

## DISCRETE STRUCTURES, SPRING 2017 - FINAL

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**Problem 1.** In class we showed how to prove one version of De Morgan's Law. Replicate the proof, and prove the other version as well. In other words, if  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty sets, prove the following equalities to be true:

- (1)  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$
- (2)  $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$

**Problem 2.** If  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are nonempty sets, draw the Venn diagrams for each of the following sets:

- (1)  $(A \cup B \cup C) - [(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)]$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , draw  $(B \cap A') - C$ .

**Problem 3.** If  $\{B_i\}_{i=0}^n$  is a collection of non-empty sets (meaning that we have  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  sets) prove the following equalities to be true:

(1)

$$A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$$

(2)

$$A \cup \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_i \right) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (A \cup B_i)$$

**Problem 4.** Answer the following:

- (1) Why is  $f$  in each of the cases below not a functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

- (a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ?
- (b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ ?
- (c)  $\pm\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ ?

- (2) What would need to be done to make each of the above a function?

**Problem 5.** Let  $R$  be a relation on the set of ordered pairs of positive integers such that  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  if and only if  $a + d = b + c$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

**Problem 6.** Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are both bijective functions.

- (1) Prove that  $g \circ f$  is also a bijection.

**Problem 7. Bonus**

Fifteen children together gathered 100 nuts. Prove that some pair of children gathered the same number of nuts.

**Problem 8.** Decide whether or not the following pairs of statements are logically equivalent. Use Truth tables to determine it.

- (1)  $(P \wedge Q)$  and  $\neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q)$ .  
 (2)  $(\neg P) \wedge (P \implies Q)$  and  $\neg(Q \implies P)$ .

**Problem 9.** We are going to assume that there are 20 million Texans in Texas. Let  $A = \{x|x \text{ is a Texan}\}$ . It is also a biological fact that there are fewer than a million hair on the human head. Let  $B = \{x|x \leq 1000000 \text{ \& } x \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Prove that there are at least two Texans with exactly the same number of hairs on their head.

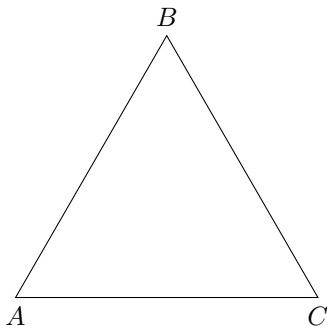
**Problem 10.** Prove the following identity:

$$\binom{n}{r} + \binom{n}{r+1} = \binom{n+1}{r+1}$$

**Problem 11.** Evaluate the following expression:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k}$$

**Problem 12.** Three ants are sitting on the vertices of a triangle, point A,B,C. Each of the ants can only walk along the edges of the triangle. They can only go left or right. Once they have picked a direction, they keep walking along that direction.



Whats the probability that any two ants will collide?

**Problem 13.** Show that if  $P(A) = 1$ , then  $P(B|A) = P(B)$ .

**Problem 14.** Three missiles are fired at a target and hit independently with probability 0.7, 0.8, and 0.9 respectively. What is the probability that the target is hit?

**Problem 15.** A box contains 20 fuses, of which 5 are defective. What is the expected number of defective items among three randomly chosen fuses?

**Problem 16. Bonus.**

If  $p$  is the probability of success in a single binomial experiment, the probability of  $x$  successes and  $n - x$  failures in  $n$  independent repeated trails of experiment, knows as the **binomial probability**, is

$$P(x \text{ successes in } n \text{ trails}) = P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}.$$

Show that the expectation of  $X$  is:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = np.$$

**Problem 17 (Bonus).** If we have a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with  $S, T \subseteq A$ , prove that  $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$ .