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### HOMEWORK 3

JESSE COBB - 2PM SECTION

- 2.2.1  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}, B = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\},$   
 $C = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}, D = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$   
 d.  $A - (B - C) = A - \{0, 6\} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} = A$   
 f.  $A \cup (C \cap D) = A \cup \{1, 2, 5, 7, 8\} = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$   
 h.  $A \cap (B \cup C) = A \cap \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} = \{1, 5, 7\}$
- 2.2.2  $A = [3, 8), B = [2, 6], C = (1, 4), D = (5, \infty)$   
 b.  $A \cup B = [2, 8)$   
 d.  $A \cap B = [3, 6]$   
 f.  $A - B = (6, 8)$
- 2.2.5  $A = [3, 8), B = [2, 6], C = (1, 4), D = (5, \infty)$   
 $C \cap D = \emptyset$   
 $C$  and  $D$  is the only disjoint pair
- 2.2.6 d.  $A \not\subseteq B \cup C, B \not\subseteq A \cup C,$  and  $C \subseteq A \cup B$   
 $A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 3\}, C = \{1, 2\}$
- 2.2.7 q. Prove if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C$ .

*Proof.* Assume all elements  $x \in A$ , and since  $A \subseteq B$  then  $x \in B$ . By the definition of union  $x \in A \cup C$  for any set  $C$  with the addition of all elements  $y \in C - A$ . Since  $x \in B$  then all  $x \in B \cup C$  and all  $y \in C$  so all  $y \in B \cup C$ . Since the elements  $x$  and  $y$  make up all of  $A \cup C$  and  $x, y \in B \cup C$  we've proved that  $A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .  $\square$

- 2.2.8 h. Prove  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in (A \cap B)^c & \iff \\
 x \notin A \cap B & \iff \\
 x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B & \iff \\
 x \in A^c \text{ or } x \in B^c & \iff \\
 x \in A^c \cup B^c & 
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the last statement is true, so are all previous statements. Thus  $(A \cap B)^c$  if and only if  $A^c \cup B^c$ .  $\square$

- 2.2.9 b. *Proof.* Assume for all  $x \in A$  and  $A \subseteq B \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , which implies  $x \in B \cup C$  and  $x \notin B$ . Since  $x \notin B$  and  $x$  is in the union of  $B \cup C$  this implies  $x \in C$ . Thus we've proved that  $A \subseteq C$  if  $A \subseteq B \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  $\square$
- 2.2.10 a. *Proof.* Assume  $x \in C, y \in D, C \subseteq A$ , and  $D \subseteq B$ . This implies  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ . By definition of intersection  $z \in C \cap D$  where  $z = x = y$ .  $z \in A \cap B$  since  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ . Thus we've proved that  $C \cap D \subseteq A \cap B$ .  $\square$

