

# Math 295: Test 2 Take-home

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1. Prove the following statement: Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  are nonnegative, then  $\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$ .  
Proof by contradiction: Assume  $x$  and  $y$  are negative ( $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ ) and  $\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  are both negative, then  $\frac{x+y}{2} < 0$  because two negative numbers added together and subsequently divided by two is still a negative number. Also, if  $x$  and  $y$  are both negative, then  $\sqrt{xy} > 0$  because the product of two negative numbers is positive. Therefore  $\frac{x+y}{2} < \sqrt{xy}$  because a negative number is always smaller than a positive number. However, this contradicts the fact that  $\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$ . Therefore,  $x$  and  $y$  need to be nonnegative.  
Note: The cases involving either  $x$  or  $y$  (exclusively) being negative was shown because if either was negative, then  $\sqrt{xy}$  would equal an imaginary number.
2. Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are sets. Prove that  $A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C$  if and only if  $A \setminus C \subseteq B \setminus C$ .  
Proof: ( $\rightarrow$ ) Assume  $A \setminus B \subseteq B \setminus C$  and also assume  $A \cup C$ .  
Case 1: Assume  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ . If  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ , then  $x \in B$  by the given ( $A \setminus B \subseteq B \setminus C$ ). Thus  $x \in (B \cup C)$ , as required.  
Case 2: Assume  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A$ . If  $x \in C$ , then  $x \in (B \cup C)$ , as required.  
Case 3: Assume  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$ . If  $x \in C$ , then  $x \in (B \cup C)$ , as required.  
Therefore, if  $x \in (A \cup C)$ , then  $x \in (B \cup C)$ . Which means  $(A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C)$ , as required.  
( $\leftarrow$ ) Assume  $(A \cup C) \subseteq (B \cup C)$ , and also assume  $A \setminus C$ .  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ . According to the assumed statement,  $((A \cup C) \subseteq (B \cup C))$ , since  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in (B \cup C)$ . However, since  $x \notin C$  (this is from the original assumption  $x \in A \setminus C$ ),  $x \in B$ . Thus, if  $x \in A \setminus C$ , then  $x \in B \setminus C$ .  
Therefore,  $A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C$  if and only if  $A \setminus C \subseteq B \setminus C$ .
3. Prove that  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(R)$ .  
Assume  $x \in \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ . Thus, by the definition of the domain of  $S$  composed with  $R$ ,  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) = \{a \in A \mid \exists c \in C((a, c) \in S \circ R)\}$ ,  $x \in a \in A$ , which means  $x \in A$ . By the definition of a composition,  $R \in A \times B$  and  $S \in B \times C$ . Therefore, by the definition of the domain of  $R$ ,  $\{a \in A \mid \exists b \in B((a, b) \in R)\}$ ,  $x \in \text{Dom}(R)$  since  $x \in A$ . Thus, if  $x \in \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ , then  $x \in \text{Dom}(R)$ , as required ( $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(R)$ ).
4. Show by example that  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) = \text{Dom}(R)$  may be false.  
Proof: Let  $R = \{(1, 3)(1, 4)(2, 5)(3, 6)\}$   
Let  $S = \{(3, 2)(4, 3)\}$   
Thus,  $S \circ R = \{(1, 2)(1, 3)\}$   
Then,  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) = \{1\}$  and  $\text{Dom}(R) = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  
Therefore  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) \neq \text{Dom}(R)$ .