



# MAT1348 A-2023Final Exam solutions with explanations

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## Discrete Math for Computing MAT 1348 A

### Final Exam

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- This is a 180-minute **closed-book** exam; no notes are allowed. **Calculators and notes are not permitted.**
- The exam consists of 19 questions on 15 pages, with a maximum of 40 points. Page 14 contains table of set identity. Page 15 provides additional work space. If you need more additional space, you can use the backs of any of the pages. You may detach page 14 and 15 for your convenience, but **do not detach any other pages.**
- Questions 1–10 are multiple-choice questions worth 1 point each. **Put your answer to these questions in the table on page 2.** There is no penalty for an incorrect answer.
- Questions 11–14 are short-answer questions worth 1 point each. Write your answer in the box provided. Any rough work will not be graded.
- Questions 15–19 are long-answer questions worth points as indicated. You must use the technique that the question asks for and show all relevant steps in order to obtain full marks.
- Please raise your hand and ask a proctor if you need extra paper or to use the restroom. Do not get up from your seat unless instructed to do so.
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Q	Score	Max
1–10		10
11–14		4
15		5
16		5
17		5
18		6
19		5
Total		40

## Multiple-Choice Questions

For questions 1 to 10, **enter your answer in the table below**. Each correct answer is worth 1 point, and each incorrect answer is worth 0 points. You do not have to justify your answers.

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10

**Q1.** Suppose there are 110 students at a university. Suppose that, among these 110 students, 45 students take MAT 1348, that 21 students take MAT 2375, and that 13 students take both courses. How many students do not take either of these two courses?

A. 73

B. 79

C. 53

D. 97

E. 44

F. 57 correct answer

solved first with a venn diagram and  
then after with inclusion-exclusion  
principle

**Q2.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Which of the following sets is equivalent to the relation

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$$

A.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$

B.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4)\}$  this one is most likely not the answer because of the } at the end

C.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 4), (4, 2)\}$  in this one 2 does not divide 1;  $1 \neq k \cdot 2$ ; if k is an integer

D.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$

E.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 3), (2, 4), (2, 2), (4, 4)\}$

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F.  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$  answer is A same reason as C

**Q3.** Define the following propositions:

$R$  : "It's raining."

Sufficient  $\rightarrow$  necessary

$W$  : "I will walk to the store."

$B$  : "I will take the bus to the store."

Choose the compound proposition that best translates to, "(It's raining is a sufficient condition for me to take the bus to the store) only if I don't walk there."

A.  $\neg W \rightarrow \neg(R \rightarrow B)$

B.  $\neg W \rightarrow (B \rightarrow R)$

C.  $\neg W \rightarrow (R \rightarrow B)$

D.  $\neg(R \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg W$

E.  $(B \rightarrow R) \rightarrow \neg W$

F.  $(R \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg W$  correct answer

**Q4.** Walking on the Island of Knights & Knaves, you encounter inhabitants A and B.

*(Recall that knights always tell the truth, and knaves always lie. You should also recall that when two inhabitants are of the same type, that means they are both knights or both knaves; when they are of different types, that means one is a knight and the other is a knave.)*

A says to you: "B and I are of the same type."

B then says: "A and I are of different types."

What, if anything, can we conclude about A and B?

A. A is a knight and B is a knight.

B. A is a knight and B is a knave.

C. A is a knave and B is a knight. correct answer

D. A is a knave and B is a knave.

E. A could be either and B could be either.

F. None of the above statements is accurate.

1. make A and B both initial knights
2. translate their statements into logic(English to logic)
3. draw a truth table and verify eaches statement based on the truth value of the truth table and their truth value

**Q5.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be propositional variables. Which of the following propositions is **not** a tautology?

