# CS1231S Discrete Structures Help Sheet for Final Examinations

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Predicate and Propositional Logic

Logical Equivalences		
Commutative laws	$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	$p \lor q \equiv q \lor p$
Associative laws	$(p \land q) \land r \equiv p \land (q \land r)$	$(p \lor q) \lor r \equiv p \lor (q \lor r)$
Distributive laws	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$ $\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$p \lor (q \land r)$ $\equiv (p \lor q) \land (p \lor r)$
Identity laws	p ∧ true ≡ p	$p \vee false \equiv p$
Negation laws	$p \lor \sim p \equiv true$	$p \land \sim p \equiv false$
Double negative law	~(~]	p) ≡ p
Idempotent laws	$p \wedge p \equiv p$	$p \lor p \equiv p$
Universal bound laws	p ∨ true ≡ true	p ∧ false ≡ false
Ulliversal boullu laws	p ∨ ti ue = ti ue	$p \wedge talse = talse$
De Morgan's laws	$\sim (p \land q) \equiv \sim p \lor \sim q$	$p \land \text{false} = \text{false}$ $\sim (p \lor q) \equiv \sim p \land \sim q$
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Conditionals			
Conditional	$p \rightarrow q$	if p, then q	p is a <b>sufficient</b>
Contrapositive	~q → ~p	p only if q	condition for q
Converse	$q \rightarrow p$	p if q	p is a <b>necessary</b>
Inverse	~p → ~q		condition for q
Biconditional	$p \leftrightarrow q$	p if, and only if, q	
Note that Conditional Statement = Contrapositive, Converse = Inverse, but Conditional Statement ≠ Converse.			
Implication	Law	$p \rightarrow q$	$\equiv \sim p \lor q$

Set Theory

Subsets (≡)		
Subset	$A \subseteq B$	$\forall x \ (x \in A \to x \in B)$
-Not a subset	$A \nsubseteq B$	$\exists x \ (x \in A \land x \notin B)$
Equality	A = B	$\forall x \ (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$
		$A \subseteq B \land B \subseteq A$
Proper Subset	$A \subsetneq B$	$(\forall x \in A, x \in B) \land (\exists y \in B, y \notin A)$
Transitivity		$A \subseteq B \land B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \subseteq C$

Set Operations (=)		
Union	$A \cup B$	$\{x \in \mathcal{U} \mid x \in A \lor x \in B\}$
Intersection	$A \cap B$	$\{x \in \mathcal{U} \mid x \in A \land x \in B\}$
Complement	A - B	$\{x \in A \mid x \notin B\}$
Union of 3 or more sets	$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}$	$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_n$
Intersection of 3 or more sets	$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}$	$A_1\cap A_2\cap \cdots \cap A_n$

Set Identities		
Commutative laws	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
Associative laws	$(A \cup B) \cup C$ = $A \cup (B \cup C)$	$(A \cap B) \cap C$ = $A \cap (B \cap C)$
Distributive laws	$(A \cup B) \cap C$ = $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	$(A \cap B) \cup C$ = $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
Identity laws	$A \cup \emptyset = A$	$A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$
Complement laws	$A \cup \overline{A} = \mathcal{U}$	$A \cup \overline{A} = \emptyset$
Double complement law	$\overline{(\overline{A})}$	=A
Idempotent laws	$A \cup A = A$	$A \cap A = A$
Universal bound laws	$A \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
De Morgan's laws	$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$	$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$
Absorption laws	4 + 1 (4 o B) 4	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$
Tibbot ption laws	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$
Set difference law	` '	$= A \cap \overline{B}$

Disjoint Sets		
Sets are <b>disjoint</b>	₩	$A \cap B = \emptyset$
Sets are <b>pairwise</b>	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\forall A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ with $A \neq B$ , we have $A \cap B = \emptyset$
disjoint		

Set Definitions (=)		
Cartesian Product	$A \times B$	The set of ordered pairs, $\{(a, b) \mid a \in$
		$A, b \in B$
Power Set	℘(A)	The set of all subsets of A, $\{X \mid X \subseteq A\}$