- d. *Proof.* Assume  $x \in C$ ,  $y \in D$ ,  $C \subseteq A$ , and  $D \subseteq B$ . This implies  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .  $D - A$  includes all elements  $y$  that are not elements of  $A$  which includes elements  $x$ .  $B - C$  includes all elements  $y$  that are not in  $C$  which is only elements  $x$ . In summary  $B - C$  includes  $y$ , not  $x$ , and any elements  $z \in B - D$ . While  $D - A$  includes only  $y$ , not  $x$ , and not  $w \in A - C$ . Thus we've proved  $D - A \subseteq B - C$  if  $C \subseteq A$  and  $D \subseteq B$ .  $\square$
- 2.2.11 b. Statement: if  $A \cap C \subseteq B \cap C$  then  $A \subseteq C$   
Counterexample:  $A = \{4\}, B = \emptyset, C = \emptyset$
- f. Statement:  $A - (B - C) = (A - B) - C$   
Counterexample:  $A = \{4, 13\}, B = \emptyset, C = \{4\}$
- 2.2.13 a.  $A = \{1, 3, 4\}, B = \{a, e, k, n, r\}$   
 $A \times B = \{(1, a), (1, e), (1, k), (1, n), (1, r)$   
 $(3, a), (3, e), (3, k), (3, n), (3, r)$   
 $(5, a), (5, e), (5, k), (5, n), (5, r)\}$   
 $B \times A = \{(a, 1), (a, 3), (a, 5), (e, 1), (e, 3), (e, 5)$   
 $(k, 1), (k, 3), (k, 5), (n, 1), (n, 3), (n, 5)$   
 $(r, 1), (r, 3), (r, 5)\}$
- 2.2.15 b. *Proof.* Seeking a contradiction, assume  $A \times \emptyset \neq \emptyset$ . Assuming this there must be at least one element  $x \in A \times \emptyset$ . Which implies the existence of the ordered pair  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in \emptyset$ , though this is a contradiction as there can be no  $b \in \emptyset$ . Thus we've proved by contradiction that  $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$ .  $\square$
- 2.2.16 a.  $(A \times B) \cup (C \times D) \neq (A \cup B) \times (C \cup D)$   
 $A = \{1\}, B = \{2\}, C = \{3\}, D = \{4\}$
- 2.3.1 b.  $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \{7, 9, 11, 13\}, \{8, 10, 12\}\}$   
 $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \leq 13\}$   $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \emptyset$
- h.  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_r = [-\pi, r) : r \in (0, \infty)\}$   
 $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = [-\pi, \infty)$   $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = [-\pi, 0]$
- l.  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_n = [n, n + 1) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $\bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C = (-\infty, \infty)$   $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C = \emptyset$
- m.  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_n = (n, n + 1) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \notin \mathbb{Z}\}$   $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \emptyset$
- n.  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_n = (-n, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
 $\bigcup_{D \in \mathcal{D}} D = (-\infty, 1)$   $\bigcap_{D \in \mathcal{D}} D = (-1, 0]$
- 2.3.2 b. Pairwise Disjoint  
h. Not Pairwise Disjoint  
l. Pairwise Disjoint  
m. Pairwise Disjoint  
n. Not Pairwise Disjoint
- 2.3.3 a. For every set  $B$  in the family  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $B \subseteq \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in B$ . Since  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ , by the definition of union  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$ . Thus we've proved  $B \subseteq \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$  if  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

- b. If  $A \subseteq B$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \subseteq B$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq B$  for any set  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . If  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$  then  $x \in B$ . Thus we've proved that  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \subseteq B$  if  $A \subseteq B$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

2.3.12  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 20\}$

a.  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = X \quad \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{1\}$   
 $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1\}, X\}$

b.  $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B = X \quad 4 \text{ disjoint subsets of } X$   
 $\mathcal{B} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, \{11, 12, 13, 14, 15\}, \{16, 17, 18, 19, 20\}\}$

c.  $\bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C = X \quad 20 \text{ disjoint subsets of } X$   
 $\mathcal{C} = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}, \{9\}, \{10\},$   
 $\{11\}, \{12\}, \{13\}, \{14\}, \{15\}, \{16\}, \{17\}, \{18\}, \{19\}, \{20\}\}$

2.3.16  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad k, m \in \mathbb{N} \quad k \leq m$

d.  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=k}^m A_i$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  which implies  $x \in A_i$  for any  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ . This implies that  $x \in \bigcap_{i=k}^m A_i$  since  $k \geq 1$  and  $m < \infty$ . Thus we've proved that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=k}^m A_i$  if  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $k \leq m$ .  $\square$

2.3.18 Nested family  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

b.  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = (-\infty, 1] \implies A_i = (-\infty, 1 + \frac{1}{i})$

d.  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \emptyset \implies A_i = (0, \frac{1}{n})$

- 2.4.4 b. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $3 = 4(1)^2 - 1$  is true, which proves the base case holds. Next assume  $3 + 11 + 19 + \dots (8n - 5) = 4n^2 - n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $3 + 11 + 19 + \dots (8n - 5) + (8(n + 1) - 5) = 4n^2 - n + (8(n + 1) - 5)$  by the inductive hypothesis. This implies  $4n^2 - n + (8(n + 1) - 5) = 4n^2 + 7n + 3 = 4(n + 1)^2 - (n + 1)$  so the statement works for the  $n + 1$  case. Thus we've proved by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $3 + 11 + 19 + \dots (8n - 5) = 4n^2 - n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- c. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 2 \implies 2^1 = 2^2 - 2$  which proves the base case holds. Now assume  $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 2$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i + 2^{n+1} = 2^{n+1} - 2 + 2^{n+1}$  by the inductive hypothesis. Thus  $2^{n+1} - 2 + 2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^{n+1} - 2 = 2^{(n+1)+1} - 2$  which proves that the  $n + 1$  case is true. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

