



Solution manual and Scheme of evaluation
MID SEMETER EXAMINATION, SPRING 2023-2024
Subject: Discrete Mathematics
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B. Tech.
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Full Marks: 20

Time: 90 minutes

Answer any FOUR QUESTIONS including question No. 1 which is compulsory.
The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
All parts of a question should be answered at one place only.

Q.1 **Answer the following Questions**

- a) Let p : It is below freezing, q : It is snowing.
Express the English sentence "That it is below freezing is necessary and sufficient for it to be snowing" as a proposition using p , q , and logical connectives.

Ans: $p \leftrightarrow q$ (1 mark)

- b) Find the converse and contrapositive of the conditional statement "I come to class whenever there is going to be a quiz."

Ans:

Converse: If I come to class, then there is going to be a quiz.(0.5 mark)

Contrapositive: If I do not come to class, then there is no quiz.(0.5 mark)

- c) What is the negation of the statement "All Indians eat vegetables"

Ans: Some Indians do not eat vegetables(1 mark)

- d) How many reflexive relations are there if the relation is defined on a set with 5 elements.

Ans: $2^{5^2-5} = 2^{20}$(1 mark)

- e) Find the power set of the set $A = \{\varnothing, \{\varnothing\}\}$

Ans: $\{\varnothing, \{\varnothing\}, \{\{\varnothing\}\}, \{\varnothing, \{\varnothing\}\}\}$(1 mark)

**Q.
2**

- a) Show that $p \wedge (q \vee r)$ and $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$ are logically equivalent.

Ans: Use truth table.

For each correct row 0.25 mark

For conclusion 0.5 mark

- b) Show that $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ is a tautology by developing a series of logical equivalences.

Ans: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) \equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q)$ by conditional disjunction equivalence(0.5 mark)

$\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q)$ by the De Morgan law(0.5 mark)

$\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q)$ by the associative and commutative laws for disjunction(0.5 mark)

$\equiv T \vee T$ by Negation laws and the commutative law for disjunction....(0.5 mark)

$\equiv T$ by the domination law....(0.5 mark)

Q.
3

a) Using mathematical induction prove that for every positive integer n ,

$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}.$$

Ans: Let

$p(n): 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$(0.5 mark)

To prove that $\forall n \geq 1 P(n)$.

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true, because $1.2 = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3}$(0.5 mark)

Inductive step: For the inductive hypothesis we assume that $P(k)$ holds for an arbitrary positive integer $k > 1$. That is, we assume that

$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}. \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark})$$

Under this assumption, it must be shown that $P(k+1)$ is true, that is

$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}$$

is also true.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \{1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)\} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) \left\{ \frac{k}{3} + 1 \right\} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $P(k+1)$ is true under the assumption that $P(k)$ is true. This completes the inductive step.(0.5 mark)

We have completed the basis step and the inductive step, so by mathematical induction

$$\forall k > 1 (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))$$

$$\frac{P(1)}{\therefore \forall n \geq 1 P(n)} \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark})$$

- b) Find M_{R^3} , where $R = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (3,3)\}$ is a relation on $A = \{1,2,3\}$.

Ans: $M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (0.5 mark)

$$M_{R^2} = M_{R \circ R} = M_R \odot M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(1 \text{ mark})$$

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Q.
4

- a) How many positive integers not exceeding 1500 is divisible by 7, 13, or 21.

Ans: Let A be the set of positive integers not exceeding 1500 that are divisible by 7, B be the set of positive integers not exceeding 1500 that are divisible by 13 and C be the set of positive integers not exceeding 1500 that are divisible by 21. Then

$$|A| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{7} \right\rfloor = 214, |B| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{13} \right\rfloor = 115, |C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{21} \right\rfloor = 71, \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark})$$

Now, $A \cap B$ is the set of positive integers not exceeding 1500 that are divisible by 7 and 13.

