

1. (10 points) (Logic)

(a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be logical statements. Use truth tables to show that the statement " $\sim(A \Rightarrow B)$ " is equivalent to " $A \wedge (\sim B)$ ."

(b) Find the negation of

"For some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x^2 > 5$  and  $x < -3$ ,"

equivalently,

" $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(x^2 > 5) \wedge (x < -3)$ ."

(a)

$A$	$B$	$A \Rightarrow B$	$\sim B$	$A \wedge (\sim B)$
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	F

↖ opposite truth values ↗

Since  $A \Rightarrow B$  and  $A \wedge (\sim B)$  have opposite truth values, they are negations of each other. Thus,  $\sim(A \Rightarrow B)$  is equivalent to  $A \wedge (\sim B)$ .

(b)  $\nexists x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 \leq 5$  or  $x \geq -3$ .

2. (10 points) Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider the statement: “If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|x| \geq \varepsilon$ .”

(a) Write the contrapositive of this statement without using the word “not.”:

If  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$   $|x| < \varepsilon$ , then  $x = 0$ .

(b) Write the converse of this statement:

If  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  .s.  $|x| \geq \varepsilon$ , then  $x \neq 0$

(c) Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove the if and only if statement,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|x| < \varepsilon$  iff  $x = 0$  by proving both implications:<sup>1</sup>

$\Rightarrow$  (“only if”): We need to prove

If  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|x| < \varepsilon$ , then  $x = 0$

It is easier to prove the (logically equivalent) contrapositive statement

If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|x| \geq \varepsilon$ .

**Proof:**

If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $|x| > 0$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{|x|}{2}$ .

Then multiplying both sides of the inequality  $1 > \frac{1}{2}$  by the positive number  $|x|$ , we obtain

$$|x| > \frac{1}{2} |x| = \varepsilon.$$

$\Leftarrow$  (“if”): We need to show

If  $x = 0$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|x| < \varepsilon$

**Proof:** If  $x = 0$  then  $|x| = 0$  as well, so obviously whenever  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have in particular  $|x| = 0 < \varepsilon$ , or  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, |x| < \varepsilon$

3. (10 points) (**Inf and sup**) Fitzpatrick, §1.1, p. 11, #13. Suppose that  $S$  is a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded. Prove that  $\inf S \leq \sup S$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a = \inf(S)$  and  $b = \sup(S)$ . Since  $S$  is nonempty we can pick some  $s \in S$ . Then by definition,  $a \leq s$  and  $s \leq b$ . By transitivity,  $a \leq b$ .  $\square$

4. (10 points) (**Irrationality**) Prove that  $\sqrt{10}$  is not a rational number. You may use the unique factorization property of integers.

Proof by contradiction. Assume that  $\sqrt{10}$  is rational.

This means  $\sqrt{10} = m/n$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \neq 0$ .

By cancelling out common factors, we may assume  $m/n$  in lowest terms. Since  $\sqrt{10}$  is positive, we may assume  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(If  $m, n$  are both negative, the negative signs cancel out.)

Square both sides to get  $10 = m^2/n^2$ , or

$$10n^2 = m^2. \quad (1)$$

Factor  $m, n$  into prime factors:  $m = q_1 \cdots q_s$ ,  $n = p_1 \cdots p_r$ . Then

$$10n^2 = m^2 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 5 p_1^2 \cdots p_r^2 = q_1^2 \cdots q_s^2.$$

By UF (unique factorization), 2 must be equal to a factor  $q_i$  on the right. Then 2 is a factor of  $m$ , so  $m = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Eq. (1) becomes

$$10n^2 = m^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2.$$

$$\text{or } 5n^2 = 2k^2.$$

By UF again, since 2 is a factor of RHS, it is a factor of LHS  $5n^2$  and so 2 is a factor of  $n$ . Then

both  $m$  and  $n$  have 2 as a factor, contradicting the fact that  $m/n$  is in lowest terms. Therefore, the initial hypothesis is false and  $\sqrt{10}$  is not rational.  $\square$

5. (10 points) (**Mathematical induction**) Prove by mathematical induction the summation

formula for geometric series: For  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r \neq 1$ :  $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$ .

Proof.

**Initial Case:** For  $n = 0$ , the statement is that

$$r^0 = \frac{1 - r^1}{1 - r}.$$

Both sides equal  $a$ .