Partition of A	
P is a partition of $A \Leftrightarrow$ it is an unordered collection of:	
pairwise disjoint,	$\forall X, Y \in P \text{ with } X \neq Y, \text{we have } X \cap Y = \emptyset$
non-empty	$\emptyset \notin P$
subsets of A,	$P \subseteq \wp(A)$
whose union is A.	$\bigcup_{X \in P} X = A$

Counting and Probability

Number of elements in a set
There are $n - m + 1$ integers from $m$ to $n$ inclusive.
Number of elements in a power set
If a set X has n elements, then the power set $\wp(X)$ has $2^n$ elements.

Permutations	
Number of permutations of a set with n elements	n!
Number of r-permutations (ordered selection of r elements) from a set of n elements	$P_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
Number of permutations of a set with n elements, where	n!
$n_1, n_2, \cdots, n_k$ elements indistinguishable from each other	$\overline{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$

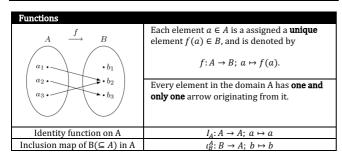
Combinations	
Number of r-combinations (subsets of size r) that can be chosen from a set of n elements	$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!} = \frac{P_r^n}{r!}$
Number of multisets of size r (r- combinations with repetition allowed) that can be selected from a set of n elements	$\binom{r+n-1}{r}$

Pigeonhole Principle	
Function	For any function <i>f</i>
Domain	From a finite set <i>X</i> with <i>n</i> elements
Codomain	To a finite set Y with m elements
Positive integer	For any positive integer k
If $k < \frac{n}{m'}$ then there is some $y \in Y$ such that y is the image of at least k+1	
distinct elements of X.	
If for each $y \in Y$ , $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ has at most $k$ elements, then $X$ has at most $km$	
elements, i.e. $n \leq km$ .	
Implication on the Function	
Domain  >  Codomain	f is not injective
Domain  =  Codomain	f is injective if, and only if, it is surjective.

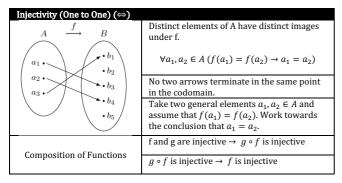
Pascal's Formula		
$\binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r}$	$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$	
Binomial Theorem		
$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$		
$=a^{n}+\binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b^{1}+\binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^{2}+\cdots$		
$= a^{n} + {n \choose 1} a^{n-1} b^{1} + {n \choose 2} a^{n-2} b^{2} + \cdots  + {n \choose n-1} a^{1} b^{n-1} + b^{n}$		

Expected value	
$a_1p_1 + a_2p_2 + \cdots + a_kp_k$	$a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_k$ are the possible outcomes,
$u_1p_1 + u_2p_2 + \dots + u_kp_k$	u <sub>1</sub> , u <sub>2</sub> , , u <sub>k</sub> are the possible outcomes,
	$p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_k$ are their associated
	probabilities

Probability	
Conditional Probability	$P(B A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$
Baye's Theorem	$P(B_k A) = \frac{P(A B_k) \cdot P(B_k)}{P(A B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + \dots + P(A B_n) \cdot P(B_n)}$
Independent Events	$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
Pairwise	$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
Independent	$P(B \cap C) = P(B) \times P(C)$
	$P(A \cap C) = P(A) \times P(C)$
Mutually	A, B and C are pairwise independent, and
Independent	$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \times P(B) \times P(C)$



Images and Preimages	
Set of images, $f(X)$	$\{f(x) \mid x \in X\} = \{b \in B \mid \exists x \in X, f(x) = b\}$
Set of pre-images, $f^{-1}(X)$	$\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$
Range, $\mathcal{R}(f)$	$\{f(a) \mid a \in X\} = f(A)$



