

EECS 203: Discrete Mathematics  
Fall 2023  
Homework 6

Due **Friday, October 20**, 10:00 pm

No late homework accepted past midnight.

Number of Problems:  $5 + 2$

Total Points:  $100 + 33$

- **Match your pages!** Your submission time is when you upload the file, so the time you take to match pages doesn't count against you.
- Submit this assignment (and any regrade requests later) on Gradescope.
- Justify your answers and show your work (unless a question says otherwise).
- By submitting this homework, you agree that you are in compliance with the Engineering Honor Code and the Course Policies for 203, and that you are submitting your own work.
- Check the syllabus for full details.

# Individual Portion

## 1. Set Me Free [18 points]

- (a) For each of the following, determine if the statement is true or false. Justify your answers.
- (i)  $\emptyset \in \{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$
  - (ii)  $\emptyset \subseteq \{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$
  - (iii)  $\emptyset \times \{0, 1\} \subseteq \emptyset$
  - (iv)  $\{\{1, 2\}\} \subsetneq \{\{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$
- (b) Find the cardinality of  $\{\emptyset, \emptyset, \{\emptyset, \emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$ .
- (c) (i) Find the cardinality of  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\})$ .  
(ii) Find  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\})$ . Make sure it has the cardinality you wrote in (i).

### Solution:

- (a) (i) False.  
 $\{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$  has only two elements:  $\{\emptyset\}$  and  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ ,  $\emptyset$  is not an element.
- (ii) True.  
 $\emptyset$  is a subset of every set. So it is also a subset of  $\{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$ .
- (iii) True.  
The Cartesian product of sets  $A$  and  $B$  is:  $A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$ .  
When  $A$  is  $\emptyset$ ,  $a \in A$  is false for any  $a$ .  $\therefore a \in A \wedge b \in B$  is also false.  
 $\therefore$  there is no such  $(a, b)$  that can be an elements of  $\emptyset \times B$ .  
 $\therefore \emptyset \times \{0, 1\} = \emptyset$   
 $\therefore \emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$   
 $\therefore \emptyset \times \{0, 1\} \subseteq \emptyset$ .
- (iv) True.  
The only element in  $\{\{1, 2\}\}$  is  $\{1, 2\}$ .  
And this element is also in  $\{\{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$ .  
 $\therefore \{\{1, 2\}\} \subseteq \{\{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$ .  
Notice the element  $\{2\}$ ,  $\{2\} \in \{\{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$ ,  $\{2\} \notin \{\{1, 2\}\}$   
 $\therefore \{\{1, 2\}\} \subsetneq \{\{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$ .
- (b) Since the two  $\emptyset$  in  $\{\emptyset, \emptyset, \{\emptyset, \emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$  are identical, we should remove one to simplify it.  
And since the two  $\emptyset$  in the element  $\{\emptyset, \emptyset\}$  in  $\emptyset$  in  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset, \emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$  are identical, we

must remove one to simplify it.

After doing that, we have two identical elements  $\{\emptyset\}$  in  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$ , so we must remove one  $\{\emptyset\}$  to simplify it.

$\therefore$  the simplest form of the original set is:  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ .

So the cardinality is 2 since there are two elements in the set.

- (c) (i) There are 3 elements in  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

So there are  $2^3 = 8$  elements in  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\})$ .

$\therefore$  the cardinality of  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\})$  is 8.

- (ii)  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{a\}\}, \{\{b, c\}\}, \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}\}$ .

## 2. Is This Your Card(inality)? [18 points]

Suppose we define  $A = \{m, a, r, c, h\}$ ,  $B = \{a, r, t, i, c, h, o, k, e\}$ , and  $C = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$ . Determine the cardinality of each of the following sets. You may leave large exponents unsimplified.

