

# Tutorial 8 the Mid-term Test

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# Problem 1 (10pt)

*A TVB television poll of 151 people found that 68 watched “Lives of Omission”, 61 watched “Men with no shadows”; 52 watched “Be home for dinner”; 16 watched both “Lives of Omission” and “Men with no shadows”; 25 watched both “Men with no shadows” and “Be home for dinner”; 19 watched both “Lives of Omission” and “Be home for dinner”; and 26 watched none of these shows. How many persons watched all three shows? Justify your answer.*

$$A = \{\text{people who watched “Lives of Omission”}\} = 68$$

$$B = \{\text{people who watched “Men with no shadows”}\} = 61$$

$$C = \{\text{people who watched “Be home for dinner”}\} = 52$$

## Problem 1 (10pt) cont.



$$\begin{array}{lll} A \cap B = 16 & B \cap C = 25 & A \cap C = 19 \\ \overline{A \cup B \cup C} = 26 & A \cup B \cup C = 151 - 26 = 125 & \end{array}$$

*To find*

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B \cap C &= (A \cup B \cup C) + (A \cap B) + (B \cap C) + (A \cap C) \\ &\quad - A - B - C \\ &= 125 + 16 + 25 + 19 - 68 - 61 - 52 = 4 \end{aligned}$$





## Problem 2 (20pt)

*True or False:*

- Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $A-B=\{5\}$  False
- If  $p \rightarrow q$ , then  $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$  True
- $\exists x$ , s.t.,  $x^2 + x + 1 < 0$  False
- Assume the musical will be scheduled if and only if both Jay and Marry show up on time. Since Jay is not here, the musical will be canceled. True
- Let the domain and co-domain be real numbers. Then,  $f(x)=3x$  is bijective. True



## Problem 2 (20pt) cont.

*True or False:*

- If  $f(x)$  is onto, its inverse function exists False
- Relation  $\{(1,2), (2,1)\}$  is reflexive. False
- If  $\lfloor x \rfloor = \lceil x \rceil$ , then  $x$  is an integer number True
- $\forall y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $x \bmod y$  is non-negative True
- A relation can be both anti-symmetric and symmetric. True





## Problem 3 (30pt)

*Prove or disapprove the following statements:*

a. Let  $H_k = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k}$ . Then,  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n H_i = (n+1)H_n - n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

True

prove by induction

Base case:

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 H_i = H_1 = 1 \quad (1+1) \cdot H_1 - 1 = 1$$

Induction:

For  $n=k$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k H_i = (k+1)H_k - k$  is True



## Problem 3 (30pt) cont.

when  $n=k+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} H_i &= \sum_{i=1}^k H_i + H_{k+1} \\ &= (k+1)H_k - k + H_{k+1} \\ &= (k+1)\left(H_{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) - k + H_{k+1} \\ &= (k+2)H_{k+1} - (k+1)\end{aligned}$$







## Problem 3 (30pt) cont.

*Prove or disapprove the following statements:*

b.  $2^n - 1$  is prime for all  $n \geq 1$

False

disprove by example

When  $n=4$ ,  $2^n - 1 = 16 - 1 = 15$  is not a prime number.





## Problem 3 (30pt) cont.

*Prove or disapprove the following statements:*

*c. There are no positive integer solutions to the equation*  
 $x^2 - y^2 = 1$

**True**

prove by contradiction

If there exist positive integer  $x, y$ , then  $x+y, x-y$  are both integers.

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + y = -1 \\ x - y = -1 \end{cases}$$



## Problem 3 (30pt) cont.

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases}$$
$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\Downarrow$$

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Contradiction.

$\Rightarrow$  So the hypothesis is false, the original statement is true.



## Problem 4 (30pt)

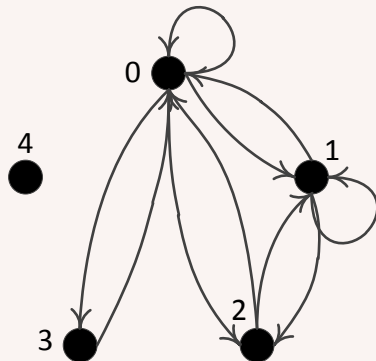


Draw the graph of the following relations on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Determine if they are reflexive, transitive, symmetric, antisymmetric, partial order?

a.  $xRy$  if  $x + y < 4$

$$\begin{aligned} xRy &= \{(x, y) \mid x + y < 4\} \\ &= \{(0, 0), \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{0, 3\}, \\ &\quad \{1, 0\}, \{1, 1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 0\}, \\ &\quad \{2, 1\}, \{3, 0\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Symmetric



