

## Homework 1- 5

### Homework 1

1. (1.1.1) For each of the following statements, identify whether or not the statement is a proposition. If so, what is its truth value; if not, why?

(a) Boston is the capital of Massachusetts.

**This is a proposition. Truth value: T**

(b)  $5 + 7 = 10$

**This is a proposition. Truth value: F**

(c)  $x + 2 = 11$

**This is not a proposition because it is neither true nor false.**

(d) Answer this question.

**This is not a proposition because it is neither true nor false.**

2. (1.1.5) State the negation of each of the following propositions.

(a) Mei has an MP3 player.

**Mei does not have an MP3 player.**

(b) There is no pollution in New Jersey.

**There is pollution in New Jersey.**

(c)  $2 + 1 = 3$

**$2 + 1 \neq 3$**

(d) The summer in Maine is hot and sunny.

**The summer in Maine is not hot and sunny.**

3. (1.1.13) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the propositions:  $\wedge \vee \neg \leftrightarrow$

•  $p$ : "It is below freezing."

•  $q$ : "It is snowing."

Write the following propositions using  $p$ ,  $q$ , and logical operators.

(a) It is below freezing and snowing.

**$p \wedge q$**

(b) It is below freezing but not snowing.

**$p \wedge \neg q$**

(c) It is not below freezing and it is not snowing.

**$\neg p \wedge \neg q$**

(d) It is either snowing or below freezing (or both).

**$p \vee q$**

4. (1.1.19) Determine whether each of the following implications is true or false.

(a) If  $1 + 1 = 2$ , then  $2 + 2 = 5$ .

**false**

(b) If  $1 + 1 = 2$ , then  $2 + 2 = 4$ .

**true**

(c) If  $1 + 1 = 3$ , then  $2 + 2 = 5$ .

**true**

(d) If monkeys can fly, then  $1 + 1 = 3$ .

**true**

5. (1.1.20) Determine whether each of the following implications is true or false.

- (a) If  $1 + 1 = 3$ , then unicorns exist. **true**
- (b) If  $1 + 1 = 3$ , then dogs can fly. **true**
- (c) If  $1 + 1 = 2$ , then dogs can fly. **false**
- (d) If  $2 + 2 = 4$ , then  $1 + 2 = 3$ . **true**

6. (1.1.18) Determine whether each of the following biconditionals is true or false.

- (a)  $2 + 2 = 4$  if and only if  $1 + 1 = 2$ . **true**
- (b)  $1 + 1 = 2$  if and only if  $2 + 3 = 4$ . **false**
- (c)  $1 + 1 = 3$  if and only if monkeys can fly. **true**
- (d)  $0 > 1$  if and only if  $2 > 1$ . **false**

7. Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the propositions:

- $p$ : "Swimming at the shore is allowed."
- $q$ : "Sharks have been spotted near the shore."

Express each of the following propositions as an English sentence.

(a)  $p \wedge q$

**Swimming at the shore is allowed and sharks have been spotted near the shore.**

(b)  $p \rightarrow \neg q$

**If swimming at the shore is allowed, then sharks have not been spotted near the shore.**

(c)  $\neg q \rightarrow p$

**If sharks have not been spotted near the shore, then swimming at the shore is allowed.**

(d)  $\neg q \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$

**Sharks have not been spotted near the shore, or swimming is not allowed at the shore and sharks have been spotted near the shore.**

8. (1.1.16) Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be the propositions:

- $p$ : "You ace the final exam."
- $q$ : "You do every exercise in the book."
- $r$ : "You get an 'A'."

Write the following propositions using  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ , and logical operators.

(a) To get an 'A', it is necessary for you to ace the final exam.

**$r \rightarrow p$**

(b) You ace the final exam but don't do every exercise in the book; nevertheless, you get an 'A'.

**$(p \wedge \neg q) \wedge r$**

- (c) Acing the final exam and doing every exercise in the book is sufficient for getting an 'A'.

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$$

- (d) You will get an 'A' if and only if you either do every exercise in the book or ace the final exam.

$$r \leftrightarrow (q \vee p)$$

9. (1.1.26) Rewrite each of the following propositions in the form "If...then...".

