## Section B.1 – Sets

B.1-1 Draw Venn diagrams that illustrate the first of the distributive laws (B.1).

B.1-2 Prove the generalization of DeMorgan's laws to any finite collection of sets:

$$\overline{A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n} = \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2} \cup \dots \cup \overline{A_n},$$
$$\overline{A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n} = \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{A_n}.$$

The base case, which occurs when n = 2, is given (from the text book). Now, lets assume it holds for n and show that it also holds for n + 1.

For the first DeMongan's law, we have

$$\overline{A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n \cap A_{n+1}} = \overline{(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \cap A_{n+1}}$$

$$= \overline{(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)} \cup \overline{A_{n+1}}$$

$$= \overline{(A_1 \cup \overline{A_2} \cup \dots \cup \overline{A_n})} \cup \overline{A_{n+1}}$$

$$= \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2} \cup \dots \cup \overline{A_n} \cup \overline{A_{n+1}}.$$

For the second DeMongan's law, we have

$$\overline{A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n \cup A_{n+1}} = \overline{(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \cup A_{n+1}} \\
= \overline{(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)} \cap \overline{A_{n+1}} \\
= \overline{(A_1 \cap \overline{A_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{A_n}) \cap \overline{A_{n+1}}} \\
= \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{A_n} \cap \overline{A_{n+1}}.$$

B.1-3 (\*) Prove the generalization of equation (B.3), which is called the *principle of inclusion and exclusion*:

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| =$$

$$|A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_n|$$

$$-|A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_3| - \dots \qquad \text{(all pairs)}$$

$$+|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| + \dots \qquad \text{(all triples)}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$+(-1)^{n-1}|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|.$$

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B.1-4 Show that the set of odd natural numbers is countable.

Let  $\mathbb{O}$  denote the set of odd natural numbers.

The function f(n) = 2n + 1 is a 1-1 correspondence from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{O}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{O}$  is countable.

B.1-5 Show that for any finite set S, the power set  $2^{S}$  has  $2^{|S|}$  elements (that is, there are  $2^{|S|}$  distinct subsets of S).

For the base case, consider a set with a single element x. We have

$$2^{\{x\}} = \{\emptyset, \{x\}\},\$$

which shows that the power set of a set with a single element has cardinality  $2^1 = 2$ .

Let  $C(\cdot)$  denote the cardinality of a power set. Let S be a set of size n. Lets assume that the power set of S has cardinality  $C(S) = 2^{|S|} = 2^n$ . Now, let S' be the set S with one additional element x, such that |S'| = n + 1. The power set of S' will consist of all sets in the power set of S plus all those same sets again, with the element x added. Thus, we have

$$C(S') = 2 \cdot C(S) = 2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}.$$

B.1-6 Give an inductive definition for an n-tuple by extending the set-theoretic definition for an ordered pair.

$$(a) = \{a\}$$

$$(a,b) = \{a, \{a,b\}\}$$

$$(a,b,c) = \{a, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$$

$$(a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_n) = (a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_{n-1}) \cup \{a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_n\}$$

## Section B.2 – Relations

B.2-1 Prove that the subset relation " $\subset$ " on all subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a partial order but not a total order.

Let  $\mathbb S$  denote all the subsets of  $\mathbb Z$ . Let  $A=\{1\}$ ,  $B=\{2\}$  be two subsets of  $\mathbb Z$ . We have  $A\not\subseteq B$  and  $B\not\subseteq A$ . Thus, the subset relation " $\subseteq$ " on  $\mathbb S\times\mathbb S$  is not a total relation and therefore is not a total order.

For the relation  $\subseteq$  on  $\mathbb S$  be a partial order, the following properties needs to hold: (1) reflexivity, (2) antisymmetry, (3) transitivity. Since  $A \subseteq A$ , for all  $A \in \mathbb S$ , the relation " $\subseteq$ " on  $\mathbb S \times \mathbb S$  is reflexive. To be antisymmetric, we need to show that if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ , then A = B, for all  $A, B \in \mathbb S$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , for all  $a \in A$  we have  $a \in B$  and since  $B \subseteq A$ , for all  $b \in B$  we have  $b \in A$ . Thus, A = B and the relation " $\subseteq$ " on  $\mathbb S \times \mathbb S$  is antisymmetric. To be transitive, we need to show that if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ , for all  $A, B, C \in \mathbb S$ . So let  $a \in A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $a \in B$ . Since  $a \in B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , we have  $a \in C$ . Thus,  $A \subseteq C$  and the relation " $\subseteq$ " on  $\mathbb S \times \mathbb S$  is transitive.

B.2-2 Show that for any positive integer n, the relation "equivalent modulo n" is an equivalence relation on the integers. (We say that  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if there exists an integer q such that a - b = qn.) Into what equivalence classes does this relation partition the integers?