- d. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \dots n \cdot n! = (n + 1)! - 1 \implies 1 \cdot 1! = 2! - 1$  so the base case holds. Now assume  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \dots n \cdot n! = (n + 1)! - 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \dots n \cdot n! + (n + 1) \cdot (n + 1)! = (n + 1)! - 1 + (n + 1) \cdot (n + 1)!$  by the induction hypothesis. Then  $(n + 1)! - 1 + (n + 1) \cdot (n + 1)! = (n + 2)(n + 1)! - 1 = (n + 2)! - 1$  which proves the  $n + 1$  case. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical

Induction, that  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \dots n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- e. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots n^3 = [\frac{n(n+1)}{2}]^2 \implies 1^3 = [\frac{2}{2}]^2$  which proves the base case is true. Now assume  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots n^3 = [\frac{n(n+1)}{2}]^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots n^3 + (n+1)^3 = [\frac{n(n+1)}{2}]^2 + (n+1)^3$  by the induction hypothesis. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} [\frac{n(n+1)}{2}]^2 + (n+1)^3 &= \frac{(n(n+1))^2 + 4(n+1)^3}{4} \\ &= \frac{n^2(n+1)^2 + 4(n+1)(n+1)^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2(n^2 + 4n + 4)}{4} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2(n+2)^2}{4} \\ &= [\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}]^2 \end{aligned}$$

which proves the  $n+1$  case. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots n^3 = [\frac{n(n+1)}{2}]^2$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- 2.4.5 a. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $3 \mid n^3 + 5n + 6 \implies 3 \mid 1^3 + 5(1) + 6$  which is true since  $1^3 + 5(1) + 6 = 12 = 3(4)$  where  $4 \in \mathbb{Z}$  which proves the base case. Now assume  $3 \mid n^3 + 5n + 6$  which implies  $n^3 + 5n + 6 = 3k$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(n+1)^3 + 5(n+1) + 6 = n^3 + 3n^2 + 8n + 12 = (n^3 + 5n + 6) + 3n^2 + 3n + 6 = 3k + 3n^2 + 3n + 6$  by the induction hypothesis. Then  $3k + 3n^2 + 3n + 6 = 3(k + n^2 + n + 2) = 3j$  where  $j = k + n^2 + n + 2$  is an integer. This proves that the  $n+1$  case is true. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $3 \mid n^3 + 5n + 6$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- j. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $3^n \geq 1 + 2^n \implies 3^1 \geq 1 + 2^1$  which proves the base case. Now assume  $3^n \geq 1 + 2^n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . Then  $3^{n+1} = 3 \cdot 3^n \geq 3(1 + 2^n)$  by the induction hypothesis. Then  $3(1 + 2^n) = (1 + 2^n) + (1 + 2^n) + (1 + 2^n) = 3 + 2^n + 2 \cdot 2^n = 3 + 2^n + 2^{n+1} > 1 + 2^{n+1}$  which implies that  $3^{n+1} \geq 1 + 2^{n+1}$  which proves the  $n+1$  case. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $3^n \geq 1 + 2^n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- q. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $|A| = 1$  so that  $A = \{a\}$ , then the power set  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$  which implies  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2$  which proves the base case true as  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|} = 2$ . Now assume that if  $|A| = n$  then  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . Now let the set  $B$  have  $n+1$  elements where there exists an element  $x \in B$  but  $x \notin A$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  has  $2^n$  elements excluding  $x$  and  $2^n$  elements including  $x$  by the inductive hypothesis, so  $|\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}$ , so we've proved the  $n+1$  case. Thus we've proved,

by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  has  $2^n$  elements if  $A$  has  $n$  elements for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

- 2.4.6 c. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 5$  that  $(n+1)! > 2^{n+3} \implies 6! > 2^8$  which is true since  $720 > 256$  thus proving the base case. Now assume  $(n+1)! > 2^{n+3}$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 5$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (n+2)! &= (n+2)(n+1)! \\ &> (n+2)2^{n+3} \\ &> 2 \cdot 2^{n+3} \\ &= 2^{n+4} \end{aligned}$$

which proves  $(n+2)! > 2^{n+4}$  by the induction hypothesis, proving the  $n+1$  case true. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $(n+1)! > 2^{n+3}$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 5$ .  $\square$

