

## Student Information

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### Q. 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) &= \{x \mid x \in (A \cup B) \wedge x \notin (A \cap B)\} && \text{by definition of set difference} \\
 &= \{x \mid x \in (A \cup B) \wedge \neg(x \in (A \cap B))\} && \text{by definition of } \notin \\
 &= \{x \mid (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} && \text{by definition of set union} \\
 &= \{x \mid (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge (\neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B))\} && \text{by De Morgan's law} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A) \wedge (\neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B))) \\
 &\quad \vee ((x \in B) \wedge (\neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)))\} && \text{by distributive laws} \\
 &= \{x \mid (((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in A)) \vee ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B))) \\
 &\quad \vee (((x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A)) \vee ((x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in B)))\} && \text{by distributive laws} \\
 &= \{x \mid (F \vee ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B))) \\
 &\quad \vee (((x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A)) \vee F)\} && \text{by complement laws} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee ((x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A))\} && \text{by identity laws} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \vee ((x \in B) \wedge (x \notin A))\} && \text{by definition of } \notin \\
 &= \{x \mid x \in (A \setminus B) \vee x \in (B \setminus A)\} && \text{by definition of set difference} \\
 &= (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) && \text{by definition of set union}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Q. 2

$$A = \{f \mid f \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \{0, 1\}\}$$

$$B = \{f \mid f : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f \text{ is a function}\}$$

Set  $A$  can be represented as:

$$A = \mathcal{P}(\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), \dots, (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), \dots\})$$

For an arbitrary value of  $x$  in the domain of a function  $f$ , let  $(x, f(x))$  represent function  $f$ . Then set  $B$  can be expressed as:

$$B = \mathcal{P}\{(0, n_1), (1, n_2)\} \quad n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$B = \{\{(0, n_1), (1, n_2)\}, \{(0, n_1)\}, \{(1, n_2)\}, \emptyset\} \quad n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

When common elements in  $A$  and  $B$  considered, there are 9 of them:

$$\{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}, \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (1, 1)\}, \{(0, 0)\}, \{(0, 1)\}, \{(1, 0)\}, \{(1, 1)\}, \emptyset$$

To prove  $A \setminus B$  is uncountable, let  $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots$  denote the elements of set  $B$ , letter N denote absence of the element in the subset and letter Y denote existence of the element in the subset.

Let's represent the first 9 elements of the set  $A$  as the 9 common elements of set  $A$  and  $B$ . These 9 elements can be written as below:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \\
s_1 = Y, N, Y, N, N, N, \dots \\
s_2 = Y, N, N, Y, N, N, \dots \\
s_3 = N, Y, Y, N, N, N, \dots \\
s_4 = N, Y, N, Y, N, N, \dots \\
s_5 = Y, N, N, N, N, N, \dots \\
s_6 = N, Y, N, N, N, N, \dots \\
s_7 = N, N, Y, N, N, N, \dots \\
s_8 = N, N, N, Y, N, N, \dots \\
s_9 = N, N, N, N, N, N, \dots
\end{array}$$

To represent the elements of  $A \setminus B$ , elements of set  $A$  can be written starting from  $s_{10}$ . By Cantor's diagonal argument, it can be concluded that  $A \setminus B$  is uncountably infinite.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \\
s_{10} = \mathbf{Y}, Y, Y, Y, Y, Y, Y, \dots \\
s_{11} = N, \mathbf{N}, N, Y, Y, N, N, \dots \\
s_{12} = Y, N, \mathbf{Y}, N, Y, N, Y, \dots \\
s_{13} = N, Y, N, \mathbf{Y}, N, Y, N, \dots \\
s_{14} = Y, N, N, Y, \mathbf{Y}, N, Y, \dots \\
s_{15} = Y, Y, N, Y, Y, \mathbf{N}, Y, \dots \\
s_{16} = N, N, N, Y, N, Y, \mathbf{N}, \dots \\
\vdots
\end{array}$$

### Q. 3

Let's assume that the function  $f(n) = 4^n + 5n^2 \log n$  is  $O(2^n)$ . Then, there must be a pair of witnesses  $C$  and  $k$  such that  $f(n) = 4^n + 5n^2 \log n \leq C2^n$  whenever  $n > k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
4^n + 5n^2 \log n &\leq C(2^n) \\
2^n + \frac{5n^2 \log n}{2^n} &\leq C \quad (\text{both sides divided by } 2^n)
\end{aligned}$$

Since left hand side of the inequality is always increasing, there can not be a constant  $C$ , whatever  $k$  is. Therefore  $f(n)$  is not  $O(2^n)$ .

## Q. 4

$$\begin{aligned}
(2x-1)^n - x^2 &\equiv -x-1 \pmod{x-1} \\
(2x-1)^n - x + 2 &\equiv x^2 - 2x + 1 \pmod{x-1} && \text{by adding } x^2 - x + 2 \text{ to both sides} \\
(2x-1)^n - x + 2 &\equiv (x-1)^2 \pmod{x-1} && \text{by rewriting left hand side as a square} \\
(2(x-1)+1)^n - x + 2 &\equiv (x-1)^2 \pmod{x-1} && \text{by algebraic manipulations} \\
(2(x-1)+1)^n - x + 2 - (x-1)^2 &\pmod{x-1} = 0 && \text{by definition of congruence modulo}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the equality:  $a + b \pmod m = ((a \pmod m) + (b \pmod m)) \pmod m$ , the last equation can be written as:

$$((2(x-1)+1)^n \pmod{x-1}) + (-(x-1)+1 \pmod{x-1}) - ((x-1)^2 \pmod{x-1}) = 0$$

Using the equality:  $ab \pmod m = (a \pmod m)(b \pmod m) \pmod m$ , the first term,  $(2(x-1)+1)^n \pmod{x-1}$ , can be written as  $(2(x-1)+1 \pmod{x-1})^n$ . Since  $(2(x-1)+1) \pmod{x-1}$  is equal to 1, first term is equal to  $1^n = 1$ .

Second term,  $-(x-1)+1 \pmod{x-1}$ , is equal to 1 and last term,  $((x-1)^2 \pmod{x-1})$ , is equal to 0. Hence  $(1+1+0) \pmod{x-1} = 0$ , it can be written as:

$$2 = (x-1) \cdot k + 0 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

To leave  $x$  alone, divide both sides by  $k$  and add 1 to both sides:

$$x = \frac{2+k}{k}$$

$k = 1$ , is the only situation where  $x > 2$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . When  $k = 1$ ,  $x = 3$ .