**A.**  $x \rightarrow x$

**B.**  $(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x)$

**C.**  $\neg(x \wedge \neg x)$

**D.**  $y \rightarrow (x \vee \neg x)$

**E.**  $x \rightarrow \neg x$  correct

**F.**  $(y \wedge \neg y) \rightarrow x$

1. Using truth tress; a proposition is only true if when you take the negation it is a contradiction i.e no active paths

2. Using logic laws you could also identify this; look very closely at the logic laws!!

**Q6.** How many numbers, at a minimum, should we choose at random from  $S = \{-4, -3, -2, -1, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in order to guarantee that two of the numbers we have chosen have a sum equal to 0?

**A.** 2

**B.** 3

**C.** 4

**D.** 5 correct answer

**E.** 6

**F.** None of the above.

here I will use the formula  
 $N = K(r-1) + 1$

where N is the total number of pigeons that would be placed into the boxes; i.e the total number to be chosen  
 K is the number of boxes; here this would be the number of possible pairs that could sum to 0  
 and r is the minimum number that is specified

**Q7.** Suppose  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 3, 5\}$ .

Which of the following statements is **false**?

A.  $B \cap C = \emptyset$

B.  $|A \cap C| = |A \cap B|$

C.  $|P(A)| = 16$

D.  $A - B \subseteq C$

E.  $B \subseteq A \cup C$  correct answer

F.  $|A \times C| = 12$

Do not mix up cardinality and the power set; remember that the cardinality is the number of elements in a set and the power set cardinality is the number of subsets

**Q8.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be propositional variables, and let

$$P_1 : x \vee y$$

$$P_2 : x \wedge \neg y$$

$$P_3 : x \rightarrow y$$

$$C : y$$

Answer the following three questions, in order:

- Is the argument  $(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge P_3) \rightarrow C$  valid? with a truth tree we are expecting not active paths once we negate the conclusion
- Is the set  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  consistent? for consistent sets you have to do it just like a normal truth tree then there has to be atleast one active path for it to be consistent
- Are  $P_2$  and  $\neg P_3$  logically equivalent? it is only logically if its biconditional is a tautology. a remember when using truth trees to find a tautology you find out if its negation has no active paths

A. Yes, yes, yes.

B. Yes, no, yes. correct answer

C. Yes, no, no.

D. No, yes, yes.

E. No, yes, no.

F. No, no, yes.

**Q9.** Recall that a *binary string* is a sequence of 0's and 1's. How many binary strings of length 8 have exactly three 1's?

- A.  $8!$
- B.  $2^8$
- C.  $\frac{8!}{5!}$
- D.  $\frac{8!}{3!5!}$  correct answer
- E.  $8^2$
- F.  $8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6$

**Q10.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = (x, x+2)$ . Answer the following three questions, in order

- $f$  is injective?
- $f$  is surjective?
- $f$  is bijective?

- A. Yes, no, no correct answer
- B. Yes, no, yes
- C. Yes, yes, yes
- D. No, yes, yes
- E. No, yes, no
- F. No, no, no

**Short-Answer Questions**

Questions 11 to 14 are short-answer questions. Write your final answer in the box provided. You do not have to justify your answers.

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**Q11.** (1 point) What is the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(2x + \frac{3}{x})^8$  ?

0

The binomial theorem is not about the x and the y; those are just placeholders for the values in the (a+b) form; so use the normal equation. if it not working you could do a whole expansion to be sure for sure

**Q12.** (1 point) A graph  $G$  has only vertices of degree 3 and degree 5. If  $G$  has 22 edges and 10 vertices, how many vertices of degree 3 does  $G$  have?

$$x + y = 10 \text{ and } 3x + 5y = 44, x = 3$$

Remember the equation:

The (SUMMATION OF THE VERTICES \* THEIR INDIVIDUAL DEGREES) = 2\* EDGES

**Q13.** (1 point) Give an example of a function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  which is injective, but not surjective.  $f(x) = 2x$

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**Q14.** (1 point) Give a disjunctive normal form of the proposition  $(p \leftrightarrow q) \wedge \neg(p \vee q)$ .



