

Discrete Mathematics Cheat Sheet

Set Theory

$B \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow \forall x(x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$, $\emptyset = \{x \mid x \neq x\}$, $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{x \mid x \subseteq A\}$
 $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$, $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
 $A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$, $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A) = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$
 $\cup \mathcal{A} = \{x \mid \exists z(z \in \mathcal{A} \wedge x \in z)\}$, $\cap \mathcal{A} = \{x \mid \forall z(z \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow x \in z)\}$
 $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$, $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$
[De-Morgan] $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$, $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$
 $\sim (B \cup C) = \sim B \cap \sim C$, $\sim (B \cap C) = \sim B \cup \sim C$
 $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow A \oplus B = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A - B = B - A = \emptyset$
Character function: $f_{A \cap B} = f_A f_B$, $f_{A \cup B} = f_A + f_B - f_A f_B$, $f_{A - B} = f_A - f_A f_B \dots$

Binary Relations

$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle \Leftrightarrow x = u \wedge y = v$, $A \times B = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \in A \wedge y \in B\}$
 $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
 R' is the p closure of $R \Leftrightarrow p(R') \wedge R \subseteq R' \wedge (\forall p(R'') \rightarrow R' \subseteq R'')$
 $r(R) = R \cup I_A$, $s(R) = R \cup R^{-1}$, $t(R) = R \cup R^2 \cup R^3 \cup \dots$
 R is equivalence $\Leftrightarrow R$ is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
 $[x]_R = \{y \mid y \in A \wedge x R y\}$, $\forall x, y \in A ((x R y \rightarrow [x] = [y]) \wedge (\neg x R y \rightarrow [x] \cap [y] = \emptyset))$
 $A/R = \{[x]_R \mid x \in A\}$ (a partition of A).

Functions

Function: $\forall x \in \text{dom} F (\exists! y \in \text{ran} F \wedge x F y)$, $f : A \rightarrow B \Leftrightarrow \text{dom} f = A \wedge \text{ran} f \subseteq B$
 f : injection (1-1) $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \forall y (f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y)$
 f : surjection (onto) $\Leftrightarrow \forall y (y \in B \rightarrow \exists x (x \in A \wedge f(x) = y))$
 f : bijection (one-one correspondence) $\Leftrightarrow f$ is injection and surjection.
 $f^{-1} \circ f = I_A$, $f \circ f^{-1} = I_B$

Cardinalities

$A \approx B \Leftrightarrow$ exists surjection $f : A \rightarrow B$, $A \preceq B \Leftrightarrow$ exists injection $f : A \rightarrow B$
[Cantor-Bernstein-Schröder] $A \preceq B \wedge B \preceq A \Leftrightarrow A \approx B$
 $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} : f(\langle m, n \rangle) = (m + n + 1)(m + n)/2 + m$
 $\text{card} \mathbb{N} = \aleph_0$, $\text{card} \mathbb{R} = \aleph$. A is countable $\Leftrightarrow \text{card} A \preceq \aleph_0$

Semi-group, Monoid and Group

$\langle S, \circ \rangle$ is a semi-group $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in S (xy \in S) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z ((x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z))$
semi-group $\langle S, \circ \rangle$ is a monoid $\Leftrightarrow \exists e \in S (\forall x (e \circ x = x \circ e = x))$
monoid $\langle S, \circ \rangle$ is a group $\Leftrightarrow \forall x (\exists x^{-1} (x \circ x^{-1} = x^{-1} \circ x = e))$
 $|a| = \min\{k \mid a^k = e\}$, $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$, $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$, $\langle a \rangle = \{a^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 $H \leq G \Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in H (ab^{-1} \in H)$,
[Lagrange] $H \leq G \Rightarrow |G| = |H| \cdot [G : H] \Rightarrow \forall a \in G (|a| \mid n \wedge a^n = e)$
 $N \trianglelefteq G \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in G (Na = aN) \Leftrightarrow \forall g \in G, \forall n \in N (gng^{-1} \in N) \Leftrightarrow gNg^{-1} = N$
 $G/N = \{Ng \mid g \in G\}$, $Na \circ Nb = Nab$