

## Math 109 Homework 2

**Problem 1** (Eccles II.13, p.117). Prove that, for sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ ,

- (i)  $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ ,
- (ii)  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$ .

**Solution.** (i) A proof that two sets are equal requires us to prove two set inclusions. In this case we can do them together as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C) &\iff x \in A \text{ and } y \in (B \cup C) \\ &\iff x \in A \text{ and } (y \in B \text{ or } y \in C) \\ &\iff (x, y) \in (A \times B) \text{ or } (x, y) \in (A \times C) \\ &\iff (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } (x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C) \iff (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C).$$

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(ii) A proof that two sets are equal requires us to prove two set inclusions. In this case we can do them together as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D) &\iff x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } x \in C \text{ and } y \in D \\ &\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } y \in D \\ &\iff x \in (A \cap C) \text{ and } y \in (B \cap D) \\ &\iff (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is the object of set  $A$  and set  $C$ , they have precisely the same elements  $x \in A \iff x \in B$  or  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . The same logic happens for object  $y$  and set  $C$  and  $D$ . Thus,  $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D) \iff (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

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**Problem 2** (Eccles II.19, p.118). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Prove that there exists a function  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ g = I_Y$  if and only if  $f$  is a surjection. [ $g$  is called a *right inverse* of  $f$ .]

**Solution.** According to *Proposition 9.2.5*,  $f \circ g = I_Y$  if and only if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  are inverses of each other. Let us show with 3 cases why  $f$  can only be a surjection.

case 1:

Suppose  $f$  was an injection function, then according to *Definition 9.1.1*, no element of  $Y$  is assigned to more than one element of  $X$ . That means if function  $g$  was a surjective function, not more than one value of  $X$  of the pre-image can be assigned to  $Y$ . Thus the function  $f$  which is injection would be invalid under the "if and only if" condition.

case 2:

Suppose  $f$  was a bijection function, then according to *Definition 9.1.1*, every element of  $Y$  has to have precisely 1 pre-image, which is both an injection and surjection. Such a function would then elude the "if and only if" condition again because the function would not have worked if  $g$  was a surjection function; there might be more than one image of  $x_0$  which would not have been mapped. Thus the function  $f$  which is bijection would not produce the composite identity function under the "if and only if" condition.

case 3:

Suppose  $f$  was a surjection, the composite identity function would occur because under *Definition 9.1.1*, a surjection function happens if and only if every element of  $Y$  has at least one pre-image. Therefore function  $f$  could map either multiple  $y$  images from  $x_0$  or one  $y$  image for every  $x_0$ .

Thus if and only if  $f$  is a surjection can there exists a function  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ g = I_Y$ .

**Problem 3** (Eccles II.20, p.118). Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

- (i) Prove that  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \implies \vec{f}(A_1) \subseteq \vec{f}(A_2)$ . Prove that the converse is not universally true. Give a simple condition on  $f$  which is equivalent to the converse.

- (ii) Prove that  $\vec{f}(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq \vec{f}(A_1) \cap \vec{f}(A_2)$ . Prove that equality is not universally true.
- (iii) Prove that  $\vec{f}(A_1 \cup A_2) = \vec{f}(A_1) \cup \vec{f}(A_2)$ .

**Solution.** (i) Using *definition 6.1.4*, we know that  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  when every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ .

Suppose  $x_0$  is an element of  $A_1$  such that  $x_0$  is an element of  $A_2$  because  $A_1$  is a subset of  $A_2$ . Then  $f(A_1)$  will be a subset of  $f(A_2)$  as the image of  $x_0$  for  $f(A_1)$  would also be the same image as in  $f(A_2)$ .

Therefore  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \implies f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$ .

The converse is not universally true, Even though  $f(A_1) \subseteq \vec{f}(A_2)$ . Given that the power set of  $X$  has a set of subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we suppose  $A_1$  be the singleton set  $\{a_1\}$  and  $A_2$  be the singleton set  $\{a_2\}$ . We also suppose that  $f:\{a_2\} \rightarrow \{0, 2\}$  and  $f:\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{0\}$ , to show that  $f:(A_1)$  is a subset of  $f:(A_2)$ . Upon inspection, we would see that the subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  would be different singleton set elements even though  $f:(A_1)$  is a subset of  $f:(A_2)$ .