**Long-Answer Questions**

Questions 15 to 19 are long-answer questions. You must justify your answers by showing all your steps clearly.

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**Q15.** (5 points) Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be the sequence defined recursively by

$$a_1 = 2, \quad a_n = 3^{n-1} + a_{n-1} \quad \text{if } n \geq 2$$

Use induction to show that  $a_n = \frac{3^n + 1}{2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Q16.** (5 points) (*Note: in this counting question, you can leave your final answer as a sum or product of factorials and powers of integers.*)

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ . How many functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ...

(a) ... are injective?

(b) ... are not injective?

(c) ... are such that  $f(a) = f(b) = f(c)$ ?

(d) ... are such that exactly three elements of  $A$  have 8 as an image?

(e) ... are surjective?

**Q17.** (5 points) Recall that the *symmetric difference* of two sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted  $X \oplus Y$ , is the set of all elements that are in  $X$  or  $Y$ , but not both.

Give a **rigorous proof** that  $A \oplus (A - B) = A \cap B$  for all sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

*Important! State all of your assumptions clearly. It must be evident how each of your steps comes from a previous step, assumption, or definition. You will be graded based on the correctness and readability of your proof. You can use any method to prove.*

**Q18.** (6 points) Recall that, in graph, a walk of length  $n \geq 0$  from vertex  $a$  to  $b$  is an alternating sequence of vertices and edges  $v_0e_1v_1e_2v_2e_3 \dots v_{n-1}e_nv_n$ , where  $v_0 = a$  and  $v_n = b$ , and  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_i$  are ends of edge  $e_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V$ , define a binary relation  $R$  on  $V$  as follows:

For all  $u, v \in V$  :  $uRv \iff$  there exists a walk from  $u$  to  $v$ .

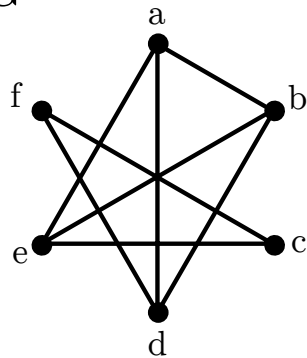
Prove that **this relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation.**

**Q19.** (a) (1 point) Give the definition of an *isomorphism* from a graph  $G$  to a graph  $H$ .

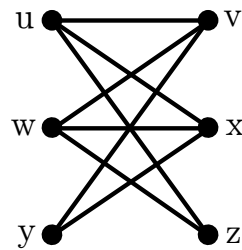
(b) (2 points) Consider the graphs  $G$  and  $H$  below. Are  $G$  and  $H$  isomorphic?

- If yes, give an isomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$ . You don't need to prove that it is an isomorphism.
- If no, explain why. If you claim that a graph does not have a certain feature, you must demonstrate that concretely.

$G$



$H$



- (c) (2 points) Consider the degree sequence  $(0, 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . For each of the following, if the answer is yes, draw an example. If the answer is no, explain why.
- (i) Does there exist a graph with this degree sequence?

- (ii) Does there exist a *connected* graph with this degree sequence?

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**MAT 1348 TABLE OF SET IDENTITY**


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1.	$A \cup \emptyset = A$	Identity Laws
2.	$A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$	
3.	$A \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$	Domination Laws
4.	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	
5.	$A \cup A = A$	Idempotent Laws
6.	$A \cap A = A$	
7.	$\overline{(\overline{A})} = A$	(Double) Complementation Law
8.	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	Commutative Laws
9.	$A \cap B = B \cap A$	
10.	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$	Associative Laws
11.	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup C$	
12.	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$	Distributive Laws
13.	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	
14.	$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$	De Morgan's Laws
15.	$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	
16.	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	Absorption Laws
17.	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$	
18.	$A \cup \overline{A} = \mathcal{U}$	Complement Laws
19.	$A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$	
20.	$A - B = A \cap \overline{B}$	Difference
21.	$A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$	Symmetric difference law
22.	$A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$	

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