

**CS201: Discrete Math for Computer Science**  
**2022 Spring Semester Written Assignment # 2**  
**Due: Mar. 24th, 2022, please submit through Sakai**

**Please answer questions in English. Using any other language will lead to a zero point.**

**Q. 1.** (5 points) Suppose that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three finite sets. For each of the following, determine whether or not it is true. Explain your answers.

(a)  $(A - B = A) \rightarrow (B \subset A)$

(b)  $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B)$

(c)  $\overline{(A - B)} \cap (B - A) = B$

**Q. 2.** (5 points) The *symmetric difference* of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $A \oplus B$ , is the set containing those elements in either  $A$  or  $B$ , but not in both  $A$  and  $B$ .

(a) Determine whether the symmetric difference is associative; that is, if  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are sets, does it follow that  $A \oplus (B \oplus C) = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$ ?

(b) Suppose that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are sets such that  $A \oplus C = B \oplus C$ . Must it be the case that  $A = B$ ?

**Q. 3.** (5 points) Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove the following using set identities.

(1)  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$

(2)  $(A \cap B) \cap \overline{(B \cap C)} \cap (A \cap C) = \emptyset$

**Q. 4.** (5 points) Prove that  $\mathcal{P}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Q. 5.** (10 points) For each of the following mappings, use the following options to describe them, and explain your answers.

- i. Not a function.
- ii. A function which is neither one-to-one nor onto.
- iii. A function which is onto but not one-to-one.
- iv. A function which is one-to-one but not onto.
- v. A function which is both one-to-one and onto.

- (a) The mapping  $f$  from  $\mathbf{Z}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = |2x|$ .
- (b) The mapping  $f$  from  $\{1, 3\}$  to  $\{2, 4\}$  defined by  $f(x) = 2x$ .
- (c) The mapping  $f$  from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 8 - 2x$ .
- (d) The mapping  $f$  from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = \lfloor x + 1 \rfloor$ .
- (e) The mapping  $f$  from  $\mathbf{R}^+$  to  $\mathbf{R}^+$  defined by  $f(x) = x - 1$ .
- (f) The mapping  $f$  from  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  to  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  defined by  $f(x) = x + 1$ .

**Q. 6.** (5 points) Which of the mappings in Q. 5 have an inverse function? What is the inverse function? Please list all such mappings and explain your answer.

**Q. 7.** (5 points) Let  $x$  be a real number. Show that  $\lfloor 3x \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor x + \frac{1}{3} \rfloor + \lfloor x + \frac{2}{3} \rfloor$ .

**Q. 8.** (10 points) Suppose that two functions  $g : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $f \circ g$  denotes the *composition* function.

- (a) If  $f \circ g$  is one-to-one and  $g$  is one-to-one, must  $f$  be one-to-one? Explain your answer.
- (b) If  $f \circ g$  is one-to-one and  $f$  is one-to-one, must  $g$  be one-to-one? Explain your answer.
- (c) If  $f \circ g$  is one-to-one, must  $g$  be one-to-one? Explain your answer.
- (d) If  $f \circ g$  is onto, must  $f$  be onto? Explain your answer.
- (e) If  $f \circ g$  is onto, must  $g$  be onto? Explain your answer.

**Q. 9.** (5 points) Derive the formula for  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2$ .

**Q. 10.** (5 points) Give an example of two uncountable sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that the difference  $A - B$  is

- (a) finite,

- (b) countably infinite,
- (c) uncountable.

**Q. 11.** (10 points) For each set defined below, determine whether the set is *countable* or *uncountable*. Explain your answers. Recall that  $\mathbf{N}$  is the set of natural numbers and  $\mathbf{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers.

- (a) The set of all subsets of students in CS201
- (b)  $\{(a, b) | a, b \in \mathbf{N}\}$
- (c)  $\{(a, b) | a \in \mathbf{N}, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$

**Q. 12.** (5 points) If  $A$  is an uncountable set and  $B$  is a countable set, must  $A - B$  be uncountable?

**Q. 13.** (5 points) Show that the set  $\mathbf{Z}^+ \times \mathbf{Z}^+$  is countable by showing that the polynomial function  $f : \mathbf{Z}^+ \times \mathbf{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$  with  $f(m, n) = (m + n - 2)(m + n - 1)/2 + m$  is one-to-one and onto.

**Q. 14.** (5 points) By the Schröder-Bernstein theorem, prove that  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$  have the same cardinality.

**Q. 15.** (5 points) Assume that  $|S|$  denotes the cardinality of the set  $S$ . Show that if  $|A| = |B|$  and  $|B| = |C|$ , then  $|A| = |C|$ .

**Q. 16.** (5 points) Suppose that  $f(x), g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are functions such that  $f(x)$  is  $\Theta(g(x))$  and  $g(x)$  is  $\Theta(h(x))$ . Show that  $f(x)$  is  $\Theta(h(x))$ .

**Q. 17.** (5 points) Consider the following algorithm for evaluating the value of a polynomial function  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$  at  $x = c$ .

- (a) How many multiplications and additions are used to evaluate a polynomial of degree  $n$  at  $x = c$ ? (Do not count additions used to increment the loop variable).
- (b) Under the operations considered in (a), what is the time complexity with respect to  $n$  (in Big-Theta Notation)?

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**Algorithm 1** polynomial ( $c, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ : real numbers)

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*power* := 1

*y* :=  $a_0$

**for**  $i := 1$  to  $n$  **do**

*power* := *power* \*  $c$

*y* := *y* +  $a_i$  \* *power*

**end for**

**return**  $y \{y = a_n c^n + a_{n-1} c^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 c + a_0\}$

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