

# Homework 3

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1. **(10 points)** Determine whether or not the following statements are true or false. If you think a statement is true, give your reasoning. If you think it is false, provide a counterexample.

- (a) For all sets  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- (b) For all sets  $A, B, C$ , if  $B \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**a) For all sets  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .**

**True:** If  $B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , it means that every element in set  $B$  is in complement  $A$ , or can also be said that every element in set  $B$  is not in  $A$ . This means that if we take the intersection of set  $A$  and set  $B$ , we will get null ( $\emptyset$ ) as there is no elements that are both in set  $A$  and set  $B$ .

**b) For all sets  $A, B, C$ , if  $B \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .**

**True:** If  $B \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , it means that every element in set  $B$  is also in set  $C$  and that the intersection of set  $A$  and set  $C$  results to empty ( $\emptyset$ ). This means that there is no elements that are both in set  $A$  and set  $C$ . Since every element of set  $B$  is also in set  $C$ , it is safe to conclude that the intersection of set  $A$  and set  $B$  must be empty ( $\emptyset$ ).

2. (10 points) Indicate which of the following relationships are true and which are false, together with a brief explanation in words why you think that is the case:

(a)  $Z^+ \subseteq Q$ .

(b)  $Q \subseteq Z$ .

(c)  $Q \cap R = Q$ .

(d)  $Z^+ \cap R = Z^+$ .

(e)  $\emptyset \subset \mathbb{N}$ .

**a)  $Z^+ \subseteq Q$ :** The set of positive integers is a subset of the set of rational numbers.

**True:** Every positive integer is also a rational number since every positive integer can be expressed as a fraction with a denominator of 1. Hence, this relationship is true.

**b)  $Q \subseteq Z$ :** The set of rational numbers is a subset of the set of integers.

**False:** The set of rational numbers includes both integers and fractions. Not all rational numbers are integers. Hence, this relationship is false.

**c)  $Q \cap R = Q$ :** The intersection of set of rational numbers and set of real numbers are set of rational numbers

**True:** Rational numbers are real numbers. Hence, this statement is true.

**d)  $Z^+ \cap R = Z^+$ :** The intersection of set of positive integers and set of real numbers are set of positive integers.

**True:** Every positive integers are also real number. Hence, this statement is true.

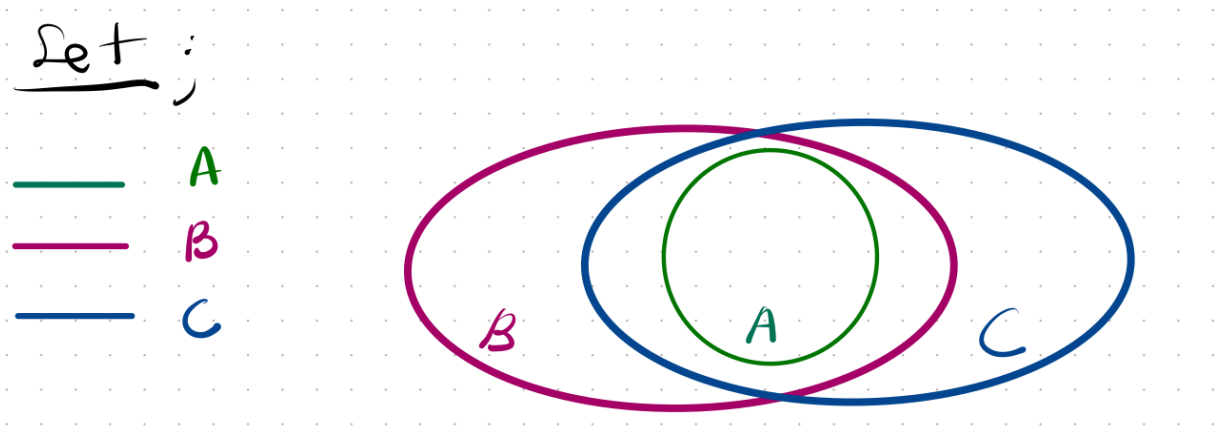
**e)  $\emptyset \subset \mathbb{N}$ :** Null is a subset of nonnegative integers.

**True:** The empty set is a proper subset of any nonempty set. Hence, this relationship is true.

3. (10 points) Prove the *distributive law* for any three sets  $A, B, C$ :

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C).$$

You can use any method of proof. For example, for a formal logic proof you might want to consider an element  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$  and construct a chain of logical deductions to show that  $x$  also belongs to  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . Or you could use Venn diagrams.



4. (10 points) Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{y, z\}$ . Determine  $A \times B$  and  $B \times A$ . Are they equal?

- The number of possible ordered pairs  $(a, b) = 4 \times 2 = 8$
- $A \times B = \{(a, y), (a, z), (b, y), (b, z), (c, y), (c, z), (d, y), (d, z)\}$
- $B \times A = \{(y, a), (y, b), (y, c), (y, d), (z, a), (z, b), (z, c), (z, d)\}$
- Hence,  $A \times B \neq B \times A$ .

