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1. (10%) True/False

- (a) Let $\mathcal{P}(S)$ be the power set of a set S . If S is a finite set with n elements, i.e., $|S| = n$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^n - 1$.

Solution: FALSE. The correct answer is 2^n .

- (b) The contrapositive statement of “if you get math jokes, you don’t have friends” is “if you have friends, you don’t get math jokes.”

Solution: TRUE.

2. (20%) Using the method of **proof by contrapositive**, prove the following theorem:

if r is irrational, then $r^{\frac{1}{5}}$ is irrational.

Solution: The contrapositive statement is “if $r^{\frac{1}{5}}$ is rational, then r is rational.” To prove this, let $r^{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{a}{b}$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then we have $r = (r^{\frac{1}{5}})^5 = (\frac{a}{b})^5 = \frac{a^5}{b^5}$. And we know $a^5 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b^5 \in \mathbb{Z}$ because $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, hence $r \in \mathbb{Q}$. ■

3. (20%) Using the method of **direct proof**, prove the following theorem:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if n is an even number, then $n^2 + 3n$ is an even number.

Solution: Let $n = 2x$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, then we have the following proof:

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 + 3n &= (2x)^2 + 3(2x) \\ &= 4x^2 + 6x \\ &= 2(2x^2 + 3x) \end{aligned}$$

And we also know that $x \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 2x^2 \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge 3x \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 3x \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $2(2x^2 + 3x)$ is an even number. ■

4. (20%) Using the method of **contradiction**, prove the following theorem:

there exists no combination of $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $36y + 12x = 3$.

Solution: Assume the statement P : “there exists at least one pair of $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $36y + 12x = 3$ ” is true. Then we get $3y + x = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$. Since $3y + x$ is an integer, it can never equal $\frac{1}{4}$. Due to this contradiction, the statement P is false, so the original theorem is true. ■

5. (10%) For any set A , let $\mathcal{P}(A)$ be its power set. Let \emptyset denote the empty set.

- (a) Write down all the elements of $\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3\})$.

Solution:

$$\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3\}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}.$$

- (b) How many elements are there in $\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\})$?

Solution: $|\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\})| = 2^6 = 64$.

6. (20%) There are 120 students in a school, 50 don't play sports, 70 don't play music, and 30 don't do either. How many students do both?

Solution:

“50 students don't play sports” \Rightarrow “ $120 - 50 = 70$ student play sports”

“70 students don't play music” \Rightarrow “ $120 - 70 = 50$ students play music”

Let x be the number of students that do both. Then we have the equation that $120 = (70 + 50 - x) + 30$ and hence $x = 30$.

(In conclusion, there are $70 - 30 = 40$ students exclusively play sports, $50 - 30 = 20$ students exclusively play music, 30 students do both, and 30 do neither.)

7. (Extra Credits - 20%) There should be 6 characters in a NJ plate that include uppercase or lowercase letters, digits, and three special characters (e.g., space or dash). Use the **product rule** to calculate how many NJ plates are available.

Note 1: The English alphabet has 26 letters; Note 2: Yes, there could be a NJ plate with all spaces, for the sake of this exercise...

Solution: Each place has $26 + 26 + 10 + 3 = 65$ options, so the answer is $65 \times 65 \times 65 \times 65 \times 65 \times 65 = 65^6$.

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Solution: FALSE. The correct answer is 2^n .

- (b) The contrapositive statement of “if you get math jokes, you don’t have friends” is “if you don’t get math jokes, you have friends.”

Solution: FALSE. The correct contrapositive statement is “if you have friends, you don’t get math jokes.”

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if r is irrational, then $r^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is irrational.

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$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if n is an even number, then $n^2 + 3n + 1$ is an odd number.

Solution: Let $n = 2x$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, then we have the following proof:

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there exists no combination of $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $24y + 12x = 1$.

Solution: Assume the statement P : “there exists at least one pair of $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $24y + 12x = 1$ ” is true. Then we get $2y + x = \frac{1}{12}$. Since $2y + x$ is an integer, it can never equal $\frac{1}{12}$. Due to this contradiction, the statement P is false, so the original theorem is true. ■

5. (10%) For any set A , let $\mathcal{P}(A)$ be its power set. Let \emptyset denote the empty set.

- (a) Write down all the elements of $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 2, 4\})$.

Solution:

$$\mathcal{P}(\{0, 2, 4\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{0, 2\}, \{0, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{0, 2, 4\}\}.$$

- (b) How many elements are there in $\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\})$?

Solution: $|\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\})| = 2^8 = 256$.

6. (20%) There are 100 students in a school, 50 don't play sports, 70 don't play music, and 30 don't do either. How many students do both?

Solution:

“50 students don't play sports” \Rightarrow “ $100 - 50 = 50$ student play sports”

“70 students don't play music” \Rightarrow “ $100 - 70 = 30$ students play music”

Let x be the number of students that do both. Then we have the equation that $100 = (50 + 30 - x) + x$ and hence $x = 10$.

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