(a)  $A \times B$

(b)  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B)$

(c)  $\mathcal{P}((A \cap B) \times (B - C))$

**Solution:**

(a)  $\because |A| = 5, |B| = 9,$   
 $\therefore |A \times B| = 5 \times 9 = 45.$

(b)  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$   
 $A \cap B = \{a, r, c, h\}, |A \cap B| = 4$   
 $\therefore |A \cup B| = 5 + 9 - 4 = 10$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{P}(|A \cup B|) = 2^{10} = 1024$

(c)  $A \cap B = \{a, r, c, h\},$   
 $B - C = \{r, t, c, h, k\},$   
 $\therefore |(A \cap B) \times (B - C)| = 4 \times 5 = 20.$   
 $\therefore |\mathcal{P}((A \cap B) \times (B - C))| = 2^{20} = 1024 \times 1024 = 1048576$

### 3. Ice Cream Truck! [20 points]

There are 40 IAs for EECS 203 and they are all waiting in line for the ice cream truck! At the ice cream truck, every IA orders at least one flavor of ice cream, but they have the option to order more.

- 22 of them ordered chocolate ice cream
- 25 of them ordered strawberry ice cream
- 16 of them ordered vanilla ice cream

These numbers add up to more than 40, so we know that some IAs must have ordered multiple flavors. We also know:

- 12 IAs ordered chocolate ice cream and strawberry ice cream,
- 8 ordered strawberry ice cream and vanilla ice cream,
- 10 ordered vanilla cream and chocolate ice cream,
- and of these, some IAs ordered all three.

How many IAs ordered all three flavors? Show all your calculations.

**Note:** A Venn diagram is not acceptable justification for this question.

#### **Solution:**

We use  $A$  to represent the set of IAs who ordered chocolate ice cream;

and  $B$ : the set of IAs who ordered strawberry ice cream;

and  $C$ : the set of IAs who ordered vanilla ice cream;

Then the given information is that:

Above all,  $|A \cup B \cup C| = 40$ .

And  $|A| = 22$ ,  $|B| = 25$ ,  $|C| = 16$ .

And  $|A \cap B| = 12$ ,  $|B \cap C| = 8$ ,  $|A \cap C| = 10$ .

Since  $|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$ ,

$|A \cap B \cap C| = |A \cup B \cup C| - |A| - |B| - |C| + |A \cap B| + |A \cap C| + |B \cap C| = 40 - 22 - 25 - 16 + 12 + 8 + 10 = 7$

### 4. Subset Fun [20 points]

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Prove that

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

by showing that each is a subset of the other.

**Solution:**

- (a) We prove that  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) \subseteq ((B \cup C) - A)$ , that is, any element in  $(B - A) \cup (C - A)$  is also in  $(B \cup C) - A$ .

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element in the domain.

If  $x \in (B - A) \cup (C - A)$ ,  $x \in (B - A) \vee x \in (C - A)$  due to definition of set union.

$\therefore (x \in B \wedge x \notin A) \vee (x \in C \wedge x \notin A)$  due to definition of set subtraction.

$\therefore (x \in B \wedge \neg x \in A) \vee (x \in C \wedge \neg x \in A)$

$\therefore \neg x \in A \wedge (x \in B \vee x \in C)$  due to distributive law.

$\therefore (x \in B \cup C) \wedge (x \notin A)$

$\therefore x \in ((B \cup C) - A)$  due to definition of set union.

$\therefore (B - A) \cup (C - A) \subseteq ((B \cup C) - A)$  due to definition of subset.

- (b) We prove that  $((B \cup C) - A) \subseteq (B - A) \cup (C - A)$ , that is, any element in  $(B \cup C) - A$  is also in  $(B - A) \cup (C - A)$ .

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element in the domain.

If  $x \in ((B \cup C) - A)$ ,  $(x \in (B \cup C)) \wedge (x \notin A)$  due to definition of set subtraction.

$\therefore ((x \in B) \vee (x \in C)) \wedge (\neg x \in A)$  due to definition of set union.

$\therefore (x \in B \wedge \neg x \in A) \vee (x \in C \wedge \neg x \in A)$  due to distributive law.

