

**MATH 220 Practice Finals 1 — October, 2024, Duration: 2.5 hours***This test has **10 questions** on **19 pages**, for a total of 100 points.*

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1. Carefully define or restate each of the following:

(a) A rational number  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ 

**Solution:**  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  if there exists coprime  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $b \neq 0$  such that  $q = \frac{a}{b}$ .

(b) Bézout's lemma

**Solution:** For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , there exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$

(c) The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

**Solution:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $n$  can be uniquely factorised into a product of prime powers  $p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_n^{e_n}$  up to order, where  $p_i$  are distinct primes and  $e_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(d) A convergent sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ 

**Solution:**  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  converges to  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  if for all  $\varepsilon > 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $|x_n - L| < \varepsilon$ .

(e) The principle of mathematical induction

**Solution:** Let  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $S = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} | n \geq \ell\}$ . If  $P(\ell)$  is true and  $P(k)$  being true implies  $P(k + 1)$  being true for some  $k \in S$ , then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in S$ .

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2. Write the negation of each of the following and prove or disprove the original statement.

- (a) For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x + y < z$ , then  $x - y > z$ .

**Solution:** The negation is "There exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x + y < z$  and  $x - y \leq z$ ". The original statement is false.

*Disproof.* Let  $x = 0$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Choose  $z = |y| + 1$ . Notice  $\pm y \leq |y| < 1 + |y|$ , so  $z > x + y$  and  $z > x - y$  so the statement is false.  $\square$

(b) There exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $xy > z$ .

**Solution:** The negation is "For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $xy \leq z$ ". The original statement is false.

*Disproof.* Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and choose  $y = z = 0$ . Then,  $xy = 0 = z$  so the statement is false.  $\square$

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3. Let  $f : A \mapsto B$  and  $g : B \mapsto C$  be functions. Prove or disprove each of the following:(a) For all  $U \subseteq C$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ .**Solution:***Proof.* Let everything be as stated. We show each inclusion in turn.

- Assume  $x \notin f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ , so  $f(x) \notin g^{-1}(U)$  and  $g(f(x)) \notin U$ . It follows that  $x \notin (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ , so by contraposition,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$
- Assume  $x \in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ . Then,  $f(x) \in g^{-1}(U)$  and  $g(f(x)) \in U$  so  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ .

It follows that  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ . as required.

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(b) For all  $U \subseteq B$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(g(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$

**Solution:**

*Disproof.* Let  $A = \{1\} = C$ ,  $B = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g(x) = 1$ . Then, notice for  $U = \{0\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \emptyset$ , but  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(g(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$  so  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(g(U)) \neq f^{-1}(U)$  and thus the statement is false.  $\square$

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4. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be even and  $K = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . Let  $S = \{k \in K \mid 2k \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$ . Prove that  $|S|$  is even.

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Assume for the sake of contradiction that  $|S|$  is not even, so for there exists an odd number of elements  $k \in K$  such that  $2k \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . Consider  $K - S$ , which has an odd number of elements. Let  $a \in K - S$ . Since  $2a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , it follows that there exists  $a^{-1} \in K - S$  such that  $a + a^{-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , but there are only an odd number of  $a$  so there exists  $a_0 \in K - S$  such that  $a_0 = a_0^{-1}$  which implies  $2a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $|S|$  is even as required.  $\square$

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5. (a) Prove that  $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  where  $f(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$  is neither injective nor surjective and for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Notice  $0 \neq 1$  but  $f(0) = f(1) = 0 \in \mathbb{C}$  so  $f$  is not injective. Also notice there does not exist  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = 0$  since  $e^{2\pi i x} \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence,  $f$  is not surjective. Finally, let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Observe that  $f(x + y) = e^{2\pi i(x+y)} = e^{2\pi i x + 2\pi i y} = e^{2\pi i x} e^{2\pi i y} = f(x)f(y)$  so  $f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$  as required.  $\square$



- (b) Let  $R$  be a relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $xRy$  if and only if  $x = y + z$  where  $z \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$ . Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

**Solution:**

*Proof.* We prove reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity in turn.

- Notice  $x = x + 0$  and  $0 \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$  so  $xRx$  as required.
- Assume  $xRy$ . Then, notice  $y = x - z$  and since  $f(-z) = e^{-2\pi iz} = \frac{1}{f(z)} = 1$ , we have  $-z \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$  and so  $yRx$ .
- Assume  $xRy$  and  $yRw$ . Then,  $x = y + z_1$  and  $y = w + z_2$  so  $x = w + z_2 + z_1$ . Now notice  $f(z_2 + z_1) = f(z_2)f(z_1) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$  so  $z_2 + z_1 \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$  and thus  $xRw$ .

