

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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SOLVED QUESTION PAPERS

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Answer ALL questions

PART - A - (10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. If P, Q and R are statement variables, prove that

$$P \wedge ((\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \Rightarrow R$$

Solution

$$P \wedge (\neg P \wedge (Q \vee \neg Q)) \Leftrightarrow P \wedge (\neg P \wedge T) \text{ where T is a Tautology}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg P) \wedge T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F \wedge T \text{ where F is a contradiction}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F$$

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ since } F \Rightarrow \text{any statement formula.}$$

2. Prove that whenever $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$, we also have $A \Rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ and vice versa.

Solution

Assume that to prove $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$. To prove $A \Rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ Suppose that A is True and $B \rightarrow C$ is false. Hence B is True and C is false. Thus $A \wedge B$ is true where as C is false. This contradicts our assumption

Conversely assume that $A \Rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ Suppose that $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$ is false. Hence $A \wedge B$ is true and C is false. Hence A is true and $B \rightarrow C$ is false. This is a contradiction to our assumption.

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3. Give an example to show that $(\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))$ need not be a conclusion from $(\exists x)A(x)$ and $(\exists x)B(x)$.

Solution.

Let $A = \{1\}$ and $B = \{2\}$

Let $A(x) = x \in A$ and $B(x) = x \in B$

Since A and B are non - empty, $(\exists x) A(x)$ and $(\exists x) B(x)$ are both true. Since $A \cap B = \phi$, $(\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))$ is false. $(\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))$ need not be a conclusion from $(\exists x) A(x)$ and $(\exists x) B(x)$

4. Find the truth value of $(x)(P \rightarrow Q(x)) \vee (\exists x)R(x)$ where $P: 2 > 1, Q(x): x > 3, R(x): x > 4$ with the universe of discourse being $E = \{2, 3, 4\}$.

Solution

P is true and $Q(4)$ is false, $P \rightarrow Q(4)$ is false

$\therefore (x)(P \rightarrow Q(x))$ is false

Since $R(2), R(3), R(4)$ are all false $(\exists x) R(x)$ is false. Hence $(x)(P \rightarrow Q(x)) \vee (\exists x) R(x)$ is false.

5. For any sets A, B and C, prove that $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$.

Solution

Let $(x, y) \in A \times (B \cap C)$

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$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ and } y \in (B \cap C)$$

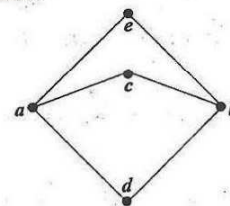
$$\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } y \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ and } y \in C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B \text{ and } (x, y) \in A \times C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

$$\text{Hence } A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

6. The following is the Hasse diagram of a partially ordered set. Verify whether it is a Lattice.



Solution

c and e are the upper bounds of a and b. As c and e cannot be compared, the $L \cup B$ of a, b does not exist. Since $a \oplus b = L \cup B\{a, b\}$ does not exist, the Hasse diagram is not a Poset.

7. If $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ are mappings and $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is one-to-one (Injection), prove that f is one-to-one.

Solution

$$(g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y) \Rightarrow x = y \text{ since } g \circ f \text{ is one-to-one.}$$

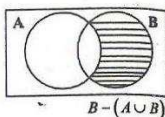
$$\text{consider } f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow g[f(x)] = g[f(y)]$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y)$$

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8. If $\psi_A(x)$ denotes characteristic function of the set A, prove that $\psi_{A \cup B}(x) = \psi_A(x) + \psi_B(x) - \psi_{A \cap B}(x)$, for all $x \in E$, the universal set.