- (a) I will remember to send you the address if you send me an email address.

**If you send me an email address, then I will remember to send you the address.**

- (b) That you got the job implies that you had the best credentials.

**If you got the job, then you had the best credentials.**

- (c) Having a valid password is necessary in order to login to the server.

**If you can login to the server, then you have a valid password.**

- (d) It is possible for you to reach the summit unless you begin your climb too late.

**If you begin your climb too late, then it is not possible for you to reach the summit.**

10. (1.1.33) Construct a truth table for each of the following compound propositions.

- (a)  $p \wedge \neg p$

$p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	<b>F</b>
F	<b>F</b>

- (b)  $(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow q$

$p$	$q$	$(p \vee \neg q)$	$(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow q$
T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	T	<b>F</b>
F	T	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	T	<b>T</b>

- (c)  $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

$p$	$q$	$(p \vee q)$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	T	F	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	F	F	<b>T</b>

(d)  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	F	<b>T</b>
F	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
F	F	T	T	<b>T</b>

11. (1.1.38) Construct a truth table for each of the following compound propositions.

(a)  $(p \vee q) \wedge r$

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(p \vee q)$	$(p \vee q) \wedge r$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	T	F	T	<b>F</b>
T	F	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	T	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
F	T	F	T	<b>F</b>
F	F	T	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	F	F	<b>F</b>

(b)  $(p \wedge q) \vee r$

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \wedge q) \vee r$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	T	F	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	T	F	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	F	<b>T</b>
F	T	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	T	F	<b>T</b>
F	F	F	F	<b>F</b>

## Homework 2

1. (1.3.5) Using a truth table, show that  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$ .

$p$	$q$	$r$	$q \vee r$	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$p \wedge q$	$p \wedge r$	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	T	F	T	<b>T</b>	T	F	<b>T</b>
T	F	T	T	<b>T</b>	F	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	F	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	T	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	T	F	T	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	T	T	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	F	F	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>

2. (1.3.20) Without using a truth table, show that  $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \leftrightarrow q &\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \\
 &\equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p) \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \wedge q) \wedge (\neg q \vee p) \\
 &\equiv ((\neg p \vee q) \wedge \neg q) \vee ((\neg p \vee q) \wedge p) \\
 &\equiv ((\neg p \vee q) \vee (q \wedge \neg q)) \vee ((\neg p \vee q) \vee (p \wedge \neg p)) \\
 &\equiv ((\neg p \vee q) \vee F) \vee ((\neg p \vee q) \vee F) \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \vee (q \wedge p) \\
 &\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \quad :)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. (1.3.25) Without using a truth table, show that  $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \neg(p \leftrightarrow q) &\equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow q \\
 &\equiv \neg((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)) \\
 &\equiv \neg(p \rightarrow q) \vee \neg(q \rightarrow p) \\
 &\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg(\neg q \vee p) \\
 &\equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p) \\
 &\equiv ((p \wedge \neg q) \vee q) \wedge ((p \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg p) \\
 &\equiv ((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee q)) \wedge ((p \vee \neg p) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg p)) \\
 &\equiv ((p \vee q) \wedge T) \wedge (T \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg p)) \\
 &\equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg p) \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg q \rightarrow p) \\
 &\equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow q \quad :)
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (1.3.35) Show that  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ .

$p$	$q$	$r$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$	$q \rightarrow r$	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>	T	<b>T</b>
T	T	F	T	<b>F</b>	F	<b>F</b>
T	F	T	F	<b>T</b>	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	F	<b>T</b>	T	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	T	<b>T</b>	T	<b>T</b>
F	T	F	T	<b>F</b>	F	<b>T</b>
F	F	T	T	<b>T</b>	T	<b>T</b>
F	F	F	T	<b>F</b>	T	<b>T</b>

5. (1.3.36) Show that  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \neq (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ .

$p$	$q$	$r$	$p \wedge q$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$	$p \rightarrow r$	$q \rightarrow r$	$(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	T	F	T	<b>F</b>	F	F	<b>F</b>
T	F	T	F	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	F	<b>T</b>	F	T	<b>F</b>
F	T	T	F	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>T</b>
F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>	T	F	<b>F</b>
F	F	T	F	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>T</b>
F	F	F	F	<b>T</b>	T	T	<b>F</b>

1. (1.4.5) Let  $P(x)$  be the predicate:

- $P(x)$ : "Student  $x$  spends more than five hours every weekday in class."

... where the domain for  $x$  consists of all students at some university. Express each of the following quantified predicates as an English sentence.

- (a)  $\exists x (P(x))$

**There exists a student at some university who spends more than five hours every weekday in class.**

- (b)  $\forall x (P(x))$

**All students spend more than five hours every weekday in class at some university.**

- (c)  $\exists x (\neg P(x))$

**There exists a student at some university who doesn't spend more than five hours every weekday in class.**

- (d)  $\forall x (\neg P(x))$

**No students spend more than five hours every weekday in class at some university.**

2. (1.4.9) Let  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  be the predicates:

- $P(x)$ : "Person  $x$  can speak Russian."
- $Q(x)$ : "Person  $x$  knows the computer language C++."

... where the domain for  $x$  consists of all people whom you know. Write each of the following quantified predicates using  $P(x)$ ,  $Q(x)$ , quantifiers, and logical operators.

- (a) You know someone who can speak Russian and knows C++.

**$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$**

- (b) You know someone who can speak Russian but doesn't know C++.

**$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$**

- (c) Everyone you know can speak Russian or knows C++.

**$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$**

- (d) Nobody you know can speak Russian or knows C++.

**$\forall x (\neg (P(x) \vee Q(x)))$**

3. (1.4.17) Let the domain  $x$  consist of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rewrite each of the following quantified statements using only  $P(x)$ , disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations.

(a)  $\forall x (P(x))$

**$P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$**

(b)  $\exists x (\neg P(x))$

**$\neg P(0) \vee \neg P(1) \vee \neg P(2) \vee \neg P(3) \vee \neg P(4)$**

4. (1.4.15) Let the domain for  $n$  consist of all integers. Determine whether each of the following quantified predicates is true or false:

(a)  $\forall n (n^2 \geq 0)$  **T**

(b)  $\forall n (n^2 \geq n)$  **T**

(c)  $\exists n (n^2 = 2)$  **F**

(d)  $\exists n (n^2 < 0)$  **F**

5. (1.5.27) Let the domain  $n$  consist of all integers. Determine whether each of the following quantified predicates is true or false:

(a)  $\forall n \exists m (n^2 < m)$  **T**

(b)  $\exists m \forall n (n^2 < m)$  **F**

(c)  $\exists n \forall m (nm = m)$  **T**

(d)  $\exists n \exists m (n^2 + m^2 = 5)$  **T**

6. (1.7.1) Using a direct proof, prove the following statement:

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers. If  $a$  and  $b$  are odd, then  $a + b$  is even.

**By definition, there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $a = 2k + 1$ , and  $m$  such that  $b = 2m + 1$ . Then  $a + b = 2k + 1 + 2m + 1 = 2k + 2m + 2 = 2(k + m + 1)$ . Let some integer  $y = k + m + 1$ , then  $a + b = 2y$ .**

**Therefore, if  $a$  and  $b$  are odd,  $a + b$  is even.**

7. (1.7.13) Using a proof by contraposition, prove the following statement:

Let  $x$  be real. If  $x$  is irrational, then  $1/x$  is irrational.

**Assume  $x$  is irrational and  $1/x$  is not irrational. If  $1/x$  is not irrational then  $1/x =$  some integers  $a/b$ , where  $b \neq 0$ . So,  $x = 1/(1/x) = 1/(a/b) = b/a$ , which leads to  $x$  being rational.**

**Therefore, if  $x$  is irrational, then  $1/x$  is irrational.**

8. (1.7.16) Consider the following statement:

Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  be integers. If  $x + y + z$  is odd, then at least one of  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  is odd.