- e. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 4$  that  $n! > 3n \implies 4! > 3(4)$  which is true since  $24 > 12$  which proves the base case. Now assume  $n! > 3n$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 4$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)! &= (n+1)n! \\ &> (n+1)3n \\ &> 3(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

which proves  $(n+1)! > 3(n+1)$  by the induction hypothesis, proving the  $n+1$  case true. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $n! > 3n$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 4$ .  $\square$

- 2.4.7 a. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c \implies (A_i)^c = A_i^c$  which proves the base case. Now assume  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where the indexed family  $\{A_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  exists. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i\right)^c &= \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \cap A_{n+1}\right)^c \\ &= \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right)^c \cup A_{n+1}^c \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c \cup A_{n+1}^c \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i^c \end{aligned}$$

which proves  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i^c$  by the induction hypothesis, proving the  $n+1$  case true. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .  $\square$

- 2.4.9 *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that 1 point requires  $\frac{1^2-1}{2} = 0$  points, which proves the base

case. Now assume that for  $n$  points, with no three collinear points, the amount of line segments to join all of the points is  $\frac{n^2-n}{2}$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . Then  $n+1$  points requires an additional  $n$  points since the new point will have to connect to each  $n$  previously existing points. Then  $n+1$  points requires  $\frac{n^2-n}{2} + n = \frac{n^2-n+2n}{2} = \frac{(n+1)^2-(n+1)}{2}$  points which proves the  $n+1$  case by the induction hypothesis. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that for any natural number  $n$  points, where no three points are collinear, they require  $\frac{n^2-n}{2}$  line segments to connect all points.  $\square$

2.4.10 *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using mathematical induction. First note that when  $n = 1$  that  $2^{(1)} - 1 = 1$  implies that with 1 disc it takes a minimum of 1 move to the disc to another peg without any larger discs ever being on top of a smaller disc. This is true as any possible move will achieve the desired result with a single disc confirming our base case. Now assume that any natural number  $n$  of discs can achieve the same result of being stacked in descending size on another peg then its starting position in  $f(n) = 2^n - 1$  moves, this implies the recursive formula of  $f(n) = 2f(n-1) + 1$  as each additional disc requires 1 additional move to move the new disc and another  $f(n-1)$  moves to then move the stack back on top of the new largest disc. Then  $f(n+1) = 2f(n) + 1 = 2(2^n - 1) + 1$  by the induction hypothesis. Then  $2(2^n - 1) + 1 = 2 \cdot 2^n - 2 + 1 = 2^{n+1} - 1$  which proves the  $n+1$  case. Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that for any natural number  $n$  of disc the discs can all be moved to a new peg (out of three), without ever having a larger disc above a smaller disc, in  $2^n - 1$  moves.  $\square$

2.5.1 a. *Proof.* We'll prove the claim using complete induction. Suppose  $n \geq 11$ , then note that  $11 = 2(3) + 5(1)$  and  $12 = 2(1) + 5(2)$  verifying our base cases. Now we'll assume that  $n \geq 13$ , and that all natural numbers  $k$  where  $n-1 \geq k \geq 11$  can be written as  $k = 2s + 5t$  for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ . We'll demonstrate that the same is true for  $n$ . Since  $n \geq 13$  then  $n-2 \geq 11$ , so  $n-2 = 2s + 5t$  by assumption. Then  $n = 2s + 5t + 2 = 2(s+1) + 5t$  where  $s+1, t \in \mathbb{N}$  and the statement is true for  $n$ . Thus we've proved, by the Principle of Complete Induction, that any natural number  $n \geq 11$  can be written as  $n = 2s + 5t$  for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

2.5.10 *Proof.* Let the set  $\mathbb{Z}^- = \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$  exist and also allow the set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^-$  to exist. Assume any set  $A$  is nonempty, so that  $A \neq \emptyset$ , so that there exists an element  $a \in A$ . Now suppose a set  $B$  exists where  $B = \{-a : a \in A\}$ . Since the elements of  $A$  are all negative integers the elements of  $B$  must be only positive integers meaning  $B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  we may apply the Well Ordering Principle, since it applies to all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , and say that there exists an element  $b$  that is the smallest element  $b \in B$  where  $b \leq -a$ . Inversely this implies the existence of a  $-b \in A$  where  $-b \geq a$ . Thus we've proved that any subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^-$  must have a largest element as its inverse  $B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  must have a smallest element, by the Well Ordering Principle.  $\square$