**Solution**

$x \in A \cup B$ if and only if $x \in A$ or $x \in B - (A \cap B)$

Then we have

- (i) $x \in A$ only $\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$. In this case, $\psi_{A \cup B}(x) = 1$,
 $\psi_A(x) = 1$, $\psi_B(x) = \psi_{A \cap B}(x) = 0$
- (ii) $x \in B - (A \cap B)$ only $\Rightarrow x \in B$ and $x \notin A \cap B$. In this case
 $\psi_{A \cup B}(x) = 1$, $\psi_A(x) = 0$, $\psi_B(x) = 1$ and $\psi_{A \cap B}(x) = 0$
- (iii) $\psi_{A \cup B}(x) = 0$, $\psi_A(x) = \psi_B(x) = \psi_{A \cap B}(x) = 0$ (Not possible)

\therefore In all cases, we find $\psi_{A \cup B}(x) = \psi_A(x) + \psi_B(x) - \psi_{A \cap B}(x)$

9. If S denotes the set of positive integers ≤ 100 , for $x, y \in S$, define $x * y = \min\{x, y\}$. Verify whether $(S, *)$ is a Monoid assuming that $*$ is associative.

Solution

The identity element is $e = 100$ exists. since for $x \in S$,
 $\min(x, 100) = x \Rightarrow x * 100 = x \quad \forall x \in S \quad \therefore (S, *)$ is a monoid.

10. If H is a subgroup of the group G , among the right cosets of H in G , prove that there is only one subgroup viz., H .

Solution

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then $e \in Ha$, where e is the identity element in G . Ha is an equivalence class containing 'a' w.r.to an equivalence relation.

$$\therefore e \in Ha \Rightarrow He = Ha. \text{ But } He = H$$

$\therefore Ha = H$ This shows H is the only subgroup.

PART - B (5x16 = 80 marks)

- 11 (a)(i) Prove that $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$ (6)

Solution

Let $S: (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$

P	Q	R	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R)$	$P \rightarrow R$	S :
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

Since $((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$ is a Tautology,

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow P \rightarrow R$$

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- (ii) Find the principal conjunctive and principal disjunctive normal forms of the formula $S \Leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \wedge (\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R))$ (10)

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee (Q \wedge R)) \wedge P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow ((\neg P \vee Q) \vee (R \wedge \neg R)) \wedge ((\neg P \vee R) \vee (Q \wedge \neg Q)) \\
 &\quad \wedge ((P \vee \neg Q) \vee (R \wedge \neg R)) \wedge ((P \vee \neg R) \vee (Q \wedge \neg Q)) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \\
 &\quad \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q)
 \end{aligned}$$

The RHS is the PCNF of S.

$$\text{PDNF of } S \equiv (P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R)$$

Or

- (b) (i) Using conditional proof, prove that

$$\neg P \vee Q, \neg Q \vee R, R \rightarrow S \Rightarrow P \rightarrow S \quad (8)$$

Solution

Proof sequence

Steps	premises	Reason
(1)	$\neg P \vee Q$	Given premise
(2)	$P \rightarrow Q$	(1), $P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$
(3)	P	Additional premise
(4)	Q	(2), (3) Modus ponens

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(5)	$\neg Q \vee R$	Given premise
(6)	$Q \rightarrow R$	(5) $Q \rightarrow R \Leftrightarrow \neg Q \vee R$
(7)	R	(4), (6) Modus ponens
(8)	$R \rightarrow S$	Given premise
(9)	S	(7), (8) Modus ponens
(10)	$P \rightarrow S$	CP rule

$$\therefore \neg P \vee Q, \neg Q \vee R, R \rightarrow S \Rightarrow P \rightarrow S$$

- (ii) By using truth tables, verify whether the following specifications are consistent; "Whenever the system software is being upgraded users cannot access the file system. If users can access the file system, then they can save new files. If users cannot save new files then the system software is not being upgraded". (8)

Solution

The premises H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n are consistent if $H_1 \wedge H_2 \wedge \dots \wedge H_n$ has truth value T provided H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n are assigned the truth value T

Truth table : Technique

Let P : The system software is being upgraded

Q : Users can access the file system

R : Users can save new files

∴ The premises are $P \rightarrow \neg Q$, $Q \rightarrow R$ and $\neg R \rightarrow \neg P$

Let $S = (P \rightarrow \neg Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \wedge (\neg R \rightarrow \neg P)$

P	Q	T	$P \rightarrow \neg Q$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$\neg R \rightarrow \neg P$	S
T	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	T	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

From the truth table, S has the truth value T whenever all premises are assigned the truth value T.