- (a) Which proof technique should be used to prove the above statement? Briefly explain your answer. **Contradiction, because to assume  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  is odd, is to assume that they are all even.**

- (b) Prove the above statement.

Assume  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are all even. By definition, if all of them are even then  $x = 2k$ ,  $y = 2m$ , and  $z = 2w$ . Then  $x + y + z = 2k + 2m + 2w = 2(k + m + w)$  which, by definition, is even. This shows that if all the integers are even, then the result is cannot be odd.

Therefore, if  $x + y + z$  is odd, then at least one of them has to be odd.



## Homework 3

### Homework 3 – Sets

**Due: Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

1. (1.7.20) Consider the following statement:

Let  $n$  be an integer. If  $3n + 2$  is even, then  $n$  is even.

- (a) Using a proof by contraposition, prove the above statement.

**Proof: Let  $n$  be an integer that is odd. By definition,  $n = 2k + 1$**

**Then,  $3(2k + 1) + 2 = 6k + 3 + 2 = 6k + 4 + 1 = 2(3k + 2) + 1$ . Some integer  $m = 3k + 2$  s.t.  $3n + 2 = 2m + 1$ , which means  $3n + 2$  is odd.**

**Therefore, by contraposition, if  $3n + 2$  is even, then  $n$  is even.**

- (b) Using a proof by contradiction, prove the above statement.

**Proof: Suppose by contradiction, that  $3n+2$  is even, and  $n$  is odd. By definition,  $3n+2 = 3(2k + 1)+2 = 6k + 3 + 2 = 6k + 4 + 1 = 2(3k+2) + 1$ .  $m = 3k+2$ ,  $3n+2 = 2m+1$ , which means  $3n+2$  is odd, and even.**

**Therefore, by contradiction, if  $3n+2$  is even, then  $n$  is even.**

2. (1.7.24) Using the notion of “without loss of generality,” prove the following statement:

If there are 3 socks, either blue or black, then there must be at least 2 of the same color.

**Theorem: If there exist 3 socks, either blue or black, then there must be at least 2 socks of the same color.**

**Sketch:**

**blue, blue, blue; blue, blue, black; blue, black, blue, blue, black, black.**

**“Without loss of generality,” suppose the first sock is blue. Using the four cases above, in all possible cases, there are at least 2 socks of the same color. Therefore, if there exists 3 socks, either black or blue, then there must be at least 2 socks of the same color.**

3. (1.8.8) Using the notion of “without loss of generality,” prove the following statement:

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers. If  $x$  and  $y$  have opposite parity, then  $5x + 5y$  is odd.

**“Without loss of generality,” assume  $x$  is odd and  $y$  is even. Then  $x = 2k + 1$  and  $y = 2m$ , then  $5x + 5y = 5(2k + 1) + 5(2m) = 10k + 1 + 10m = 2(5k + 5m) + 1$ , which by definition is odd.**

**Therefore, if  $x$  and  $y$  have opposite parity, then  $5x + 5y$  is odd.**

4. (1.8.10) Consider the following statement:

There exists a positive integer  $x$  such that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{x-1} i$ .

- (a) Prove the above statement.

**For example, 3. The sum of  $2 + 1$  is 3. Therefore, there exists a positive integer  $x$  such that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{x-1} i$ .**

- (b) Is your proof **constructive** or non-constructive?

**constructive**

5. (1.8.12) Consider the following statement:

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be real numbers. There exists a pair of  $a$ ,  $b$ , or  $c$  whose product is non-negative.

(a) Prove the above statement.

**Cases:  $a+ b+ c+$ ,  $a+ b+ c-$ ,  $a+ b- c-$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $a$  is non-negative. Using the cases above, in all possible cases there is always a pair of either non-negative or negative. Every real number is either negative or non-negative.**

**In all possible cases, there are at least two numbers with the same sign. If they have same sign, product must be non-negative.**

(b) Is your proof constructive or **non-constructive**?

