

CMSC 231: Discrete Mathematics  
Practice Exam #1  
Fall 2017

- This review exam has *not* been tested for length. The real exam might be shorter or longer.
- You will be able to bring one standard sheet of US-letter-sized paper with notes. The notes may appear on both sides of the sheet.
- No calculators or other electronic devices will be allowed on the exam.
- Several questions ask you to write negations. Simply writing a “not” on the outside of a statement does not qualify as a correct answer; you must use De Morgan’s laws to propagate the negation.

Definitions:

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of all integers
- If  $S$  is a set, then  $S^+$  is the members of  $S$  that are greater than 0.
- A *function*  $F$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is a relation with domain  $A$  and co-domain  $B$  that satisfies the following two properties:
  1. For every element  $x$  in  $A$ , there is an element  $y$  in  $B$  such that  $(x, y) \in F$ .
  2. For all elements  $x$  in  $A$  and  $y$  and  $z$  in  $B$ , if  $(x, y) \in F$  and  $(x, z) \in F$ , then  $y = z$ .

1. For each pair of sets below, state whether they are equal or not. If you wish, you may include a short explanation of why you think your answer is correct, but a correct answer with no explanation still receives full credit.

(a)  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (1 < x < 10) \wedge (x \text{ is prime})\}$   
 $\{2, 3, 5, 7\}$   
**equal**

(b)  $\{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 < x^2 < 10\}$   
**not equal**

(c)  $\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$   
 $\{2, 1\}$   
**not equal**

(d) Assume  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $C =$  the set of all possible sets of integers.  
 $\{x \in C \mid x \subseteq B\}$   
 $\{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$   
**equal**

(e) Assume  $M = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $N = \{4, 5\}$ .  
 $\{(x, y) \in (M \times N) \mid (2 < x) \wedge (2 < y)\}$   
 $\{(4, 3), (5, 3)\}$   
**not equal**

2. Each problem below ends with a boxed statement. Indicate whether the boxed statement is true or false. If you wish, you may include a short explanation of why you think your answer is correct, but a correct answer with no explanation still receives full credit.

You may assume the following definitions:

$$R = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad S = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} \quad T = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$$

(a) Assume  $U = \{(x, y) \in (R \times S) \mid x + y = 0\}$ .  $\boxed{2 \ U \ -2}$  **true**

(b) Assume  $U$  as above.  $\boxed{3 \ U \ -3}$  **false**

(c) Assume  $U$  as above.  $\boxed{2 \ U \ 2}$  **false**

(d) Assume  $U$  as above.  $\boxed{U \text{ is a function from } R \text{ to } S}$  **false**

(e) Assume  $V = \{(x, y) \in (S \times T) \mid 2x = y\}$ .  $\boxed{0 \ V \ 1}$  **false**

(f) Assume  $V$  as above.  $\boxed{1 \ V \ 1}$  **false**

(g) Assume  $V$  as above.  $\boxed{V \text{ is a function from } S \text{ to } T}$  **false**

(h) Assume  $W = \{(x, y) \in (R \times T) \mid 2x - 1 = y\}$ .  $\boxed{2 \ W \ 3}$  **true**

(i) Assume  $W$  as above.  $\boxed{4 \ W \ 9}$  **false**

(j) Assume  $W$  as above.  $\boxed{W \text{ is a function from } R \text{ to } T}$  **true**

3. Assuming the definitions below, write out each sentence using symbolic notation, with no words.

$$p = \text{"It's raining"} \quad q = \text{"It's Wednesday"} \quad r = \text{"It's October"}$$

- (a) It's a rainy Wednesday.

$$\boxed{p \wedge q}$$

- (b) It's October, but it's neither Wednesday nor raining out.

$$\boxed{r \wedge \sim q \wedge \sim p}$$

- (c) It's raining but not October.

$$\boxed{p \wedge \sim r}$$

4. Use De Morgan's laws to write negations for the following statements. Your answers should be complete English sentences.

- (a) I have math class and computer science class today.

**I do not have math class or I do not have computer science class today.**

- (b) I love to eat cookies but not peanut butter.

**I do not love to eat cookies or I love to eat peanut butter.**

(c) I am wearing red or green socks today.