∴ The premises are consistent.

12. (a)(i) Use indirect method of proof to show that

$$(x)(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow (x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x) \quad (8)$$

Solution

The negated conclusion is $\neg(x)P(x) \wedge \neg(\exists x)Q(x)$ ie $(\exists x)\neg P(x) \wedge (\forall x)\neg Q(x)$ and it is used as an additional premise.

∴ We can use $(\exists x)\neg P(x)$ and $(x)\neg Q(x)$ as additional premises.

Proof sequence

Steps	Premises	Reason
(1)	$(\exists x)\neg P(x)$	Assumed additional premise
(2)	$\neg P(y)$	(1) Es rule
(3)	$(x)\neg Q(x)$	Additional premised (assumed)
(4)	$\neg Q(y)$	(3) Us rule
(5)	$\neg P(y) \wedge \neg Q(y)$	(2), (4) $P, Q \Rightarrow P \wedge Q$ (Rule T)
(6)	$(x)(P(x) \vee Q(x))$	Given premise
(7)	$P(y) \vee Q(y)$	(6) US rule
(8)	$\neg(P(y) \vee Q(y))$	(5) $\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \wedge \neg Q$
(9)	F	(7), (8) Rule T $P, Q \Rightarrow P \wedge Q$

$$\therefore (x)P(x) \vee Q(x) \Rightarrow (x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x)$$

(ii) Prove that $(\exists x)P(x) \rightarrow (x)Q(x) \Rightarrow (x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \quad (8)$

Solution

We assume that $(\exists x)P(x) \rightarrow (x)Q(x)$ is true and $(x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ is false and obtain a contradiction. $(x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ is false implies that $P(y) \rightarrow Q(y)$ is false for some y in the universe of discourse.

Hence $P(y)$ must be true and $Q(y)$ must be false. Hence $(\exists x)P(x)$ is true and $(x)Q(x)$ is false.

This gives $(\exists x)P(x) \rightarrow (x)Q(x)$ is false. This contradiction our assumption.

$$\therefore (\exists x)P(x) \rightarrow (x)Q(x) \Rightarrow (x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

(b) (i) Use conditional proof to prove that

$$(x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow (x)P(x) \rightarrow (x)Q(x) \quad (8)$$

Solution

We assume $(x)P(x)$ as an additional premise and derive $(x)Q(x)$.

Proof sequence

Steps	Premises	Reason
(1)	$(x)P(x)$	Assumed additional premise
(2)	$P(y)$	(1) US rule
(3)	$(x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$	Rule P, Given premise
(4)	$P(y) \rightarrow Q(y)$	(3), US rule
(5)	$Q(y)$	(2), (4) Modus Ponens
(6)	$(x)Q(x)$	(5), US rule

(ii) Prove that $(\exists)(A(x) \vee B(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \vee (\exists x)B(x) \quad (8)$

Solution

Assume $(\exists x)(A(x) \vee B(x))$ is true

$\Rightarrow A(y) \vee B(y)$ for some y is true.

$\Rightarrow A(y)$ is true or $B(y)$ is true

$\Rightarrow (\exists x)A(x)$ is true or $(\exists x)B(x)$ is true

$\Rightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \vee (\exists x)B(x)$ is true

$\therefore (\exists x)(A(x) \vee B(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \vee (\exists x)B(x)$

Conversely assume that $(\exists x)A(x) \vee (\exists x)B(x)$ is true

$\Rightarrow (\exists x)A(x)$ is true or $(\exists x)B(x)$ is true

If $(\exists x)A(x)$ is true, $A(y)$ is true for some y

$\Rightarrow A(y) \vee B(y)$ is true $\Rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \vee B(x))$ is true

If $(\exists x)B(x)$ is true, $B(y)$ is true for some y

$\Rightarrow A(y) \vee B(y)$ is true

$\Rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \vee B(x))$ is true

$\therefore (\exists x)A(x) \vee (\exists x)B(x) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \vee B(x))$

Hence we conclude that

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13.(a)(i) Prove that distinct equivalence classes are disjoint. (4)

Solution

Let $[x]$ denote an equivalence class with respect to an equivalence relation R .