Surjectivity (Onto) (⇔)	
$A \xrightarrow{f} B$	Range is equal to the codomain, $\mathcal{R}(f) = B$ .
$a_1$ $a_2$ $a_3$ $a_4$ $a_5$ $b_3$	$\forall b \in B, \exists a_b \in A, f(a_b) = b$
	Every element in the codomain has at least one arrow terminating there.
	Take a general element $b \in B$ and find an element $a_b \in A$ such that $f(a_b) = b$ .
C ''' SE ''	f and g are surjective $\rightarrow g \circ f$ is surjective
Composition of Functions	$g \circ f$ is surjective $\rightarrow g$ is injective

Bijectivity (⇔)	
$A$ $B$ $X \longrightarrow 1$	Both injective and surjective. $\forall b \in B, \exists !\ a_b \in A, f(a_b) = b$
$\begin{pmatrix} Y & & & \\ Z & & & & \\ W & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & &$	Every arrow coming out of the domain terminates at a unique element in the codomain, and every element in the codomain has an arrow pointing to it.
Composition of Functions	f and g are bijective $\rightarrow g \circ f$ is bijective
	$g \circ f$ is bijective $\rightarrow$ f is injective and g is surjective

Inverses	
Checking if a function has an	f has an inverse $\Leftrightarrow$ f is bijective.
inverse	
Obtaining an inverse	$f: A \to B$ , then an inverse of f is
	$g: B \to A$ such that $g \circ f = I_A$ and $f \circ g = I_B$ .

## **Cantor-Bernstein Theorem**

Let  $f\colon A\to B$  and  $g\colon B\to A$  be injective functions. Then there exists a bijective function  $h\colon A\to B$ .

Relations

Relations	
D C A v D	$(a,b) \in R \Rightarrow aRb$
$R \subseteq A \times B$	$(a,b) \notin R \Rightarrow a \mathbb{R} b$
Domain of R	$\{a \in A \mid \exists b \in B \ aRb\}$
Range of R	$\{b \in B \mid \exists a \in A \ aRb\}$

Inverse of R		$R^{-1} = \{(b, a) \in B \times A \mid aRb\}$
Types of Relations		
Reflexive	<b>\$</b>	$\forall x \in A (xRx)$
Symmetric	<b>\$</b>	$\forall x, y \in A (xRy \Rightarrow yRx)$
Transitive	⇔	$\forall x, y, z \in A (xRy \land yRz \Rightarrow xRz)$
Equivalence	<b>\$</b>	Reflexive, symmetric and transitive
Relation		
Anti-Symmetric	<b>\$</b>	$\forall x, y \in A (xRy \land yRx \Rightarrow x = y)$

Equivalence Classes	
Equivalence class of an element a	$[a]_R = \{x \in A \mid aRx\}.$ $xRy \Rightarrow [x] = [y]$
	$x \not \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! $
Equivalence class of a relation R	The subset $S \subseteq A$ is an equivalence class of R if, and only if, $S = [a]$ for some $a \in A$ .
Set of equivalence classes of R	The set of equivalence classes of R is $A/R \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ .
	A/R is a partition of A, and every partition is a set of equivalence classes.

## Properties of Equivalence Classes

- Any two distinct equivalence classes of an equivalence relation are disjoint.
- 2. The set of equivalence classes of R, is  $A/R \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ , is a partition of A.

### Partial Orders

A partial order on A,  $\leq$ , is a relation on A that is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive

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Properties of elements of a set that is partially ordered		
x and y are comparable	$x \leq y \text{ or } y \leq x$	
x and y are incomparable	$x \leq y \text{ or } y \leq x$	
a is minimal	$\forall x \in A \ (x \leqslant a \to x = a)$	
a is smallest	$\forall x \in A (a \leq x)$	
a is maximal	$\forall x \in A \ (a \leqslant x \to x = a)$	
a is largest	$\forall x \in A (x \leq a)$	
Properties of Partial Orders		
1. If R is a partial order on A, then so is $R^{-1}$ .		
<ol><li>A has at most one largest element and one smallest element.</li></ol>		

