in A \text{ AND } x \in B \text{ AND } x \in C$ , which can be easily regrouped as  $(x \in A \text{ AND } x \in B) \text{ AND } x \in C$ , which is same as  $x \in (A \cap B) \cap C$ .

Another approach would be what we used in part (a) above to show that the *L.H.S* and *R.H.S* are subsets of each other. However the *AND* solution is straight forward, since there are no *OR's* involved.

**Ans. TRUE**

**5: (c)**

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = A \cup (B \cap C)$$

From part (a) of this problem, we proved that the following equation is true:

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

Substituting the *R.H.S* of as the *L.H.S* of we get:

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

Comparing and we see, that for to be always true, the following should hold:

$$C = A \cup C$$

**which will only be true if  $A \subseteq C$ .**

**Exercise # 1.3****1**


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**Exercise # 1.4****2**


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