Thus, even though  $f:(A_1)$  is a subset of  $f:(A_2)$ , the converse would not be universally true if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are singleton sets with different elements.  $\square$

(ii) Suppose that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be singleton sets of the Power set of  $X$  and function be bijective. Therefore since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , the function will map the value to a value which is different than the two values from  $f(A_1) \cap \vec{f}(A_2)$ .

Thus under the impression that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be singleton sets of the Power set of  $X$  and function be bijective,  $f(A_1 \cap A_2)$  would not be the subset of  $f(A_1) \cap \vec{f}(A_2)$ . Therefore the equality is not universally true.  $\square$

(iii) Suppose that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be separate sets of the Power set of  $X$ . Using *definition 6.2.2* and *definition 8.1.1*, we see that the function  $f$  takes elements from either  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  and maps them. It is equivalent to the right-hand side, which represents the values mapped by function on  $A_1$  or  $A_2$ .

Thus both sides represent values mapped from the union of sets and are equivalent to each other.  $\square$

**Problem 4** (Eccles IV.4, p.225). Prove that there is no rational number whose square is 98.

**Solution.** Suppose for contradict that there's rational number  $q$  such that  $q^2 = 98$ . Write  $q$  as a fraction in lowest terms:  $q = \frac{a}{b}$  such that  $a$  and  $b$  are integers such that  $(a, b) = 1$ . Now  $q^2 = 98 \implies \frac{a^2}{b^2} = 98 \implies a^2 = 98b^2 \implies a^2 \text{ divisible by } 98$ . It follows that  $a$  must be divisible by 98.

Thus we can write  $a = 98a_1$  for some  $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But then  $a^2 = 98b^2 \implies 98^2 a_1^2 = 98b^2 \implies 98a_1^2 = b^2 \implies b^2 \text{ is divisible by } 98 \implies b \text{ is divisible by } 98$ , as above.

Hence 98 is a common factor of  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $(a, b) \neq 1$ , contradicting the choice of  $a$  and  $b$  and giving the required contradiction.

Hence there does not exist a rational number whose square is 98.  $\square$

Solve the linear diophantine equation

$$336m + 238n = 5558. \quad (4.1)$$

Prove that there is a unique pair of *positive* integers  $m$  and  $n$  satisfying this equation and find this solution.



**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} 336 &= 238 \times 1 + 98 \\ 238 &= 98 \times 2 + 42(-1) \\ 98 &= 42 \times 2 + 14(-2) \\ 42 &= 14 \times 3 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$(336, 238) = 14$ , since 14 divides 5558, the equation has a solution.

$$\begin{aligned} 336 &= 336 \times 1 + 238 \times 0 \\ 238 &= 336 \times 0 + 238 \times 1(-1) \\ 98 &= 336 \times 1 + 238 \times (-1) \\ 42 &= 336 \times \frac{37}{24} + 238 \times (-2) \end{aligned}$$

This gives  $336 \times \frac{37}{24} + 238 \times (-2) = 42$

multiply the equation above by  $\frac{397}{3}$

$336 \times \frac{14689}{72} + 238 \times \frac{-794}{3} = 5558$ , hence  $m = \frac{14689}{72}$ ,  $n = \frac{-794}{3}$  are the unique pair of positive integers.

$$\begin{aligned} 336m + 238n &= 5558 \iff 336\left(m - \frac{14689}{72}\right) + 238\left(n + \frac{794}{3}\right) = 0 \\ &\iff \left(m - \frac{14689}{72}, n + \frac{794}{3}\right) = (24q, 17q) \\ &\iff (m, n) = \left(\frac{14689}{72} + 24q, \frac{-794}{3} + 17q\right) \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 5** (Supplementary Problem 4). Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be integers such that  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime and  $c$  divides  $a + b$ . Prove that  $\gcd(a, c) = \gcd(b, c) = 1$ .

**Solution.**