Division Algorithm	
a = qb + r	$q = a \operatorname{div} b = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \right\rfloor$
	$r = a \mod b$
a = q b  + r = q(-b) + r = (-q)b + r	$a \operatorname{div} b = -(a \operatorname{div}  b )$
	$a \mod b = a \mod  b $

b-adic Expansion
$n = a_0 b^0 + a_1 b^1 + \dots + a_k b^k = (a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_0)_b$
To obtain a <i>b</i> -adic expansion of <i>n</i> ,
1. Write down <i>n</i> .

- Divide n by b, and write down the remainder at the right of n, and the quotient below n.
- Repeat step (2) for the quotient by dividing it by b, until you reach
- 0 at the bottom of the left column. Read the right column from top to bottom, and these are the coefficients of  $b^0, b^1, \cdots b^k$ . 4.

Divisibility			
$a b if$ , and only $if$ , $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b=ak$ .			
Properties of Divisibility			
Negative dividend / divisor	$(a b) \Leftrightarrow (-a b) \Leftrightarrow (a -b) \Leftrightarrow (-a -b)$		
If commutative	$(a b) \land (b a) \Rightarrow (a = b \lor a = -b)$		
Transitivity	$(a b) \land (b c) \Rightarrow (a c)$		
Constant multiplication	$(a b) \Rightarrow (ac bc)$		
	$(ac bc) \land (c \neq 0) \Rightarrow (a b)$		
Divisor has smaller absolute value	$(a b) \land (b \neq 0) \Rightarrow ( a  \leq  b )$		

Common Divisors				
d is a common divisor of a	and b if and only if $(d a) \land (d b)$ .			
Properties of Common Divisors				
Divides linear combinations	d (ax + by)			

Greatest Common Divisor	
The greatest common divisor is denoted as $gcd(a, b)$	).

Euclidean Algorithm

- Find the quotient and remainder of a and b and write down an 1. equation in the form a = qb + r.
- Treat q and r as your new a and b and repeat step (1).
- Repeat until you obtain a 0 as your r.

In the last line, the q is your gcd(a, b).

Properties of the Greatest Common Divisor			
Subtracting a multiple of b from a	$gcd(a,b) = gcd(b,a \bmod b)$		
Divisible by other common divisors	$d \mid gcd(a,b)$		
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## Bezout's Identity

 $\exists x,y \in \mathbb{Z} \, such \, that \, ax + by = gcd(a,b)$ 

In fact,  $\gcd(a,b)$  is the minimum positive integer linear combination of a and

Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Manipulate the 1st to penultimate equations formed in the Euclidean Algorithm such that you eventually express  $\gcd(a,b)$  as an integer linear combination of a and b.

Prime Integers			
Prime	$n \ge 2$ and $n$ is not composite.		
Composite	There exist positive between 1 and n, su	e integers $a$ , $b$ that are strictly uch that $n = ab$ .	
Properties of Prime Integers p and q			
If two prime integers divide each other		If $p \mid q$ then $p = q$ .	
Set of prime integers		There are infinitely many prime integers.	
Greatest common d	livisor involving a	$gcd(p,n) = \begin{cases} p, & if \ p n; \\ 1, & otherwise \end{cases}$	
If an integran is divis	sible by a puime it	If $p \mid ab$ then $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$ .	
If an integer is divis must be due to one		If $p \mid a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$ then $p \mid a_i$ for some <i>i</i> between 1 and n.	

