

# Discrete Mathematics

## Assignment 1

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**Note: No late submissions allowed.**

1. Let  $A = \{a, b, \{a, b\}, \{\{a, b\}\}\}$   
Identify each of the following statements as true or false. Justify your answers.  
(a)  $a \in A$  (b)  $\{a\} \in A$  (c)  $\{a, b\} \in A$  (d)  $\{\{a, b\}\} \subseteq A$  (e)  $\{a, b\} \subseteq A$  (f)  $\{a, \{b\}\} \subseteq A$
2. If  $U = \{n | n \in N, n \leq 15\}$ ,  
 $A = \{n | n \in N, 4 < n < 12\}$ ,  
 $B = \{n | n \in N, 8 < n < 15\}$   
 $C = \{n | n \in N, 5 < n < 10\}$   
Find  $\overline{A - B}$  &  $\overline{C} - \overline{A}$
3. Show that by using venn diagram  
(a)  $A \cup (\overline{B} \cap C) = (A \cup \overline{B}) \cap (A \cup C)$   
(b)  $A \cap B \cap C = A - [(A - B) \cup (A - C)]$
4. State and prove the distributive law(both the laws).
5. State and prove De Morgan's law(both the laws).
6. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be subsets of universal set  $U$ . Given that  $A \cap B = A \cap C$  and  $\overline{A} \cap B = \overline{A} \cap C$ . Is it necessary that  $B = C$ ?
7. (a) Given that  $A \cap B = A \cap C$ . Is it necessary that  $B = C$ ?  
(b) Given that  $A \cup B = A \cup C$ . Is it necessary that  $B = C$ ?
8. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answers.
  - i.  $\{a, \phi\} \in \{a, \{a, \phi\}\}$
  - ii.  $\{a, b\} \subseteq \{a, b, \{a, b\}\}$
  - iii.  $\{a, b\} \in \{a, b, \{a, b\}\}$
  - iv.  $\{a, c\} \in \{a, b, c, \{a, b, c\}\}$

9. How many integers between 1-1000 are divisible by 2,3,5,7,9 or 11?
10. An investigator interviewed 100 students to determine their preferences for the three drinks-milk (M), coffee (C), and tea (T). He reported the following:  
Ten students had all three drinks, 20 had M and C, 30 had C and T, 25 had M and T, 12 had M only, 5 had C only, and 8 had T only.
  - (a) How many did not take any of the three drinks?
  - (b) How many take milk but not coffee?
  - (c) How many take tea and coffee but not milk?
11. It was found that in the first year of computer science of 80 students, 50 know COBOL, 55 know C language, and 46 know Pascal. It was also known that 37 know C and COBOL, 28 know C and Pascal, 25 know Pascal and COBOL. However, 7 students do not know any of the languages. Find:
  - (a) How many know all the three languages?
  - (b) How many know exactly two languages?
  - (c) How many know exactly one language?
12. Find the number of positive integers not exceeding 100 that are either odd or the square of an integer?
13. Let  $A = \{\phi, b\}$ , construct the following sets:
  - (a)  $A - \phi$
  - (b)  $\{\phi\} - A$
  - (c)  $A \cup P(A)$
  - (d)  $A \cap P(A)$
14. Using the following statements:  
p: Rajni is tall  
q: Rajni is beautiful  
Write the following statements in symbolic forms.
  - (a) Rajni is tall and beautiful.
  - (b) Rajni is tall but not beautiful.
  - (c) It is false that Rajni is short or beautiful.
  - (d) Rajni is tall or Rajni is short and beautiful.
15. To describe the various restaurants in the city, let p denote the statement "the food is good", q denote the statement "the service is good" and r denote the statement "the rating is three star". Write the following statements in symbolic form:

- (a) Either the food is good or service is good, or both.
  - (b) Either the food is good or service is good, but not both.
  - (c) The food is good while service is poor.
  - (d) It is not the case that both the food is good and the rating is three star.
  - (e) If both the food and service is good, then the rating is three star.
  - (f) It is not true that a three star rating always means good food and good service.
16. Write the logical negation of the following statements in the symbolic froms:
- (a) Gopal is intelligent and rich.
  - (b) Gopal is intelligent but not rich.
  - (c) Gopal is either intelligent or rich.
17. Construct truth tables to determine whether each of the following is a tautology, contradiction or contingency:
- (a)  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
  - (b)  $(p \wedge q) \wedge \neg(p \vee q)$
  - (c)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
  - (d)  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (q \vee \neg p)$
  - (e)  $(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)) \wedge \neg q$
18. Show that the following statements is tautological:  
 $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$
19. Show that
- (a)  $(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)) \vee (q \wedge \neg(p \wedge q))$  is equivalent to  $q$ .
  - (b)  $((p \vee \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)) \vee q$  is a tautology.
20. Prove that  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$  is logical equivalent to  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ .
21. Suppose the universe of discourse is the set of integers. Let  $P(x,y)$  be predicate  $x - y = 0$ . Indicate which of the propositions are true and which are false.
- (a)  $P(2, 3)$
  - (b)  $P(3, 3)$
  - (c)  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$
  - (d)  $\exists x \forall y P(y, x)$

22. Transcribe the following into logical notation. Let the universe of discourse be the real numbers.
- (a) For any value of  $x$ ,  $x^2$  is non-negative.
  - (b) For every value of  $x$ , there is some value of  $y$  such that  $x \cdot y = 1$ .
  - (c) There are positive values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x \cdot y > 0$ .
  - (d) There is a value of  $x$  such that if  $y$  is positive, then  $x + y$  is negative.
  - (e) For every value of  $x$ , there is some value of  $y$  such that  $x - y = 1$ .
23. Negate the following in such a way that the symbol  $\neg$  does not appear outside the square brackets:
- (a)  $\forall x [x^2 \geq 0]$
  - (b)  $\exists x [x \cdot 2 = 1]$
  - (c)  $\forall x \exists y [x + y = 1]$
  - (d)  $\forall x \forall y [(x > y) \rightarrow (x^2 > y^2)]$
24. Write the following statements in symbolic form, using quantifiers.
- (a) All students have taken a course in communication skills.
  - (b) There is a girl student in the class who is also a sports person.
  - (c) Some students are intelligent, but not hardworking.
25. For the universe of all integers, let  $P(x)$ ,  $Q(x)$ ,  $R(x)$ ,  $S(x)$  and  $T(x)$  be the following statements:
- $P(x)$ :  $x > 0$   
 $Q(x)$ :  $x$  is even  
 $R(x)$ :  $x$  is a perfect square  
 $S(x)$ :  $x$  is divisible by 4  
 $T(x)$ :  $x$  is divisible by 5
- Write the following statements in symbolic forms.
- (a) At least one integer is even.
  - (b) There exists a positive integer that is even.
  - (c) If  $x$  is even, then  $x$  is not divisible by 5.
  - (d) No even integer is divisible by 5.
  - (e) There exists an even integer divisible by 5.
  - (f) If  $x$  is even and  $x$  is a perfect square, then  $x$  is divisible by 4.
26. Rewrite the following statements using quantifier variables and predicate symbols:
- (a) All birds can fly.
  - (b) Not all birds can fly.

- (c) Some men are genius.
  - (d) Some numbers are not rational.
  - (e) There is a student who likes Mathematics but not Geography.
  - (f) Each integer is either odd or even.
27. Negate each of the following statements:
- (a)  $\forall x, |x| = x$
  - (b)  $\exists x, x^2 = x$
28. Determine the truth value of each of the statement and negate every statement.
- (a)  $\exists x, x + 2 = x$
  - (b)  $\forall x, x + 1 > x$