## Problem 4 (30pt) cont.

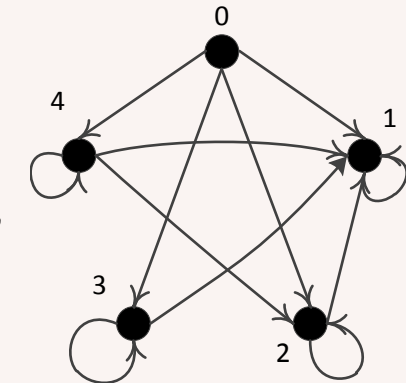


Draw the graph of the following relations on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Determine if they are reflexive, transitive, symmetric, antisymmetric, partial order?

b.  $xRy$  if  $x$  is dividable by  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} xRy &= \{(x, y) \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{y}\} \\ &= \{\{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{0, 3\}, \{0, 4\}, \{1, 1\}, \\ &\quad \{2, 2\}, \{3, 3\}, \{4, 4\}, \{2, 1\}, \{3, 1\}, \\ &\quad \{4, 1\}, \{4, 2\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Antisymmetric, Transitive



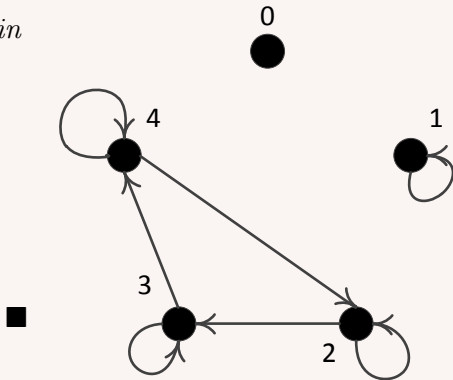
## Problem 4 (30pt) cont.



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c.  $\{\{1, 1\}, \{2, 2\}, \{3, 3\}, \{4, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 2\}\}$

Antisymmetric





## Problem 5 (10pt and 10pt bonus)

A *plane convex set*, subsequently abbreviated to “convex set”, is a non-empty set  $X$  in the plane having the property that if  $x$  and  $y$  are any two points in  $X$ , the straight-line segment from  $x$  to  $y$  is also in  $X$ . The following figures illustrate:

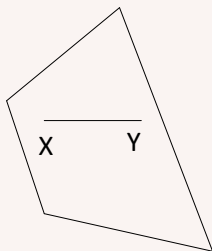


Figure: Convex set

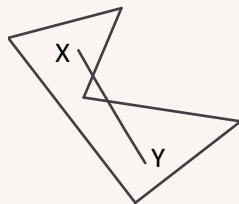


Figure: Non convex set

## Problem 5 (10pt and 10pt bonus) cont.



*a. Prove that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are convex sets and  $X \cap Y$  is nonempty, then  $X \cap Y$  is convex.*

$$\forall x, y \in X \cap Y$$

Let the point  $z$  be on the straight line segment from  $x$  to  $y$ .

Since  $x, y \in X$ ,  $X$  is convex  $\Rightarrow z \in X$

Since  $x, y \in Y$ ,  $Y$  is convex  $\Rightarrow z \in Y$

$$\Rightarrow z \in X \cap Y$$





## Problem 5 (10pt and 10pt bonus) cont.



b. Assume the following statement is correct:

*Lemma: Four convex sets are given in the plane. If every three of them have a nonempty intersection, then the intersection of all four sets is also nonempty.*

*Prove Helly's theorem: Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, n \geq 4$  are convex sets, each three of which have a common point. All  $n$  sets have a common point.*

Prove by induction.

Base step:  $n=4$  true by lemma



## Problem 5 (10pt and 10pt bonus) cont.

Induction step: true when  $n=k$

now consider  $n=k+1$ , for  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k+1}$ ,

let  $Y_1 = X_1 \cap X_{k+1}, Y_2 = X_2 \cap X_{k+1}, \dots, Y_k = X_k \cap X_{k+1}$

a total of  $k$  sets.

By (a), all of them are convex.

consider any 3 sets:

$X_i \cap X_{k+1}, X_j \cap X_{k+1}$  and  $X_l \cap X_{k+1}$   $i, j, l \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

$= X_i \cap X_j \cap X_l \cap X_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$  by the base of the induction where we pick four sets  $X_i, X_j, X_l, X_{k+1}$ .

This implies that any three set among  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$  share a common point.

By induction hypothesis,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{k+1} X_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^k Y_i \neq \emptyset$