$\therefore (x \in (B - A)) \vee (x \in (C - A))$  due to definition of set subtraction.

$\therefore ((B \cup C) - A) \subseteq (B - A) \cup (C - A)$  due to definition of subset.

Since  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) \subseteq ((B \cup C) - A)$  and  $((B \cup C) - A) \subseteq (B - A) \cup (C - A)$ ,  
 $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$ .

**5. Subset Size Question [24 points]**

Given that  $A, B, C$  are sets with  $|A| = 13$ ,  $|B| = 8$ ,  $|C| = 10$ , find the maximum *and* the minimum possible cardinalities of the following sets in the domain of integers.

- (a)  $\overline{A} \cap B$
- (b)  $A \cap (B \cup C)$
- (c)  $\mathcal{P}(B \times C)$
- (d)  $(A - B) \cap C$

**Solution:**

- (a) Due to intersection,  $|\overline{A} \cap B| \leq |B| = 8$   
 Since a set cannot have fewer than 0 element,  $|\overline{A} \cap B| \geq 0$ .  
 When  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $\overline{A} \cap B = B$ , then  $|\overline{A} \cap B| = |B| = 8$ .  
 When  $B \subseteq A$ ,  $A \cap B = B$ , then  $\overline{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $|\overline{A} \cap B| = |\emptyset| = 0$ .  
 $\therefore$  These two situations are all possible,  
 $\therefore$  the maximum possible cardinality is 8, and the minimum cardinality of  $\overline{A} \cap B$  is 0.
- (b) Due to union,  $|B \cup C| \geq \max(|B|, |C|) = 10$  and  $|B \cup C| \leq |B| + |C| = 18$ .  
 Due to intersection,  $|A \cap (B \cup C)| \geq 0$  and  $|A \cap (B \cup C)| \leq \min(|A|, |B \cup C|)$ .  
 $\therefore |A| = 13, 10 \leq |B \cup C| \leq 18$ ,  
 When  $10 \leq |B \cup C| < 13$ ,  $\min(|A|, |B \cup C|) = |B \cup C| < 13$ ;  
 When  $13 \leq |B \cup C| \leq 18$ ,  $\min(|A|, |B \cup C|) = |A| = 13$ .  
 $\therefore$  the maximum value of  $|A \cap (B \cup C)|$  is 13.  
 $\therefore$  The minimum possible cardinality is 0 and maximum possible cardinality is 13.
- (c) Since  $|B| = 8, |C| = 10$ ,  $B, C$  cannot be  $\emptyset$ .  
 $\therefore |B \times C|$  can only be  $|B| \times |C| = 80$ .  
 $\therefore |\mathcal{P}(B \times C)|$  can only be  $2^{|B \times C|} = 2^{80}$   
 $\therefore$  The maximum possible cardinality and the minimum possible cardinality are both  $2^{80}$ .
- (d) Due to subtraction,  $|A| - |B| \leq |A - B| \leq |A|$ .  
 $\therefore 5 \leq |A - B| \leq 13$ .  
 Due to intersection,  $0 \leq |(A - B) \cap C| \leq \min(|A - B|, |C|)$   
 When  $|A - B| < 10$ ,  $\min(|A - B|, |C|) = |A - B| < 10$ . When  $|A - B| \geq 10$ ,  $\min(|A - B|, |C|) = |C| = 10$ .  
 $\therefore$  the overall range is  $0 \leq |(A - B) \cap C| \leq 10$ .  
 $\therefore$  the maximum possible cardinality is 10 and the minimum possible cardinality is 0.

