

## Practice Problems 1

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### - COMMON SYMBOLS

- Quantifiers:  $\forall$ : for all,  $\exists$ : exists,  $\exists!$ : exists a unique.

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$\in$ : element of	$>$ : greater than	$\Rightarrow$ : implies	$\wedge$ : and
$\vee$ : or	$\equiv$ : equivalent to	$\subset$ : subset	$\cup$ : union
$\cap$ : intersection	$\emptyset$ : empty set	$\neg P$ : not $P$	$A^c$ : complement of $A$
$A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$	$2^A$ : power set of $A$	$f(A)^{-1}$ : pre-image of $A$	

### NEGATIONS

1. Negate the following:

- (a) \* For some  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 = 2$
- (b)  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Q}, \sqrt{a} \in \mathbb{Q}$
- (c) \*  $\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfying  $n \geq N$ ,  $1/n < \epsilon$ .
- (d) Between every two distinct real numbers, there is a rational number.

### SETS AND EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS

2. For any sets  $A, B, C$ , prove that:

- (a)  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
- (b) \*  $A \cup B = A \Leftrightarrow B \subseteq A$
- (c)  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

3. \* Let  $Q$  be the statement  $2x > 4$  and  $P : 10x + 2 > 15$ . Show that  $Q \Rightarrow P$  using:

- (a) a direct proof
- (b) contrapositive principle
- (c) contradiction

4. \* Assume  $B$  is a countable set. Let  $A \subset B$  be an infinite set. Prove that  $A$  is countable.

5. (Challenge) Let  $X$  be uncountably infinite. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $X$  such that their complements are countably infinite.

- (a) Prove that  $A$  and  $B$  are uncountably infinite. Hint:  $X = A \cup A^c$ .
- (b) Prove that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

### FUNCTIONS

- 6. Let  $f : S \rightarrow T$ ,  $U_1, U_2 \subset S$  and  $V_1, V_2 \subset T$ .
  - (a) \* Prove that  $V_1 \subset V_2 \implies f^{-1}(V_1) \subset f^{-1}(V_2)$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $f(U_1 \cap U_2) \subset f(U_1) \cap f(U_2)$ .
- 7. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Give an example of the following or show that it is impossible to do so:
  - (a) a function that is neither injective nor surjective
  - (b) a one-to-one function that is not onto
  - (c) a bijection
  - (d) a surjection that is not one-to-one

### INDUCTION

Use induction to prove the following statements:

- 8. \* If a set  $A$  contains  $n$  elements, the number of different subsets of  $A$  is equal to  $2^n$ .
- 9. \*  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- 10.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} \geq \sqrt{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$