**I am not wearing red socks and I am not wearing green socks today.**

5. Give the *converse*, *inverse*, *contrapositive* and *negation* (using De Morgan's laws) of the following:

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

(a) Converse:  $r \rightarrow (p \wedge \sim q)$

(b) Inverse:  $(\sim p \vee q) \rightarrow \sim r$

(c) Contrapositive:  $\sim r \rightarrow (\sim p \vee q)$

(d) Negation:  $(p \wedge \sim q) \wedge \sim r$

6. Prove the following logical equivalence, using the rules of Boolean algebra (a truth table is not an acceptable answer):

$$(p \vee q) \wedge \sim p \equiv (q \wedge \sim p)$$

$(p \vee q) \wedge \sim p$	$\equiv (p \wedge \sim p) \vee (q \wedge \sim p)$	<b>distributive law</b>
	$\equiv \mathbf{c} \vee (q \wedge \sim p)$	<b>negation law</b>
	$\equiv (q \wedge \sim p)$	<b>universal bound law</b>

7. Draw a digital circuit corresponding to the Boolean formula below:

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

8. (a) Add the following binary numbers. Write the result as a 4-bit number, dropping any bits that overflow.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 0\ 1\ 1 \\ + 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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- (b) Rewrite the addition problem above in decimal notation, interpreting any number greater than  $7_{10}$  as a two's-complement negative number. (This is 4-bit two's-complement.) If the sum in decimal does not match the sum in binary, explain why.

$$(-5) + 6 = 1$$



9. For each of the following statements, rewrite the statement formally (using  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ ), and write the negation of the statement both in English and in formal mathematics. You may assume these definitions:

$C$  = the set of all Bryn Mawr classes  
 $\text{len}(x)$  = the meeting length of a class  $x$ , in hours  
 $\text{cs}(x)$  = class  $x$  is a computer science class  
 $\text{math}(x)$  = class  $x$  is a math class  
 $\text{prereq}(x, y)$  = class  $x$  is a prerequisite for class  $y$

- (a) All classes at Bryn Mawr meet for at least 2 hours.

Written formally:  $\boxed{\forall(x \in C), \text{len}(x) \geq 2}$

Negated formally:  $\boxed{\exists(x \in C), \text{len}(x) < 2}$

Negated informally: **Some class at Bryn Mawr meets for less than 2 hours.**

- (b) Every class at Bryn Mawr has at least one prerequisite class at Bryn Mawr.

Written formally:  $\boxed{\forall(x \in C), \exists(y \in C), \text{prereq}(y, x)}$

Negated formally:  $\boxed{\exists(x \in C), \forall(y \in C), \sim \text{prereq}(y, x)}$

Negated informally: **Some class at Bryn Mawr has no prerequisite class at Bryn Mawr.**

- (c) One computer science class at Bryn Mawr has every math class as prerequisites.

Written formally:  $\boxed{\exists(x \in C), \text{cs}(x) \wedge \forall(y \in C), \text{math}(y) \rightarrow \text{prereq}(y, x)}$

Negated formally:  $\boxed{\forall(x \in C), \text{cs}(x) \rightarrow \exists(y \in C), \text{math}(y) \wedge \sim \text{prereq}(y, x)}$

Negated informally: **Every computer science class at Bryn Mawr has at least one math class that is not its prerequisite.**

- (d) There is a math class at Bryn Mawr that is the prerequisite for all computer science courses.

Written formally:  $\boxed{\exists(x \in C), \text{math}(x) \wedge \forall(y \in C), \text{cs}(y) \rightarrow \text{prereq}(x, y)}$

Negated formally:  $\boxed{\forall(x \in C), \text{math}(x) \rightarrow \exists(y \in C), \text{cs}(y) \wedge \sim \text{prereq}(x, y)}$

Negated informally: **Every math class at Bryn Mawr has at least one computer science class that it is not a prerequisite of.**

**Definition:** If  $r$  is a real number, then  $r$  is *rational* iff:

$$\exists(a \in \mathbb{Z}), \exists(b \in \mathbb{Z}), (r = \frac{a}{b}) \wedge (b \neq 0)$$

10. Prove: The product of any two rational numbers is a rational number.

**See book solution 4.2.15.**

**Definition:** If  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is *odd* iff:

$$\exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}), n = 2k + 1$$

**Definition:** If  $x$  is a real number, then the *ceiling* of  $x$ , written  $\lceil x \rceil$ , is defined as follows:

$$\lceil x \rceil = n \quad \text{means} \quad n - 1 < x \leq n$$

11. Prove: For all odd integers  $n$ ,  $\lceil n/2 \rceil = (n + 1)/2$ .

Proof: Let  $n$  be any odd integer. [We must show that  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil = \frac{n+1}{2}$ .] By definition of odd,  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ . The left-hand side of the equation to be proved is

$$\begin{aligned} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil &= \left\lceil \frac{2k+1}{2} \right\rceil && \text{by substitution} \\ &= \left\lceil k + \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil && \text{by algebra} \\ &= k + 1 && \begin{array}{l} \text{by definition of ceiling because } k \text{ is} \\ \text{an integer and } k < k + 1/2 \leq k + 1 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the right-hand side of the equation to be proved is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n+1}{2} &= \frac{(2k+1)+1}{2} && \text{by substitution} \\ &= \frac{2k+2}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(k+1)}{2} \\ &= k+1 && \text{by algebra.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus both the left- and right-hand sides of the equation to be proved equal  $k + 1$ , and so both are equal to each other. In other words,  $\lceil n/2 \rceil = (n + 1)/2$  [as was to be shown].