# Groupwork

## 1. Grade Groupwork 5

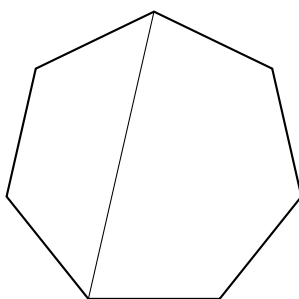
Using the solutions and Grading Guidelines, grade your Groupwork 5:

- Mark up your past groupwork and submit it with this one.
- Write whether your submission achieved each rubric item. If it didn't achieve one, say why not.
- Use the table below to calculate scores.
- For extra credit, write positive comment(s) about your work.
- You don't have to redo problems correctly, but it is recommended!
- What if my group changed?
  - If your current group submitted the same groupwork last time, grade it together.
  - If not, grade your version, which means submitting this groupwork assignment separately. You may discuss grading together.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(x)	(xi)	Total:
Problem 2												/12
Problem 3												/8
Total:												/20

## Previous Groupwork 5(1): Polly Gone [12 points]

A convex polygon is a 2D shape with all straight edges such that any line segment between any two non-adjacent vertices passes entirely through its interior (see example picture below). Show via induction that the sum of the interior angles of a convex polygon with  $n$  sides is  $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$ . Don't include unneeded base cases.



**Hint 1:** It is helpful to know that a triangle's interior angles always sum to  $180^\circ$ . You may assume this is true for the problem.

**Hint 2:** In order to apply your inductive hypothesis to a convex polygon, you'll need to think of it in terms of smaller convex polygons. How can you make smaller polygons out of a big one?

**Solution:**

Let  $k(n)$  = the sum of the interior angles of a convex polygon with  $n$  sides

$$P(n) : k(n) = (n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$$

Let  $K$  be an arbitrary integer in the domain that  $k \geq 4$ .

Assume:  $P(3) \wedge P(4) \wedge P(5) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k - 1)$

Want to prove:  $P(k)$

**Base Case:**

(Triangle)  $n = 3$ , the sum of the interior angles is  $180^\circ$

$$k(3) = (3 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 1 \times 180^\circ = 180^\circ.$$

**Inductive Step:**

Use a straight line to divide the  $k$ -sides polygon into a triangle and a  $(k - 1)$ -sides polygon.

Using the inductive assumption we know that the  $k$ -sided polygon should have  $(k - 2) \times 180^\circ$  degrees for its interior angles.

Tus the sum of the interior angles is

$$180^\circ + (k - 1 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 180^\circ + (k - 3) \times 180^\circ = 180^\circ \times (1 + k - 3) = 180(k - 2)^\circ$$

Therefore  $P(k)$  is true for every integer  $k \geq 4$ .

## Previous Groupwork 5(2): Running Recurrence [8 points]

An EECS 203 student goes to lecture everyday. On each day, she always chooses exactly one method of transportation, and always chooses to walk, bike, or take a bus. She also follows additional rules:

- She never walks two days in a row.
- If she takes the bus, she must have biked two days ago and walked a day ago.

Let  $a_n$  denote the number of ways she can go to EECS 203 lecture across  $n$  days for  $n \geq 0$ .



- (a) Find a recurrence relation for  $a_n$ .
- (b) What are the initial conditions? Use the fewest initial conditions necessary.

**Solution:**

- (a) The recurrence relation is:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} + a_{n-4}$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{week} & \text{week} & \text{week} & \text{week} \\ n & n-1 & n-2 & n-3 \end{matrix}$

$a_n = \begin{cases} W + \begin{cases} b_i (=a_{n-1}) \\ b_s \end{cases} \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow b_i (=a_{n-4}) \\ b_i (=a_{n-1}) \\ b_s \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow b_i (=a_{n-3}) \end{cases}$

$\therefore a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} + a_{n-4}$

There are 3 cases for the week  $n$ .

Case 1: In week  $n$ , she goes to school by bike. This choice has no restriction, so in the weeks before, the number of ways she could go to lecture is  $a_{n-1}$ .

Case 2: In week  $n$ , she goes to school by bus. This means that in week  $n-1$ , she walked to school and in week  $n-2$ , she went to lecture by bike. In the weeks before, the number of ways she could go to lecture is  $a_{n-3}$ .