If $z \in [x]$, then $[z] = [x]$

If $[x]$ and $[y]$ are distinct equivalence classes and assume $z \in [x] \cap [y]$, we obtain a contradiction.

$$z \in [x] \cap [y] \Rightarrow z \in [x] \text{ and } z \in [y]$$

$$\Rightarrow [z] = [x] \text{ and } [z] = [y]$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = [y]$$

This is a contradiction to our assumption that $[x]$ and $[y]$ are distinct.

$$\therefore [x] \cap [y] = \emptyset \Rightarrow [x] \text{ and } [y] \text{ are disjoint.}$$

(ii) In a Lattice show that $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$ implies $a * c \leq b * d$. (4)

Aolution

$b * d$ is the glb of b and d $a * c \leq a \leq b$ and $a * c \leq c \leq d$

$\therefore a * c$ is a lower bound of b and d .

But $b * d$ is the glb of b and d .

Hence $a * c \leq b * d$ by definition.

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(iii) In a distributive lattice prove that $a * b = a * c$ and $a \oplus b = a \oplus c$ implies that $b = c$. (8)

$$b = b \oplus a * b \quad (\text{by absorption law})$$

$$= b \oplus (a * c) \quad (\text{by Hypothesis})$$

$$= (b \oplus a) * (b \oplus c) \quad (\text{by distributive law})$$

$$= (a \oplus c) * (b \oplus c) \quad (\text{by Hypothesis})$$

$$= (a * b) \oplus c \quad (\text{by distributive law})$$

$$= (a * c) \oplus c \quad (\text{by hypothesis})$$

$$\therefore b = c \quad (\text{by absorption law})$$

(b) (i) Let $P = \{\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{5\}\}$ be a partition of the set $S = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$. Construct an equivalence relation R on S so that the equivalence classes with respect to R are precisely the members of P . (4)

Solution

$c_1 = \{1,2\}, c_2 = \{3,4\}$ and $c_3 = \{5\}$ are the blocks of the partition.

The equivalence relation R is given by

$$R = (c_1 \times c_1) \cup (c_2 \times c_2) \cup (c_3 \times c_3)$$

$$= \{(1,1)(1,2)(2,1)(2,2)(3,3)(3,4)(4,3)(4,4)(5,5)\}$$

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- (ii) Show that a chain with three or more elements is not complemented. (4)

Solution

Let L be a chain with 0 and 1. Let $0 < a < 1$.

we show that 'a' has no complement in L

Let $b \in L$ and b be a complement of a .

$$\therefore a * b = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a \oplus b = 1$$

Since L is a chain, either $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$

If $a \leq b$, then $0 = a * b = a$. But $a > 0$

Also if $b \leq a$, $1 = a \oplus b = a$. But $a < 1$

\therefore 'a' has no complement

- (iii) Establish DeMorgan's laws in a Boolean Algebra. (8)

Solution

To show that $(a * b)^1 = a^1 \oplus b^1$, we need to show that $(a * b) * (a^1 \oplus b^1) = 0$ and $(a * b) \oplus (a^1 \oplus b^1) = 1$.

