



## Midterm 7 December Autumn 2020, answers

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# Solution of Midterm

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Q1: (1) T (2) T (3) F

Q2: step 1:  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  Contrapositive

step 2:  $p \vee r \equiv \neg p \rightarrow r$

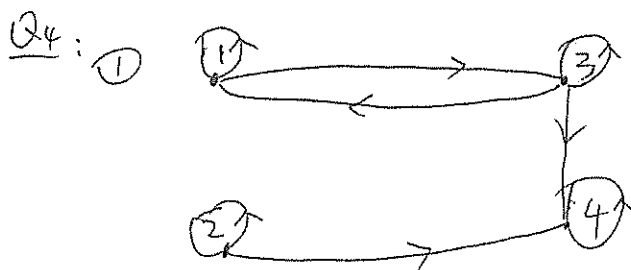
step 3:  $\neg q \rightarrow r$  Hypothetical syllogism

step 4:  $r \rightarrow s$

step 5:  $\neg q \rightarrow s$  Hypothetical syllogism

step 6:  $\neg q \rightarrow s \equiv \neg(\neg q) \vee s \equiv q \vee s$

Q3:  $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \equiv \neg(\neg p) \vee (q \rightarrow r) \equiv p \vee (q \rightarrow r)$   
 $\equiv p \vee (\neg q \vee r) \equiv \neg \neg(p \vee r) \equiv q \rightarrow p \vee r$



② R is reflexive, since  $(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4) \in R$

R is not symmetric, since  $(2,4) \in R$ , but  $(4,2) \notin R$

R is not antisymmetric, since  $(1,3) \in R$  and  $(3,1) \in R$ , but  $1 \neq 3$

R is not transitive, since  $(1,3) \in R$  and  $(3,4) \in R$ , but  $(1,4) \notin R$

Q5: ①  $P(A) = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\} \}$

(2)

②  $A \times A \times A = \{ (a, a, a), (a, a, b), (a, b, a), (a, b, b), (b, a, a), (b, a, b), (b, b, a), (b, b, b) \}$

③ Since  $f(B) = \overline{B}$

For any two subsets  $B_1 \neq B_2$ , then  $\overline{B_1} \neq \overline{B_2}$ . Hence  $f$  is injective.

On the other hand, for any subset  $B$  of  $A$ , that is  $B \in P(A)$ , there exists  $\overline{B} \in P(A)$  such that  $f(\overline{B}) = \overline{\overline{B}} = B$ . Thus  $f$  is surjective. Hence  $f$  is bijective.

Q6: We need to check reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

① reflexive, since  $a \equiv a \pmod{7}$  and hence  $a \equiv \pm a \pmod{7}$

② symmetric: If  $a \equiv \pm b \pmod{7}$ , then  $a = \pm b + 7k$  for some integer  $k$ . Thus  $a = b + 7k$  or  $a = -b - 7k$ .  
Therefore  $b = a - 7k$  or  $b = -a - 7k$ .

This implies  $b \equiv \pm a \pmod{7}$ . Hence it is symmetric.

③ transitive: If  $a \equiv \pm b \pmod{7}$  and  $b \equiv \pm c \pmod{7}$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} a = \pm b + 7k \\ b = \pm c + 7l \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = b + 7k & \text{or } a = -b + 7k \\ b = c + 7l & \text{or } b = -c + 7l \end{cases}$$

This implies

$$a = c + 7(k+l) \quad \text{or} \quad a = -c + 7(k+l)$$

$$\text{or } a = -c + 7(k-l) \quad \text{or} \quad a = c + 7(k-l)$$

In both cases,  $a \equiv \pm c \pmod{7}$

Thus it is transitive.

Q7: ①  $\neg P \equiv \neg(P \vee P) \equiv P \vee P$

③

②  $P \wedge Q \equiv \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \equiv \neg P \mid \neg Q \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} (P \mid P) \mid (Q \mid Q)$

③  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q \equiv \neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} P \wedge \neg Q \mid P \wedge \neg Q$

$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} (P \mid P) \mid (\neg Q \mid \neg Q) \mid (P \mid P) \mid (\neg Q \mid \neg Q)$

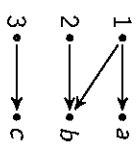
$\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} (P \mid P) \mid (Q \mid Q) \mid (Q \mid Q) \mid (P \mid P) \mid (Q \mid Q) \mid (Q \mid Q)$

Q8: ① If  $A \subset B$ , then for any  $x \in A$ , we know  $x \in B$ . Thus  $A \subseteq A \cap B$ . On the other hand, obviously,  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ , thus  $A = A \cap B$

② If  $A \cap B = A$ , then for any  $x \in A$ , we know  $x \in A \cap B$ . Hence  $x \in B$ . Therefore  $A \subset B$

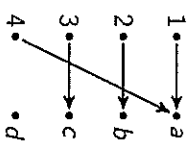
Example: Do the following diagrams define functions?

- $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$ ,



No, 1 has two images.

- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$ ,



Yes, every element in  $A$  has assigned a unique element in  $B$ .