Case 3: In week  $n$ , she walks to school. This means that in week  $n-1$ , she can only went to lecture by bike or by bus. In the case she went to lecture by bike, the number of ways she could go to lecture before is  $a_{n-2}$ . And in the case she wen to lecture by bus, we apply the same logic as in case 2 and get that before the week, the number of ways she could go to lecture is  $a_{n-4}$ .

- (b) Since for  $a_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , and in our recurrence relation there is  $a_{n-4}$ . We need  $n-4 \geq 0$  for the recurrence relation. So the cases where  $0 \leq n < 4$  should be initial conditions.

That is:

$a_0 = 1$  (no way)

$a_1 = 2$  (can only go by bike or on foot)

$a_2 = 3$  (walk bike, bike walk, bike bike)

$a_3 = 6$  (walk bike walk, walk bike bike, bike bike walk, bike walk bike, bike bike bike, bike walk bus)

## 2. (Set)ting up a (Power)ful Proof [17 points]

- (a) Suppose we want to prove by Induction that for any finite set  $S$ , it is true that  $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ . What is the Inductive Hypothesis for your proof? *Hint: Consider what variable you should do induction on.*
- (b) Prove by Induction that for any finite set  $S$ , it is true that  $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ .

### Solution:

- (a) for  $S(k)$  be an arbitrary set s.t.  $|S(k)| = k$ . Assume that  $|\mathcal{P}(S(k))| = 2^k$ .
- (b) Let  $k$  be an arbitrary nonnegative integer.  
Let  $S(k)$  be an arbitrary set s.t.  $|S(k)| = k$ , i.e.  $S(k)$  has  $k$  elements.  
Assume:  $|\mathcal{P}(S(k))| = 2^k$ .  
Want to show:  $|\mathcal{P}(S(k+1))| = 2^{k+1}$ .

### Base Case:

$$k = 0. S(k) = \emptyset = \{\}$$

The only subset of  $S(k)$  is  $\emptyset$ .

$$\therefore |\mathcal{P}(S(k))| = 1 = 2^0 \text{ is true.}$$

### Inductive Case:

Mark the elements in  $S(k)$  as  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , i.e.,  $S(k) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ .

And mark the new element in  $S(k+1)$  as  $a_{k+1}$ , i.e.,  $S(k+1) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k+1}\}$ .

Then all the new subsets created by  $a_{k+1}$  is exactly a subset of  $S(k)$  plus the element  $a_{k+1}$ .

And every subset plus an element of  $a_{k+1}$  is included in  $\mathcal{P}(S(k+1))$ .

$$\therefore \text{The number of elements in } \mathcal{P}(S(k+1)) \text{ is } |\mathcal{P}(S(k))| + |\mathcal{P}(S(k))| = 2|\mathcal{P}(S(k))| = 2 \times 2^k = 2^{k+1}$$

$$\therefore |\mathcal{P}(S(k+1))| = 2^{k+1}$$

$\therefore$  we have proved that for any finite set  $S$ , it is true that  $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ .

## 3. Out of the ordinary [16 points]

The (von Neumann) ordinals are a special kind of number. Each one is represented just in terms of sets. We can think of every natural number as an ordinal. We won't deal with it in this question, but there are also infinite ordinals that "keep going" after the natural numbers, which works because there are infinite sets.

The smallest ordinal, 0, is represented as  $\emptyset$ . Each ordinal after is represented as the set of all smaller ordinals. For example,

$$0 = \emptyset$$

$$1 = \{0\} = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$2 = \{0, 1\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

$$3 = \{0, 1, 2\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

- (a) What is the ordinal representation of 4, in terms of just sets?
- (b) If the sets  $X$  and  $Y$  are ordinals representing the natural numbers  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, how can we tell if  $x \leq y$  in terms of  $X$  and  $Y$ ? Why does this work?
- (c) If  $X$  is the ordinal representing the natural number  $x$ , what is the ordinal representation of  $x + 1$ ? Why does this work?

<b>Solution:</b>
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