**Inductive Step:** Suppose for some  $n$  we know that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} r^k &= \sum_{k=0}^n r^k + r^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} + r^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} + \frac{r^{n+1}(1 - r)}{1 - r} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1 - r} \right) (1 - r^{n+1} + (r^{n+1} - r^{n+2})) \\ &= \frac{1 - r^{n+2}}{1 - r}. \end{aligned}$$

□

6. (15 points) **(Subsets, equality of sets)** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and let  $C$  and  $D$  be subsets of  $B$ .

(a) (7 points) Prove or provide a counterexample that  $f^{-1}(C \cap D) \subset f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$ . To prove this, you need to show every element of  $f^{-1}(C \cap D)$  is in  $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$ . To provide a counterexample, you give a *specific*  $A, B, f : A \rightarrow B$  and subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of  $B$ , such that the assertion is not true for this specific  $A, B, C, D$  and  $f$ .

(b) (7 points) Prove or provide a counterexample to the assertion  $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D) \subset f^{-1}(C \cap D)$  and prove your answer. To prove the assertion, you need to show every element of  $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$  is in  $f^{-1}(C \cap D)$ . To provide a counterexample, you give a *specific*  $A, B, f : A \rightarrow B$  and subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of  $B$ , such that the assertion is not true for this specific  $A, B, C, D$  and  $f$ .

(c) (1 point) Does  $f^{-1}(C \cap D) = f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$  in general?

Proof. (a)  $x \in f^{-1}(C \cap D)$  means  $f(x) \in C \cap D$ , in other words,  $f(x) \in C$  and  $f(x) \in D$ , which in turn means  $x \in f^{-1}(C)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(D)$ . But this is precisely the statement that  $x \in f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$ .

(b) We run the preceding reasoning backwards:  $x \in f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$  means  $f(x) \in C$  and  $f(x) \in D$ , which is the same as  $f(x) \in C \cap D$ . This is the definition of  $x \in f^{-1}(C \cap D)$ .

(c) From (a), we get  $f^{-1}(C \cap D) \subset f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$ .

From (b), we get  $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D) \subset f^{-1}(C \cap D)$ .

Thus, equality  $f^{-1}(C \cap D) = f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$  holds. □

7. (10 points) (**Injection, surjection, image, preimage**) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2$ . You may, for purposes of this problem, use what you know from Calc I-II to determine the location of maxima and minima and intervals of monotonicity. Use the definition of  $f$  and the shape of the graph of  $f$  to answer the questions.

(a) Is  $f$  injective? Why or why not?

(b) Is  $f$  surjective? Why or why not?

(c) What is  $f([0, 3/2])$ ?

(d) what is  $f^{-1}([0, \infty))$ ?

Solution.

Since  $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x = 6x(1 - x)$ , we see that there are two critical points,  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ ; the function is strictly increasing on  $(-\infty, 0]$  and  $[1, \infty)$ , and strictly decreasing on  $[0, 1]$ . Also,

$$f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

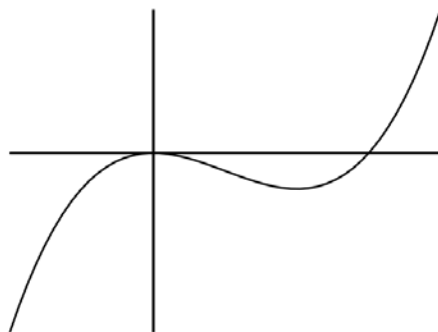
$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(1) = -1$$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0 \text{ (since } f(x) = x^2(2x - 3) \text{)}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

From this we conclude that the graph of  $f(x)$  looks like this:



(a) Is  $f$  injective? Why or why not?

No: for  $-1 < y < 0$ , the equation  $y = f(x)$  has three distinct solutions: one each in  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ , and  $(1, \frac{3}{2})$ .

(b) Is  $f$  surjective? Why or why not?

Yes, since  $f$  is continuous and goes to  $\pm\infty$  as  $x$  does.

(c) What is  $f([0, 3/2])$ ?

On each of the intervals  $[0, 1]$  and  $[1, \frac{3}{2}]$ ,  $f(x)$  is strictly monotone; since  $f(0) = f(\frac{3}{2}) = 0$  and  $f(1) = -1$ ,  $f([0, \frac{3}{2}]) = [-1, 0]$ .

(d) Clearly,  $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$  for  $x \in [\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$ . But also,  $f(0) = 0$ . Since no other points have nonnegative image,

$$f^{-1}([0, \infty)) = \{0\} \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right).$$

□