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic			
Every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ can be factorized uniquely up to order into primes.			
$a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$			
$b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \cdots p_k^{b_k}$			
Things you can do with the Fundamental Theorem			
Comparing constituent $a = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k, b = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_k.$			
primes to check equality	If $a = b$ , then $p_1 = q_1, \dots, p_k = q_k$ .		
Comparing exponents to	albiford only if a < b a < b a < b		
check divisibility	$a b$ if and only if $a_1 \le b_1$ , $a_2 \le b_2$ ,, $a_k \le b_k$ .		

from the prime $= p_1^{\min\{a_1,b_1\}} p_2^{\min\{a_2,b_2\}} \cdots p_k^{\min\{a_k,b_k\}}$ factorization	1	$gcd(a,b) = p_1^{\min\{a_1,b_1\}} p_2^{\min\{a_2,b_2\}} \cdots p_k^{\min\{a_k,b_k\}}$
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Coprime Integers				
a and b are coprime if, and only if, $gcd(a,b) = 1$				
Properties of Coprime Integers a and b				
Multiplying two coprime integers	If $a$ and $c$ are coprime, then $a$ and $bc$ are also coprime, since $(a \nmid b)$ and $(a \nmid c)$ .			
Coprime integers cannot divide each other	If $a \mid bc$ , then $a \mid c$ since $a \nmid b$ .			
Two integers divided by their gcd are coprime	$gcd(\frac{a}{gcd(a,b)},\frac{b}{gcd(a,b)}) = 1$			

Congruences

only if $n \mid (a-h)$		a = b + kn		
omy n 70   (a	۵).	$a \bmod n = b \bmod n$		
Properties of Congruence Relations				
Reflexive $a \equiv$				
$a \equiv$	b (mod n	$a) \Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$		
$[a \equiv b \pmod{n}] \land [b \equiv c \pmod{n}]$				
	⇒ [a =	$\equiv c \pmod{n}$		
Closure Properties				
Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ ,				
	$a + c \equiv a$	$b+d \ (mod \ n)$		
	$a-c\equiv 1$	$b-d \ (mod \ n)$		
	$ac \equiv a$	bd (mod n)		
Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ,				
$a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{n}$				
$ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$				
ly and someho	w they st	ill congruent		
-	ab			
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		nodn)		
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$(mod \ n)$				
If $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$ , if you want to eliminate the $c$ ,				
then $a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{n}{\gcd(c,n)}}$ .				
	Relations $a \equiv a \equiv b \pmod{a}$ $a \equiv b \pmod{a}$ $a \equiv b \pmod{a}$ $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$	$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ $[a \equiv b \pmod{n} \pmod{n}]$ $at a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ $a + c \equiv a - c \equiv ac \equiv ac \equiv ac \equiv ac \equiv ac \equiv ac$		

Congruence Equations			
	$ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$		
Properties of Congruence Equations			
Checking if there is a	$x \in \mathbb{Z}$ exists to satisfy the above equation if, and		
solution	only if, $gcd(a, n) \mid b$ .		
Dividing throughout by	$a = b \qquad n$		
gcd(a,n)	$\frac{1}{\gcd(a,n)} x \equiv \frac{1}{\gcd(a,n)} \pmod{\frac{1}{\gcd(a,n)}}$		

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Multiplicative Inverse Mod	lulo n							
$x$ is a multiplicative inverse of $a \mod n$ if, and only if,								
$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ Properties of multiplicative inverse modulo n  Given a congruence equation $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , let $a'$ be the multiplicative inverse modulo $n$ .								
					Checking if there is a solution	<i>a'</i> exists i	f, and only if, go	cd(a,n)=1.
					Multiplying throughout by a'	$x \equiv a'b \ (mod \ n)$		
Dividing throughout by $gcd(a, n)$	$x \equiv a' - \frac{1}{g}$	$\frac{b}{cd(a,n)}$ (mod	$\frac{n}{gcd(a,n)}$					
Finding other multiplicative inverses modulo n								
<i>x</i> is a multiplicative inverse of <i>a</i> mod <i>n</i> if, and only if, $x \equiv a' \pmod{n}$ . Finding the Multiplicative Inverse Modulo n								
				Since $gcd(a,n) = 1$ , make use of the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to obtain integers x and y such that $ax + ny = 1$ , and x will be the multiplicative inverse of a modulo n.				