It follows that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. □

- (c) Find all equivalence classes under  $R$ . Show that the operation  $[a] + [b] = [a + b]$  is well defined for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* There are infinite equivalence classes. In particular, for all  $x \in [0, 1)$ , there exists an equivalence class of the form  $[x] = \{k + x | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . For showing the operation is well defined, we claim that  $xRy$  if and only if  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Assume  $x = y + z$  where  $z \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$ . Then,  $f(x) = f(y + z) = f(y)f(z) = f(y)$  so  $f(y) = f(x)$ . On the other hand, assume  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Notice for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(k) = 1$ . Then,  $f(x)f(z_1) = f(x)1 = f(y)1 = f(y)f(z_2) = f(y + z_2)$  where  $z_1, z_2 \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$  so  $x = y + z_2 - z_1$  and since  $z_2 - z_1 \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$ ,  $xRy$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since for all  $y \in [a+b]$ ,  $f(y) = f(a+b)$ , it suffices to show that for all  $x \in [a] + [b]$ ,  $f(x) = f(a+b)$ . Notice since  $x \in [a] + [b]$ ,  $x = a + z_1 + b + z_2$  where  $z_1, z_2 \in f^{-1}(\{1\})$  so  $f(x) = f(a + z_1 + b + z_2) = f(a)f(z_1)f(b)f(z_2) = f(a)f(b) = f(a+b)$  so  $x \in [a+b]$ . Hence, the operation is well defined.

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6. (a) Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Prove that any equivalence relation on  $X$  forms a partition on  $X$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . By reflexivity, we have that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $x$  lies in some equivalence class and thus every equivalence class is non-empty. For showing that equivalence classes are disjoint, suppose  $x \in [a]$  and  $x \in [b]$ , so  $x \sim a$  and  $x \sim b$ . By symmetry and transitivity, we have  $a \sim x$  and  $x \sim b$  so  $[a] = [b]$ . Thus, equivalence classes are disjoint. It follows that the equivalence classes of an equivalence relation partition a set.  $\square$

- (b) Prove that any partition on  $X$  corresponds to equivalence classes of an equivalence relation on  $X$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Let  $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a partition of  $X$ , and define a relation  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $x, y \in A_i$  where  $A_i \in P$ .

- Since every  $x$  lies in some  $A_i \in P$  by the definition of a partition,  $x \sim x$ .
- If  $x, y \in A_i$ , then surely  $y, x \in A_i$  so  $x \sim y$ .
- Similarly, if  $x, y \in A_i$  and  $y, z \in A_i$ , it follows that  $x, z \in A_i$  since every element lies in precisely one  $A_i$ .

Hence,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation and by our choice of equivalence relation, we have that every equivalence class corresponds precisely to some  $A_i \in P$ .  $\square$

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7. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence and we define a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  as a sequence obtained from removing terms in  $\{x_n\}$ .
- (a) Construct an example where  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence and two subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  both converge but converge to different limits, and justify your answer.

<p><b>Solution:</b> Choose <math>\{x_n\}</math> to be the sequence defined as <math>x_n = 1</math> if <math>n</math> is odd and <math>-1</math> if <math>n</math> is even. Consider the subsequences <math>\{x_n\}_{\text{odd}}</math> and <math>\{x_n\}_{\text{even}}</math>. Obviously, both converge since every single term in the sequences are the same. <math>\{x_n\}_{\text{odd}}</math> converges to 1 and <math>\{x_n\}_{\text{even}}</math> converges to <math>-1</math> so they converge to different limits.</p>
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- (b) Prove that if a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $L$  then every subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $L$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Assume  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $L$ . Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N_y \in \mathbb{N}$  to be any  $N_y$  such that  $N_y \geq N_x$  and  $x_{N_y} \in \{y_n\}$  where  $N_x$  is the choice for  $N$  for  $\{x_n\}$  by the convergence of  $\{x_n\}$ . Since  $\{y_n\}$  cannot terminate before  $y_{N_y}$ , and for all  $n > N_y$ , we have  $y_n = x_m$  where  $m > N_y$  and so  $m > N_y \geq N_x$ , it follows that  $|y_n - L| = |x_m - L| < \varepsilon$  so  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $L$  as required.  $\square$

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8. Prove or disprove each of the following:

(a) Let  $A, B \subseteq C$ . If  $|C \setminus A| = |C \setminus B|$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .**Solution:**

*Disproof.* Let  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$  and  $C = \mathbb{N}$ . Notice there exists an explicit bijection  $f : C \setminus A \mapsto C \setminus B$  where  $f(n) = n + 1$ , but  $|A| = 1 \neq 2 = |B|$  so the statement is false.  $\square$

(b) Let  $A_i \in X$ . Then,  $X \setminus (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (X \setminus A_i)$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Let  $A_i \in X$  and  $x \in X$ . We show each inclusion in turn.