**Non-constructive**

6. (2.1.1) List the members of the following sets:

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|--|---|
| (a) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 = 1\}$                                | $\{-1, 1\}$                                 |
| (b) $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid x \leq 12\}$                            | $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ |
| (c) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \sqrt{x} \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge x < 100\}$ | $\{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\}$    |
| (d) $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x^2 = 2\}$                                | $\emptyset$                                 |

7. (2.1.10) Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| (a) $\{2\} \in \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x > 1\}$ | <b>F</b> |
| (b) $\{2\} \in \{2, \{2\}\}$                    | <b>T</b> |
| (c) $\{2\} \in \{\{2\}, \{2, \{2\}\}\}$         | <b>T</b> |
| (d) $\{2\} \in \{\{\{2\}\}\}$                   | <b>F</b> |

8. (2.1.11) Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| (a) $0 \in \emptyset$                       | <b>F</b> |
| (b) $\emptyset \subseteq \{0\}$             | <b>T</b> |
| (c) $\{0\} \in \{0\}$                       | <b>F</b> |
| (d) $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq \{\emptyset\}$ | <b>T</b> |

9. (2.2.1) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the sets:

- $A$ : The set of students who live within one mile of school.
- $B$ : The set of students who walk to class.

... describe each of the following sets as an English phrase:

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| (a) $A \cap B$ | <b>The set of students who live within one mile of school and who walk to class.</b>    |
| (b) $A \cup B$ | <b>The set of students who live within one mile of school and/or walk to class.</b>     |
| (c) $A - B$    | <b>The set of students who live within one of school but do not walk to class.</b>      |
| (d) $B - A$    | <b>The set of students who walk to class but do not live within one mile of school.</b> |

10. (2.1.20) Find two sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , such that  $A \in B$  and  $A \subseteq B$ .

**A: {2, 4}      B: {2, 4, {1, 5, 6}}**

11. (2.2.14) Find two sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , such that  $A - B = \{1, 5, 7, 8\}$ ,  $B - A = \{2, 10\}$ , and  $A \cap B = \{3, 6, 9\}$ .

**A: {1, 5, 7, 8, 3, 6, 9}      B: {2, 10, 3, 6, 9}**

12. (2.2.16) Consider the following statement:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Then  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$ .

(a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above statement.

(b) Prove the above statement.

**Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . By definition,  $x$  is  $x \in A \wedge x \in B$ . So,  $x$  is an element of  $A$ ,  $x \in A$ .**

**Therefore,  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$ .**

13. (2.2.16) Consider the following statement:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Then  $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

(a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above statement.

(b) Prove the above statement.

**Let  $x \in A \cap (B - A)$ . By definition,  $x \in A \wedge x \in B - A$ . By definition of difference,  $x \in A \wedge (x \in B \wedge \neg(x \in A)) = x \in A \wedge (\neg(x \in A) \wedge x \in B) = (x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in A)) \wedge x \in B$  which is always false. So,  $A \cap (B - A) \subseteq \emptyset$ .**

**Therefore,  $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$**

## Homework 4

1. (2.2.20) Prove the following statement:

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Then  $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \cup B$  be a set such that  $x \in (A \cup B)$ . By definition,  $x \in A \vee x \in B$ , which means that  $x$  is in  $A$  or  $x$  is in  $B$ . Because this is a disjunction, adding in that  $x$  is an element of  $C$  does not change the truth value. So,  $x$  is an element of  $A$  or  $x$  is an element of  $B$  or  $x$  is an element of  $C$  is still true.

Therefore,  $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$ .

2. (2.2.20) Prove the following statement:

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Then  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) = \emptyset$

**Proof:** Assume, for contradiction, the set is not empty and contains an element  $x$ . This leads to  $x \in (A - C) \cap (C - B)$ . By definition,  $x$  is an element that is in  $A$  but not  $C$  AND an element that is in  $C$  but not  $B$ ;  $\{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in \neg C \wedge x \in C \wedge x \in \neg B\}$ . This means that  $x$  is both not in  $C$  and in  $C$ .