To the relation "equivalent modulo n" be an equivalent relation on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , the following needs to hold:

- (a)  $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$ , for all  $a, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (reflexivity)
- (b)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  implies  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ , for all  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (symmetry)
- (c)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$  implies  $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , for all  $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (transitivity)

For the reflexivity property, we have that a - a = qn holds directly for q = 0.

For the symmetry property, we have that a-b=pn implies b-a=qn holds directly for q=-p.

For the transitivity property, we have that a-b=pn and b-c=qn implies a-c=rn holds for r=p+q, since

$$(a - b) + (b - c) = pn + qn \rightarrow a - c = (p + q)n.$$

- B.2-3 Give examples of relations that are
  - a. reflexive and symmetric but not transitive,
  - b. reflexive and transitive but not symmetric,
  - c. symmetric and transitive but not reflexive.
  - (a) The relation "is neighbor of" is reflexive (one is neighbor of himself) and symmetric (a "is neighbor of" b imply b "is neighbor of" a), but not transitive (a "is neighbor of" b and b "is neighbor of" b does not imply a "is neighbor of" b.
  - (b) The relation " $\leq$ " is reflexive  $(a \leq a)$  and transitive  $(a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq c \text{ imply } a \leq c)$ , but not symmetric  $(a \leq b \text{ does not imply } b \leq a)$ .
  - (c) Consider the relation " $a+b>\infty$ " on  $\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}$ . This relation is empty. However, it is symmetric ( $a\ R\ b$  imply  $b\ R\ a$ ) and transitive ( $a\ R\ b$  and  $b\ R\ c$  imply  $a\ R\ c$ ), but not reflexive since for no  $a\in\mathbb{Z}$  is it the case that  $a\ R\ a$ .
- B.2-4 Let S be a finite set, and let R be an equivalence relation on  $S \times S$ . Show that if in addition R is antisymmetric, then the equivalence classes of S with respect to R are singletons.

For every  $a, b \in S$  such that a R b, by symmetry b R a, and by antisymmetry a = a. Thus,  $[a] = \{b \in S : a R b\} = \{a\}$  for all  $a \in S$ , which implies that the equivalence classes are singletons.

B.2-5 Professor Narcissus claims that if a relation R is symmetric and transitive, then it is also reflexive. He offers the following proof. By symmetry, a R b implies b R a. Transitivity, therefore, implies a R a. Is the professor correct?

No. This is only true for relations that for every a there is b such that a R b, by symmetry b R a, and by transitivity a R a. For instance, an empty relation (like the one from Question B.2-3, item (c)) are symmetric and transitive, but not reflexive.

## Section B.3 – Functions

- B.3-1 Let A and B be finite sets, and let  $f:A\to B$  be a function. Show that
  - a. if f is injective, then  $|A| \leq |B|$ ;
  - b. if f is surjective, then  $|A| \ge |B|$ .
  - (a) Since f is injective, we have that A = f(A). Also, we have

$$\begin{cases} |B| = |f(A)|, & f \text{ is surjective,} \\ |B| > |f(A)|, & f \text{ is not surjective.} \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $|B| \ge |f(A)| = |A| \to |A| \le |B|$ .

(b) Since f is surjective, we have |f(A)| = |B|. Also, we have

$$\begin{cases} |A| = |f(A)|, & f \text{ is injective,} \\ |A| > |f(A)|, & f \text{ is not injective.} \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $|A| \ge |f(A)| = |B| \to |A| \ge |B|$ .

B.3-2 Is the function f(x) = x + 1 bijective when the domain and the codomain are  $\mathbb{N}$ ? Is it bijective when the domain and the codomain are  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

On the set of naturals, f is injective but not surjective, since there is no  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  such that 0 = f(a), which makes  $f(\mathbb{N}) \neq \mathbb{N}$ . On the set of integers, f is both injective and surjective, and therefore bijective.

B.3-3 Give a natural definition for the inverse of a binary relation such that if a relation is in fact a bijective function, its relational inverse is its functional inverse.

Let R be a binary relation on the sets A and B, such that  $R \subseteq A \times B$ . The general definition of the inverse of R is given by

$$R^{-1} = \{ (b, a) \in B \times A : (a, b) \in R \}.$$

When R is a bijective function, we have: (1) each element of A has relation with precisely one element of B (injective) and (2) for all  $b \in B$  there is a such that a R b (surjective). Therefore, when R is bijective, each element of A is related to exactly one element of B and vice-versa, which implies

$$f(a) = b \iff f'(b) = a,$$

for all  $a \in A$  and for all  $b \in B$ .

B.3-4 (\*) Give a bijection from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

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