- Let  $x \in X \setminus (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i)$ , so  $x \notin (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i)$  and thus  $x \notin A_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . It follows that  $x \in X \setminus A_i$  for all  $i$  and thus  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} (X \setminus A_i)$ .
- Let  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} (X \setminus A_i)$  so for all  $i \in I$ ,  $x \notin A_i$ . It follows that  $x \notin \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  so  $x \in X \setminus (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i)$ .

Hence,  $X \setminus (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (X \setminus A_i)$ . □



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9. Let  $B_r(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , called an open ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , be defined as  $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| < r\}$  for some  $r > 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , note that  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$  refers to the Euclidean norm where  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$  and  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{q} \in B_r(\mathbf{p})$ . Show that there exists  $B_{r_2}(\mathbf{q}) \subseteq B_r(\mathbf{p})$ . (Hint: The triangle inequality works for  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\| + \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  too)

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{q} \in B_r(\mathbf{p})$ . Choose  $r_2 = r - \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|$  and  $\mathbf{q} \in B_{r_2}(\mathbf{q})$ . Now,  $r > \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|$  so  $r_2 > 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in B_{r_2}(\mathbf{q})$ . By the triangle inequality,  $\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\| + \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}\| < \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\| + r_2 = r$  so  $B_{r_2}(\mathbf{q}) \subseteq B_r(\mathbf{p})$ .  $\square$

- (b) A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open if for all  $\mathbf{p} \in E$ , there exists  $B_r(\mathbf{p}) \subseteq E$ . Prove that  $E$  is open if and only if  $E$  is a union of open balls.

**Solution:**

*Proof.* We prove each direction in turn.

- For one direction, suppose  $E$  is open. I claim  $E = \bigcup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} B_r(\mathbf{x})$  where  $B_r(\mathbf{x})$  is some open ball centered at  $\mathbf{x}$  contained in  $E$ . Notice this yields  $\bigcup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} B_r(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq E$ . On the other hand, if  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ , we know  $\mathbf{x} \in B_r(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq E$  for some  $r > 0$  by  $E$  is open, so  $\mathbf{x} \in \bigcup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} B_r(\mathbf{x})$ . This proves  $E = \bigcup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} B_r(\mathbf{x})$  so  $E$  is a union of open balls.
- For the other direction, suppose  $E$  is a union of open balls  $\{B_i\}$ , and let  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ . By definition,  $x \in B_0$  for some  $B_0 \in \{B_i\}$  and from part (a), we know there exists  $B_r(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq B_0 \subseteq E$  so  $E$  is open as required.

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10. Let  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $S_n$  be the set of bijective functions  $f : N \mapsto N$ . Prove by induction that for all  $n \geq 3 \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $f, g \in S_n$  such that  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.* Let  $n \geq 3$ . We proceed with mathematical induction on  $n$ .

- For the base case, let  $f$  and  $g$  in  $S_3$  be defined as follows:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 \mapsto 2 \\ 2 \mapsto 1 \\ 3 \mapsto 3 \end{cases}, g(n) = \begin{cases} 1 \mapsto 2 \\ 2 \mapsto 3 \\ 3 \mapsto 1 \end{cases}$$

Notice  $f \circ g(1) = 1$  and  $g \circ f(1) = 3$  so  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ .

- Assume there exists  $f, g \in S_k$  such that  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$  for some  $k$ . For  $S_{k+1}$ , choose such  $f, g \in S_k$  and create  $f', g'$  which is the same as  $f$  and  $g$  except that the  $k + 1$ th element gets mapped to itself. Notice there exists some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that  $f' \circ g'(i) = f \circ g(i) \neq g \circ f(i) = g' \circ f'(i)$  so it follows that  $f' \circ g' \neq g' \circ f'$  and thus the result holds.

By the principle of mathematical induction, the result holds for all  $n \geq 3$ . □