Therefore, by contradiction,  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) = \emptyset$

3. (2.2.53) Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n\}$ , where  $A_1 = \{1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $A_n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Find the following sets:

(a)  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$   
(b)  $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{1\}$

4. (2.1.34) Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $B = \{x, y\}$ , and  $C = \{0, 1\}$ . Find the following sets:

(a)  $(A \times B) \times C = \{(a, x, 0), (a, x, 1), (a, y, 0), (a, y, 1), (b, x, 0), (b, x, 1), (b, y, 0), (b, y, 1), (c, x, 0), (c, x, 1), (c, y, 0), (c, y, 1)\}$   
(b)  $(C \times B) \times A = \{(0, x, a), (0, x, b), (0, x, c), (0, y, a), (0, y, b), (0, y, c), (1, x, a), (1, x, b), (1, x, c), (1, y, a), (1, y, b), (1, y, c)\}$

5. (2.1.28) Prove the following statement:

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  be sets. If  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq D$ , then  $A \times B \subseteq C \times D$ .

**Proof:** By definition,  $A \subseteq C$  means that every element in  $A$  is in  $C$ ;  $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in C)$ . And  $B \subseteq D$  means that every element of  $B$  is in  $D$ ;  $\forall y (y \in B \rightarrow y \in D)$ .  $A \times B$  is a subset of pairs with an element from  $A$  being the first item, and an element from  $B$  being the second;  $\{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$ .

Because every element from  $A$  is in  $C$ , and every element from  $B$  is in  $D$ , every pair that exists in  $A \times B$  also exists in  $C \times D$ , which, by definition, make  $A \times B$  a subset of  $C \times D$ .  $\{(x, y) \mid x \in A \wedge x \in C \text{ and } y \in B \wedge y \in D\}$

Therefore,  $A \times B \subseteq C \times D$ .

6. (2.1.33) Prove the following statement:

Let  $A$  be a set. Then  $\emptyset \times A = \emptyset$ .

**By definition,  $\emptyset \times A = \{(x, y) \mid x \in \emptyset \text{ and } y \in A\}$ . This means that  $x$  is an element from the empty set, however, because there are no elements in the empty set then nothing is produced. This leads to an incomplete  $(x, y)$ .**

**Therefore,  $\emptyset \times A = \emptyset$ .**

7. (2.3.1 and 2.3.2) Determine whether each of the following is a function:

- (a)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 1/x$  **not a function,  $f$  is undefined at 0**
- (b)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \pm \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$  **no,  $f$  assigns more than one value to each value of  $x$**
- (c)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  **yes**
- (d)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = (x^2 - 2)^{-1}$  **yes**

8. (2.3.12 and 2.3.13) Determine whether each of the following is injective, surjective, both, or neither:

- (a)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $f(n) = n - 1$  **bijective**
- (b)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$  **injective**
- (c)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $f(n) = n^3$  **surjective**
- (d)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $f(n) = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  **injective**

9. (2.3.17 and 2.3.19) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the sets:

- $A$ : The set of teachers employed by a school
- $B$ : The set of offices in (that same) school

... describe each of the following situations in English:

- (a) A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an injection.

**No teachers employed by a school share an office in school.**

- (b) A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a surjection.

**Every office in school is used by one or more teachers.**

10. (2.3.28) Let  $f$  be the function:

- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = e^x$

A function is said to be *invertible* if its inverse can be defined.

- (a) Explain why  $f$  is *not* invertible. **It is not a bijection.**
- (b) Find an alternative domain or codomain such that  $f$  is invertible.  **$f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$**

11. (2.3.34) Let  $f: B \rightarrow C$  and  $g: A \rightarrow B$  be functions.

(a) Prove or disprove the following statement:

If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection, then  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is also an injection.

**Proof:** If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection then  $((x, y) \in f \circ g \wedge (z, y) \in f \circ g) \rightarrow x = z$ . By definition, there exists some  $x, z \in A$  and  $y \in C$  such that  $f \circ g(x) = y$  and  $f \circ g(z) = y$ . Because  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is a function, for every input there is an output, so by definition there exists a  $w \in B$  such that  $g(x) = w$  and  $f(w) = y$ , and there exists a  $v \in B$  such that  $g(z) = v$  and  $f(v) = y$ . So  $B = \{w, v\}$ ,  $A = \{x, z\}$ , and  $C = \{y\}$ . The outputs in  $B$  each only take one input from  $A$ ,  $x$  or  $z$ .