5. (10 points) Prove or disprove that for all sets  $A, B$  and  $C$ , we have

(i)  $A \times (B - C) = (A \times B) - (A \times C)$ . (ii)  $\overline{A} \times \overline{(B \cup C)} = \overline{A \times (B \cup C)}$ .

i)  $A \times (B - C) = (A \times B) - (A \times C)$

- Pick arbitrary element  $(x, y) \in A \times (B - C)$ .
- The  $x$  is in  $A$  while the  $y$  is in the intersection of  $B$  and the complement of  $C$ .
- Therefore,  $(x, y)$  is in the Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  and not in the Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $C$ ,  $(x, y) \in A \times B - A \times C$
- This prove that  $A \times (B - C) \subseteq A \times B - A \times C$  as  $(x, y)$  is arbitrary element in  $A \times (B - C)$ .
- Next, prove that  $A \times (B - C) \supseteq A \times B - A \times C$
- Pick arbitrary element  $(x, y) \in A \times B - A \times C$ .
- The  $(x, y)$  is in the Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  and not in Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $C$ .
- Therefore,  $x \in A, y \in B$ , and  $y \notin C$ .
- This implies that  $y$  is in  $B - C$ .
- Therefore, we conclude that  $(x, y) \in A \times (B - C)$ .

ii)  $\bar{A} \times (B \cup C)^c = (A \times (B \cup C))^c$

- Let  $(x, y)$  be arbitrary element in  $(A^c \times (B \cup C)^c)$ ,  $(x, y) \in (A^c \times (B \cup C)^c)$ 
  - This means that the  $x \notin A, y \notin B \cup C$
- Let  $(x, y)$  be arbitrary element in  $(A \times (B \cup C))^c$ ,  $(x, y) \in (A \times (B \cup C))^c$ 
  - This means that  $(x, y) \notin A \times (B \cup C)$
- Since  $x \notin A$ , we have  $(x, y) \notin (A \times (B \cup C))$
- Therefore,  $((x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C))^c$

6. (10 points) Let  $E$  be the set of even integers and  $O$  be the set of odd integers. Define a function:

$$f : E \times O \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

such that  $f(x, y) = xy$ . Is  $f$  one-to-one? Is  $f$  onto? For either question, if your answer is yes, then prove it; if not, then provide a counterexample.

- $f$  is a one-to-one.
  - Consider two distinct pairs  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  in  $E \times O$  such that  $f(x_1, y_1) = f(x_2, y_2)$ .
  - We need to show that  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$
  - Given that  $x \neq 0$  and that  $f(x_1, y_1) = xy_1$  and  $f(x_2, y_2) = xy_2$ .
  - Since  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are odd integers, they cannot be zero and we can cancel  $x$  from both sides, leading to  $y_1 = y_2$ .
  - If  $x = 0$ , then  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  can be any odd integers, and  $x = 0$  would not affect the injectivity.
  - Therefore, the function is one-to-one.
- $f$  is a an onto function

- For any  $z \in Z$ , we need to find  $(x, y) \in E \times O$  such that  $f(x, y) = xy = z$ .
- If  $z$  is even, we can choose  $x = \frac{z}{2}$  and  $y = 1$  (any odd integer)
- If  $z$  is odd, we can choose  $x = 1$  and  $y = z$ .
- Therefore, the function is onto.
- In conclusion, the function  $f : E \times O \longrightarrow Z$  defined as  $f(x, y) = xy$  is both one-to-one and onto.

7. (10 points) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be functions. Let  $h : A \rightarrow C$  be their composition, i.e.,  $h(a) = g(f(a))$ .

- (a) Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are surjections, then so is  $h$ .
- (b) Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections then so is  $h$ .

a) **Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are surjections, then so is  $h$ .**

- Given an arbitrary element  $c$ , where  $c \in C$ . Since  $g$  is a surjection, there exist  $b$  where  $b \in B$  and that  $g(b) = c$ .
- Since  $f$  is also a surjection, there exist  $a$  where  $a \in A$  and that  $f(a) = b$ .
- As  $h(a) = g(f(a))$ , then  $h(a) = g(f(a)) = g(b) = c$ .
- This shows that for any  $c \in C$ , there exists an  $a \in A$  where  $h(a) = c$ .

b) **Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections, then so is  $h$ .**

- Proof that  $f$  and  $g$  are surjections, then so is  $h$ .
  - Given an arbitrary element  $c$ , where  $c \in C$ . Since  $g$  is a surjection, there exist  $b$  where  $b \in B$  and that  $g(b) = c$ .
  - Since  $f$  is also a surjection, there exist  $a$  where  $a \in A$  and that  $f(a) = b$ .