That is $A \cap B$ is the set of positive integers not exceeding 1500 that are divisible by $\text{LCM}(7,13)=91$. So

$$|A \cap B| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{91} \right\rfloor = 16. \quad |A \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{21} \right\rfloor = 71, \quad |B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{273} \right\rfloor = 5, \quad |A \cap B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1500}{273} \right\rfloor = 5. \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark})$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C| \quad \dots(1 \text{ mark}) \\ &= 214 + 115 + 71 - 16 - 71 - 5 + 5 \\ &= 313 \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there are 313 positive integers not exceeding 1500 are divisible by 7, 13, or 21.

- b) Show that the argument form is valid using rules of inference with premises $(p \wedge t) \rightarrow (r \vee s), q \rightarrow (u \wedge t), u \rightarrow p, \neg s$ and conclusion $q \rightarrow r$.

Ans: As the conclusion is $q \rightarrow r$, it is enough to show that the argument form with premises $(p \wedge t) \rightarrow (r \vee s), q \rightarrow (u \wedge t), u \rightarrow p, \neg s, q$ and conclusion r is valid. That is

$$\begin{array}{ll} P_1 & (p \wedge t) \rightarrow (r \vee s) \\ P_2 & q \rightarrow (u \wedge t) \\ P_3 & u \rightarrow p \\ P_4 & \neg s \\ P_5 & q \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \quad r \quad \dots(0.5 \text{ mark})$$

For each step 0.25 mark

Step 1

$P_2 \quad q \rightarrow (u \wedge t)$

$P_5 \quad q$

 $\therefore u \wedge t$ by Modus Ponens

Step 2

$u \wedge t$ result in step 1

 $\therefore u$ by simplification

Step 3

$u \rightarrow p \quad P_3$

u result in step 1

 $\therefore p$ by Modus Ponens

Step 4

$u \wedge t$ result in step 1

 $\therefore t$ by simplification

Step 5

p result in step 2

t result in step 4

 $\therefore p \wedge t$ by conjunction

Step 6

$(p \wedge t) \rightarrow (r \vee s) \quad P_1$

$p \wedge t$ result in step 5

 $\therefore r \vee s$ by Modus Ponens

Step 7

$r \vee s$ result in step 6

$\neg s \quad P_4$

 $\therefore r$ by Disjunctive syllogism

Thus, the argument form is valid.(0.25 mark)

Q. 5. Find reflexive closure and symmetric closure of the relation $R = \{(p, q), (q, p), (q, r), (r, s), (s, p)\}$ on the set $A = \{p, q, r, s\}$ Find the transitive closure of R using Warshall's algorithm.

Ans:

Reflexive closure of $R = R \cup \Delta = \{(p, p), (p, q), (q, p), (q, q), (q, r), (r, r), (r, s), (s, p), (s, s)\}$

....(1 mark)

Reflexive closure of $R = R \cup R^{-1} = \{(p, q), (p, s), (q, p), (q, r), (r, q), (r, s), (s, p), (s, r)\}$

....(1 mark)

The matrix of R is(0.25 mark)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $W_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (0.25 mark)

For each of the following step 0.5 mark

Step 1 : Construct W_1 . First transfer all 1's of W_0 to W_1 . In column 1 of W_0 : Nonzero entry at position 2, 4. In row 1 of W_0 : Nonzero entry at positions 2. Thus, at the position (2, 2) and (4, 2) of W_1 make the entries 1. Therefore

$$W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 : Construct W_2 . First transfer all 1's of W_1 to W_2 . In column 2 of W_1 : Nonzero entry at position 1, 2, 4. In row 2 of W_1 : Nonzero entry at positions 1, 2, 3. Thus, at the position (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (4,1), (4,2) and (4,3) of W_2 make the entries 1. Therefore

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3.

$$W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 4

$$W_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From W_4 , we can conclude that the transitive closure of R is:(0.5 mark)

$$R^* = \{(p, p), (p, q), (p, r), (p, s), (q, p), (q, q), (q, r), (q, s), (r, p), (r, q), (r, r), (r, s), (s, p), (s, q), (s, r), (s, s)\}.$$