Therefore,  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is also an injection.

(b) Prove or disprove the following statement:

If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection, then  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is also an injection.

**Proof:** If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection then  $((x, y) \in f \circ g \wedge (z, y) \in f \circ g) \rightarrow x = z$ . Using the same reasoning as above, because  $f(v) = z = f(w)$ ,  $v = w$ .

Therefore,  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is also an injection.

12. (2.3.72) Prove the following statement:

Let  $f: B \rightarrow C$  and  $g: A \rightarrow B$  be bijections. Then  $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$

[Hint: Recall that a function is itself a set; this is a proof of set equality.]

**Proof:** Since  $f: B \rightarrow C$  and  $g: A \rightarrow B$  are bijective, then there exists an  $x \in A$  such that  $g(x) = y$  where  $y \in B$ , and  $f(y) = z$  where  $z \in C$ , this then makes  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  bijective. By definition,  $(f \circ g)^{-1}(z) = x$ .  $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1} = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(z))$ . Broken down,  $f^{-1}(z) = y$  because it is a bijection. Then  $g^{-1}(y) = x$ , and  $x = x$ .

Therefore,  $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$

## Homework 5

### Homework 5 – Mathematical Induction

**Due: Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

1. (2.3.34) Let  $f: B \rightarrow C$  and  $g: A \rightarrow B$  be functions.

(a) Prove or disprove the following statement:

If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is also a surjection.

**Proof:** If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $\forall y \in C (\exists x \in A ((x, y) \in f \circ g))$ . By definition, there exists some  $z \in B$  that is a result of some  $x \in A$ , such that  $f \circ g(x) = z$ . If this is a surjection, then all outputs have an input, if this is true from  $A \rightarrow C$  then this must be true from  $A \rightarrow B$  because there must be some input there that produces an output, hence, all outputs being produced.

Therefore, if  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is also a surjection.

(b) Prove or disprove the following statement:

If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is also a surjection.

**Proof:** If  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $\forall y \in C (\exists x \in A ((x, y) \in f \circ g))$ . By definition, there exists some  $z \in B$  that is a result of some  $x \in A$ , such that  $f \circ g(x) = z$ . If this is a surjection, then all outputs have an input. This does not guarantee that  $f$  is also a surjection because value  $y$  in  $B$  that doesn't have an input in  $C$ , but that does have an input when  $f \circ g$ .

Therefore, if  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$  is a surjection, then  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is not always a surjection.

2. (2.5.1 and 2.5.2) Determine whether each of the following sets is finite, countably infinite, or uncountable.

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|---|--------------------|
| (a) The set of integers less than 100                   | countably infinite |
| (b) The set of real numbers between 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$ | uncountable        |
| (c) The set of positive integers less than 1000000000   | finite             |
| (d) The set $\{2, 3\} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$              | countably infinite |

3. (2.5.10) Find the two uncountable sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , such that  $A - B$  is finite.

$$\begin{array}{ll} A = \{1, 2\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ & B = \{1\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ A = \{7, 8, 9\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ & B = \{8\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{array}$$

4. (2.5.11) Find two uncountable sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , such that  $A \cap B$  is countably infinite.

$$\begin{array}{l} A = \{1, 2\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } B = \{3, 4\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ A = \{5, 6\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } B = \{7, 8\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{array}$$

5. (5.1.3) Let  $P(n)$  be the statement:

- $P(n)$ : "For all positive integers  $n$ ,  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$ ."

Consider proving the above statement by induction:

- (a) Show  $P(1)$ , completing the basis step.

**Consider  $n = 1$ . Then we have:  $1^2 = (1)(2)(3)/6 = 1$**

(b) Assume, for some integer  $k \geq 1$ ,  $P(k)$ , completing the inductive hypothesis.