- As  $h(a) = g(f(a))$ , then  $h(a) = g(f(a)) = g(b) = c$ .
- This shows that for any  $c \in C$ , there exists an  $a \in A$  where  $h(a) = c$ .
- Proof that  $f$  and  $g$  are injections, then so is  $h$ 
  - Let  $h(a_1) = h(a_2)$  for some  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  in  $A$ .
  - This implies that  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ .
  - Since  $g$  is injective,  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ .
  - And since  $f$  is injective,  $a_1 = a_2$ .
  - Therefore,  $h$  is injective.
- Since it is proven that both  $f$  and  $g$  are surjective and injective, then so is  $h$ , therefore,  $h$  is a surjective and injective, making it a bijection.

8. **(10 points)** Determine if the following are functions. The domain is  $\mathbb{R}$  and the co-domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ . (i)  $f(x) = 1/x$ , (ii)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , (iii)  $f(x) = \pm\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ .

i)  $f(x) = 1/x$

- This is a function.
- But this function is not defined for  $x = 0$  as division by zero is undefined.
- Therefore  $f(x) = 1/x$  is not a function for the entire domain  $\mathbb{R}$  since it excludes  $x = 0$ .

ii)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

- This is a function.
- For every real number  $x \geq 0$ , there is a unique non-negative real number  $\sqrt{x}$ .
- However, for  $x < 0$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$  is not a real number.
- Hence the domain of this function should be  $x \geq 0$ .

iii)  $f(x) = \pm\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

- This is not a function.
- The  $\pm$  makes the co-domain value be both negative and positive real numbers.
- This means that there are two possible values of  $f(x)$  due to the  $\pm$ .
- Specifically, for each  $x$ , there are two distinct values: one positive and one negative.
- This violates the definition of a function, where each input is related to exactly one output.

9. **(20 points)** Determine if these functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  (domain) to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (co-domain) are one-to-one (injective). (i)  $f(n) = n - 1$ , (ii)  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$ , (iii)  $f(n) = n^3$ , (iv)  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$ .

i)  $f(n) = n - 1$

- This function is injective.
  - Assume  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ .
  - Then  $n_1 - 1 = n_2 - 1$ .
  - Solving for  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , we get  $n_1 = n_2$
  - Therefore,  $f(n) = n - 1$  is an injective function.

ii)  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$

- This is function not injective.
  - Assume  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ .
  - Then  $n_1^2 + 1 = n_2^2 + 1$ .
  - Solving for  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , we get  $n_1 = n_2$  and  $n_1 = -n_2$



- Therefore,  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$  is not injective as there are two domain values that map to the same co-domain value.

iii)  $f(n) = n^3$

- This function is injective.
  - Assume  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$
  - Then  $n_1^3 = n_2^3$
  - Solving for  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , we get  $n_1 = n_2$  after taking the cube root on both sides.
  - Therefore,  $f(n) = n^3$  is an injective function.

iv)  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$

- This function is not injective.
  - Assume  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$
  - Given that  $n_1 = 3$  and  $n_2 = 4$
  - Then  $\lceil 3/2 \rceil = 2$  and  $\lceil 4/2 \rceil = 2$ .
  - Therefore,  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$  is not an injective function as distinct values of domain  $n$  should not map to the same co-domain value.

10. **(20 points)** Determine if these functions from  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  (domain) to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (co-domain) are onto (surjective). (i)  $f(m, n) = m + n$ , (ii)  $f(m, n) = m^2 - n^2$ , (iii)  $f(m, n) = m$ , (iv)  $f(m, n) = |m| - |n|$ .

i)  $f(m, n) = m + n$

- This function is a surjective.

- For any integer  $z$ , we can find  $m = z$  and  $n = 0$  or vice versa such that  $f(m, n) = m + n = z$ .
- Therefore,  $f(m, n) = m + n$  is onto.

ii)  $f(m, n) = m^2 - n^2$

- This function is not a surjective.
  - Consider  $z = -1$ .
  - There is no pair integers  $m, n$  such that  $m^2 - n^2 = -1$ .
  - Therefore,  $f(m, n) = m^2 - n^2$  is not onto.

iii)  $f(m, n) = m$

- This function is a surjective.
  - For any integer  $z$ , we can find  $m = z$  and  $n = 0$  such that  $f(m, n) = m = z$ .
  - Therefore,  $f(m, n) = m$  is onto.

iv)  $f(m, n) = |m| - |n|$

- This function is a surjective.
  - For any integer  $z$ , we can find  $m = z$  and  $n = 0$  and vice versa such that  $f(m, n) = |m| - |n| = z$ .
  - Therefore,  $f(m, n) = |m| - |n|$  is onto.

11. **(10 points)** Find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  if  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = x + 2$  if the functions are from  $\mathbb{R}$  (domain) to  $\mathbb{R}$  (co-domain).

- $f \circ g$

- $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x + 2) = (x + 2)^2 + 1 = x^2 + 4x + 5$

- Hence,  $(f \circ g) = x^2 + 4x + 5$

- $g \circ f$

- $(g \circ f) = g(x^2 + 1) = x^2 + 3$

- Hence,  $(g \circ f) = x^2 + 3$