

## Problem Set 4

**Deliverable:** Submit your responses as a single PDF file on the collab site before **6:29pm** on **Friday, 22 September**. The PDF you submit can be a scanned handwritten file (please check the scan is readable), or a typeset PDF file (e.g., generated by LaTeX).

### Collaboration Policy - Read Carefully

The collaboration policy is identical to what it was on previous assignments (for example see PS3), so is not included here. The only change is that except instead of learning something interesting about anyone you work with's home town, this time you should learn about the first music that was important to them.

### Preparation

This problem set focuses on the parts of Chapter 4 of the MCS book that we covered in Class 7 and Class 8. So it will be 4.1 and 4.2 and parts of 4.3 and 4.4. On Tuesday, we will discuss other material covered in this chapter.

### Directions

Solve as many of the problems as you can. For maximum credit, your answers should be correct, clear, well-written, and convincing.

### Sets

- For each set  $S$  defined below, indicate whether or not it is *always* equal to  $A$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary sets. Support your answer with a brief explanation.
  - $S ::= A \cup \emptyset$ .
  - $S ::= \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in \overline{B}\}$
  - $S ::= \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin \overline{A}\}$
  - $S ::= A \cap (B \cup A)$ .
  - $S ::= A - (B \cap \overline{B})$ .
- Use the definitions of the set operations to prove that for all sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A - B).$$

3. In Class 7, we defined set difference as:

$$\forall x. x \in A - B \iff x \in A \wedge x \notin B.$$

Provide an alternate (but equivalent in meaning) definition of set difference using only the other defined set operations (you may use any of the union ( $\cup$ ), intersection ( $\cap$ ), and complement ( $\overline{\phantom{x}}$ ) operations in your definition, but no other operations or qualifiers). A good answer will include a proof that shows your definition is equivalent to the original set difference definition.

4. Suppose  $A, B$  are two finite sets.

- What is the smallest set  $U$  that *could* be a universe with respect to both sets  $A, B$ ?
- What is  $\overline{A}$  with respect to the universe defined in part (a)?

5. In class 7, we saw a version of De Morgan's law for sets. In Problem 4.5 of MCS book you are asked to prove this formally. Namely, give a formal proof that

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

for any sets  $A, B$  and a universe  $U$  where  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq U$ .

## Functions and Relations

6. For each expression below, identify a *domain* and *codomain* that make  $f$  a function.<sup>1</sup> For example, for  $f(x) ::= 1/x$  you could correctly answer that the domain is  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and codomain is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- $f(x) ::= x + 1$
- $f(x) ::= \frac{x}{(x-1)}$
- $f(S) ::= \text{minimum}_{<}(S \cap \mathbb{N})$  where  $\text{minimum}_{<}$  is defined for all sets  $A$  that are well-ordered by  $<$  as:

$$\text{minimum}_{<}(A) = x \in A \text{ such that } \forall a \in A - \{x\}. x < a.$$

and  $<$  is a binary relation on the real numbers.

7. Consider the relation  $R$ , defined by comparison  $<$ , with the domain set,  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and codomain set,  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . Namely,  $(a, b) \in R$  iff  $(a < b)$ .
- Describe the graph of the relation. Your description can be a picture showing the graph, or some other clear way of defining that graph.
  - Recall that  $R$  is a set. If we let the cartesian product of the domain and codomain be the universe. What is the graph of  $\overline{R}$ , and what is the meaning of this relation?
8. Consider the relation,  $\leq$ , with the domain set,  $\mathbb{N}$  and codomain set  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>As we will see on Tuesday, and is also covered in the MCS book, sometimes we would use the word *total* to describe a function to distinguish them from the so called *partial* functions where each point in the domain is mapped to *at most* one point in the codomain.

- a. Describe the graph of the relation. (For this one, you won't be able to draw a complete picture since the domain set is infinite. Instead, your description can be a picture illustrating the graph in a clear way, or some other clear way of defining that graph.)
  - b. Is the relation of part (a) a function? why?
9. In each case below, describe the number of elements in the cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  (i.e.,  $A \times B$ ).
- a.  $A = \emptyset$  and  $B = \{\emptyset\}$ .
  - b.  $A = \emptyset$  and  $B = \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .
  - c.  $A = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $B = \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .
10. Suppose  $A, B$  are two Boolean variables, and let  $OP$  be a two-input Boolean operator. In class 8 we saw that  $OP$  can be seen as a function from  $\{T, F\} \times \{T, F\}$  to  $\{T, F\}$ . Show that there is another way to define Boolean operators using Binary relations. Namely, show an equivalence between Boolean operators (with two inputs) and relations between  $\{T, F\}$  and  $\{T, F\}$ .