**Suppose that for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ ,  $(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2) = k(k+1)(2k+1)/6$**

(c) Show  $P(k+1)$ , completing the inductive step (and, thus, the proof).

**Let  $n = k + 1$ . Then we have:  $(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2)$**

**By hypothesis, this equals  $k(k+1)(2k+1)/6 + (k+1)^2 = 6(k+1)^2 + k(k+1)(2k+1)/6$**

**$= (k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6)/6 = (k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)/6$**

**Therefore, by the PMI, for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$**

6. (5.1.6) Using a proof by induction, prove the following statement:

For all positive integers  $n$ ,  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1$ .

**Basis Step: Let  $n = 0$ . Then we have  $0 \cdot 0! = (0+1)! - 1 = 0$ .**

**Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose, for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ ,  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + k \cdot k! = (k+1)! - 1$ .**

**Inductive Step: Let  $n = k + 1$ . Then we have  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + k \cdot k! + (k+1) \cdot (k+1)!$**

**By hypothesis, this equal:  $(k+1)! - 1 + (k+1) \cdot (k+1)!$**

**Therefore, by PMI, for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1$ .**

7. (5.1.37) Using a proof by induction, prove the following statement:

For all positive integers  $n$ ,  $133 \mid (11^{n+1} + 12^{2n-1})$ .

**Basis Step: Let  $n = 1$ . Then we have  $11^{1+1} + 12^{2 \cdot 1 - 1} = 121 + 12 = 133$ , and certainly  $133 \mid 133$**

**Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose, for some  $k$ ,  $133 \mid (11^{k+1} + 12^{2k-1})$ .**

**Inductive Step: Let  $n = k + 1$ . Then we have:  $11^{k+1+1} + 12^{2(k+1)-1} = 11 \cdot 11^{k+1} + 12^2 \cdot 12^{2k-1}$**

**$= 11 \cdot 11^{k+1} + (11 + 133) \cdot 12^{2k-1} = 11(11^{k+1} + 12^{2k-1}) + 133 \cdot 12^{2k-1}$ . By hypothesis, the first part is divisible by 133 and 133 is divisible by 133.**

**Therefore, by PMI, for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $133 \mid (11^{n+1} + 12^{2n-1})$**

8. (5.1.52) Using a proof by induction, prove the following statement:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets such that  $|A| > |B|$ . Then any function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is not injective.

[Hint: Note that  $|B| \geq 1$ , else  $f$  would not be a function. Then, since  $|A| > |B|$ ,  $|A| \geq 2$ .]

**Basis Step: Let the cardinality of  $A = 2$ . Then the cardinality of  $B$  is one. This means that the two inputs in  $A$  produce the one output in  $B$ . Certainly this is not injective.**

**Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose for  $A$  that the cardinality is  $k$ . Then  $B$ 's is at most  $k - 1$ . There is then one more input than output meaning at least one output has multiple inputs.**



**Therefore, if  $|A| > |B|$ . Then any function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is not injective.**

*Theorem:*

*Proof:*

- What is the error in this “proof”?

10. (5.1.78) A *triomino* is an ‘L’ shape formed by three  $1 \times 1$  squares:

X	X	X	X
X	X		X
X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

- (c) By induction, show that, for all positive integers  $n$ , every  $2^n \times 2^n$  checkerboard with one  $1 \times 1$  square removed can be covered with non-overlapping triominoes

**Basis Step:** Let  $n = 1$ . Then we have  $2^1 \times 2^1 = 2 \times 2$ , which with one square removed is by definition, a triomino.

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose, for some  $k$ ,  $2^k \times 2^k$ , with one square removed can be covered with non-overlapping triominoes.

**Inductive Step:** Let  $n = k + 1$ . Then we have  $2^{k+1} \times 2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^k \times 2 \cdot 2^k$ . By hypothesis, this with one square removed can be covered with non-overlapping triominoes.

- (d) Therefore, by PMI, for all positive integers  $n$ , every  $2^n \times 2^n$  checkerboard with one  $1 \times 1$  square removed can be covered with non-overlapping triominoes.