$$(a * b) * (a^1 \oplus b^1) = ((a * b) * a^1) \oplus ((a * b) * b^1)$$

$$= (b * a * a^1) \oplus (a * (b * b^1))$$

$$= b * 0 \oplus (a * 0) = 0 \oplus 0 = 0$$

$$= (b * a) \oplus a^1 \oplus (a * b) \oplus b^1$$

$$= (b \oplus a^1) \oplus (a \oplus b^1)$$

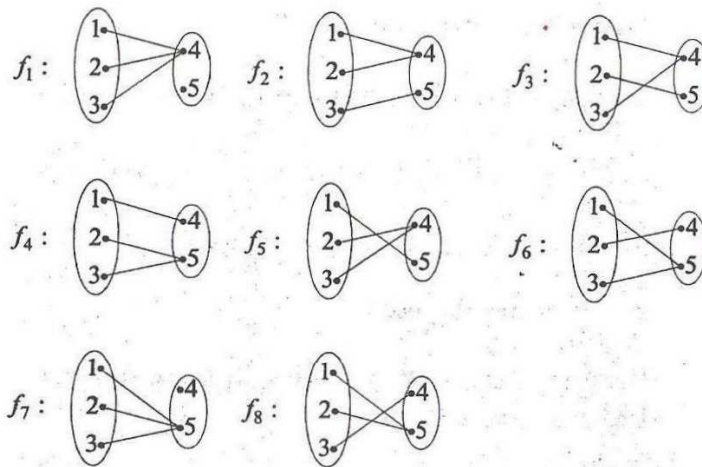
$$= (a \oplus a^1) \oplus (b \oplus b^1) = 1 \oplus 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore (a * b)^1 = a^1 \oplus b^1 \text{ By duality, } (a \oplus b)^1 = a^1 * b^1$$

- 14.(a)(i) Find all mappings from $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ to $B = \{4, 5\}$. Find which of them are one-to-one and which are onto. (8)

Solution

The mappings from $\{1, 2, 3\}$ to $\{4, 5\}$ are given as



Name of the above functions is one-to-one f_1 and f_7 are not onto. $f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6, f_8$ are onto

- (ii) If $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, are permutations,

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$$g \cdot f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (g \cdot f)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f^{-1} \cdot g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Hence } (g \cdot f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \cdot g^{-1}$$

(iii) If \mathbb{R} denotes the set of real numbers and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x) = x^3 - 2$, find f^{-1} . (4)

Solution

$$\text{Assume } f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x^3 = y^3$$

\Rightarrow Both x and y are ≥ 0 (or) both x and y are negative

$$\therefore x^3 = y^3 \Rightarrow |x| = |y|. \text{ If both } x, y \geq 0, \text{ then } x = y.$$

$$\text{If both } x, y < 0, -x = -y \Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is one-to-one

f is onto : Let $y \in \mathbb{R}$. To find x , such that $f(x) = y$,

$$f(x) = y \Rightarrow x^3 - 2 = y \quad \therefore y + 2 = x^3$$

$$\text{If } y + 2 \geq 0, \text{ then } x = (y + 2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ and if } y + 2 < 0, x = [-(y + 2)]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Hence f^{-1} exists. clearly

$$f^{-1}(y) = \begin{cases} (y + 2)^{\frac{1}{3}} & \text{if } y + 2 \geq 0 \\ [-(y + 2)]^{\frac{1}{3}} & \text{if } y + 2 < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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(b) (i) Let \mathbb{Z}^+ denote the set of positive integers and \mathbb{Z} denote the set of integers. Let $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1-n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is a bijection and find f^{-1} . (8)

Solution

$$\text{Let } f(m) = f(n)$$

$$\text{If both } m \text{ and } n \text{ are even, } \frac{m}{2} = \frac{n}{2} \Rightarrow m = n$$

$$\text{Also if both } m \text{ and } n \text{ are odd, } \frac{1-m}{2} = \frac{1-n}{2} \Rightarrow m = n$$

We show that $f(m) = f(n) \Rightarrow m$ even and n odd cannot occur. Suppose m is even and n is odd.

$$\text{Then } \frac{m}{2} = \frac{1-n}{2} \Rightarrow m + n = 1. \text{ But } m \text{ and } n \text{ are the integers} \\ \Rightarrow m + n \geq 2$$

$\therefore f$ is one-to-one.

