

## Quiz 1 - Thomas DeMasse

1.) (a)  $2^8 = 4 = \{4, 81\}$   
 $9^2 = 81$

(b)  $S = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 5 \leq x \leq 25\}$

2.) (c)  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{3, 4\}$

$$A \times B = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2)\}$$

this shows the Cartesian Product is not equal

(b)  $P(\{2, 3, 5\}) = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 5\}, \{2, 3, 5\}\}$

3.) (a) False because the number of strings that can be formed from the alphabet is infinite.

(b) True because a string is a sequence of characters in the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$  that is a finite set. Therefore, each individual string must be a finite # of characters.

(c) False  $(ba)^3 = baba$

(d) True, "abc" occurs consecutively in the string "aabc"bc.

(e) true because  $\{c, bac, cbd\}$  are a subset of  $\Sigma^*$

4.) for  $xRy \iff x-y$  is divisible by 5 to be an equivalence relation, we have to check if it's reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Reflexive: If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $x-x$  is divisible by 5 since  $x-x=0$ .

Symmetric  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $xRy$  holds.

$x-y$  is divisible by 5 which means  $y-x$  is divisible by 5

Transitive:  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  hold.

Since  $x-y$  and  $y-z$  are divisible by 5 that means their sum is divisible by 5.

Since the relation is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive then it is an equivalence relation



3.)  $\sqrt{3} = a/b$ , a rational # can be expressed  
as a fraction of two integers  
• with a non-zero denominator  
 $b \neq 0$  and there are no common factors.

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$3 = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

$$3 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$3b^2 = a^2$ , this means  $a^2$  can be divisible by 3.  
So  $a$  is divisible by 3.

$a = 3k$ ,  $k$  is an integer

$$3b^2 = (3k)^2$$

$$3b^2 = 9k^2$$

$$\frac{3}{3}b^2 = \frac{9}{3}k^2$$

$b^2 = 3k^2$   $\rightarrow$  This shows  $b^2$  is divisible by 3  
and  $b$  divisible by 3

If  $\sqrt{3}$  is a rational number, both  $a$  and  $b$   
must be divisible by 3. But if we assume that  
 $\frac{a}{b}$  is in its simplest form, this is a contradiction.

So  $\sqrt{3}$  is not a rational number.