We next show that f is onto. If n is an integer we must find a positive integer, m such that $f(m) = n$

$$\text{If } n > 0, \text{ take } m = 2n. \text{ If } n \leq 0, \text{ take } m = 1 - 2n.$$

Hence f is onto $\Rightarrow f$ is a bijection. Further

$$f^{-1}(n) = \begin{cases} 2n & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 1 - 2n & \text{if } n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (ii) Let A , B and C be any three nonempty sets. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ be mappings. If f and g are onto, prove that $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is onto. Also give an example to show that $g \circ f$ may be onto but both f and g need not be onto. (8)

Solution

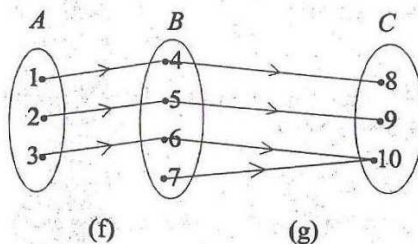
Let $z \in C$. Since $g: B \rightarrow C$ is onto, $\exists y \in B$ such that $g(y) = z$.

Since $f: A \rightarrow B$ is onto, $y \in B \Rightarrow \exists x \in A$ such that $f(x) = y$

$\therefore z = g(y) = g[f(x)] = (g \circ f)(x)$ Hence $g \circ f$ is onto

Example

$g \circ f$ is onto. But g is onto and f is not onto



15. (a)(i) State and prove Lagrange's theorem for finite groups. (12)

Solution**Statement:**

If H is a subgroup of a finite group G , then $O(H)$ divides $O(G)$

Proof:

Let $O(G) = n$ and $O(H) = m$.

Consider the left cosets aH and bH of H . These are either identical or disjoint

$$\therefore aH \cap bH = \phi$$

Further the union distinct left cosets of H is the group G

Since G is a finite group, let there be k distinct left cosets of H .

Suppose a_1H, a_2H, \dots, a_kH are the distinct left cosets of H in G

Then they are pairwise disjoint and we have

$$G = (a_1H) \cup (a_2H) \cup \dots \cup (a_kH) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Further any left coset of H contains the same number of elements of H .

From (1), $O(G) = O(a_1H) + O(a_2H) + \dots + O(a_kH)$

$$= O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H) \text{ (k times)}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = km$$

$$\therefore m \text{ divides } n \Rightarrow O(H) \text{ divides } O(G)$$

- (ii) Find all the non-trivial subgroups of $(Z_6, +_6)$ (4)

Solution

$H_1 = \{[0], [3]\}$ $H_2 = \{[0], [2], [4]\}$ are non-trivial subgroups of $(Z_6, +_6)$ since H_1, H_2 are closed under $+_6$

$+_6$	[0]	[3]
[0]	[0]	[3]
[3]	[3]	[0]

$(H_1, +_6)$ is a non-trivial subgroup

$+_6$	[0]	[2]	[4]
[0]	[0]	[2]	[4]
[2]	[2]	[4]	[0]
[4]	[4]	[0]	[2]

$(H_2, +_6)$ is a non-trivial subgroup

(b) If $H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

is the Parity check matrix, find the Hamming code generated by H (in which the first three bits represent information portion and the next four bits are parity check bits). If $y = (0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$ is the received word find the corresponding transmitted code word. (16)

Solution

The Hamming code C is given by

$$C = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7) / x \cdot H^T = 0 \pmod{2}\}$$

$$x \cdot H^T = 0 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow x_4 = x_2 + x_3$$

$$x_5 = x_1 + x_3 ; x_6 = x_1 + x_3$$

$$x_7 = x_1 + x_2$$

$$C = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_7) / (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in B^3\}$$

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Thus the code words are $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1)$, $(0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1)$, $(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$, $(1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1)$, $(1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0)$, $(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$

Let $y = (0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$ be the received word. To find the corresponding transmitted word, adding this to each code above we get

$$C \oplus y = (0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$= (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$= (1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$= (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$= (1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$= (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0)$$

The word of least weight in $C \oplus y = e = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$

$$\therefore \text{Transmitted code word} = e \oplus y$$

$$= (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \oplus (0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$$