Harvard University
Computer Science 20

Problem Set 5

Due Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 9:59am. All students should submit an electronic copy.

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PART A (Graded by Ben)

PROBLEM 1 (4 points, suggested length of 1/3 page)

Show that the intersection of two uncountable sets can be empty, finite, countably infinite, or uncountably infinite.

Solution.
We can solve the problem by giving an example in each case. An example of the empty set resulting from the intersection of two uncountable sets is $\boxed{[0,1] \cap [2,3] = \emptyset}$.

An example of a finite set resulting from the intersection of two uncountable sets is $\boxed{[0,1] \cap [1,2] = \{1\}}$.

An example of a countably infinite set resulting from the intersection of two uncountable sets is $\boxed{(\mathbb{Z} \cup [0,1]) \cap (\mathbb{Z} \cup [2,3]) = \mathbb{Z}}$.

An example of an uncountable set resulting from the intersection of two uncountable sets is $\boxed{\mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}}$.

PROBLEM 2 (2+3 points, suggested length of 2/3 page)

In the city of Hundred-land, the citizens all live in houses, each of which is labelled with a unique number. Specifically, the set of all house numbers is equal to the set of all real numbers from 1 to 100, inclusive. Let's assume for the sake of the problem that every house in Hundred-land is occupied by at least one citizen.

(A) Exasperated with the unfathomable costs associated with painting all of the house numbers, the mayor of Hundred-land declares that the numbering system be changed such that each house is labelled with a unique positive integer instead. Ignoring questions of time and resource-consumption, explain why it is impossible to label all of the houses in Hundred-land this way.

(B) Fortunately, before the mayor can enact his plan, the band One Direction pays a visit to

Hundred-land as part of their world tour and, absolutely enamored, the mayor declares the city to now be named One-land. As such, each house will now have to be labelled with a unique real number from 0 to 1, inclusive. Is it possible to accomplish this? Devise a system so that each citizen in Hundred-land can re-label their house or, if such a labelling system does not exist, explain why.

Solution.

(A) In order for each citizen to re-label their houses such that no two houses have the same number in the new system, we need to develop an injection mapping the set of all real numbers from 1 to 100 to the set of all positive integers. However, we know that the set of all real numbers over any non-zero interval is uncountable, while the set of all positive integers is countable. Hence, since the cardinality of the set we are mapping from is greater than the cardinality of the set we are mapping to, no such injection exists.

(B) In this case the cardinality of the set that we are mapping from is equal to the cardinality of the set that we are mapping to (every set of real numbers over a non-zero interval has the same cardinality by definition). An example of a successful system (a correct injective function) would be to have a citizen currently living in a house with label value n to re-label their house to have value $\frac{n-1}{99}$. In this fashion, every house number between 1 and 100 can be re-labelled as a unique house number between 0 and 1, inclusive.

PROBLEM 3 (2+4 points, suggested length of 1/3 page)

A robot named Wall-E wanders around a two-dimensional grid. He starts at (0,0) and is allowed to take four different types of steps:

1. (+1,-2)

2. (+5, -1)

3. (+0, +3)

4. (-2, -2)

For example, Wall-E might take the following stroll. The types of his steps are denoted by each arrow's subscript:
$$(0,0) \rightarrow_1 (1,-2) \rightarrow_3 (1,1) \rightarrow_2 (6,0) \rightarrow_4 (4,-2) \rightarrow \ldots$$

Wall-E's true love, the fashionable and high-powered robot, Eve, awaits at (1, 2).
(A) Describe a state machine model of this problem.
(B) Will Wall-E ever find his true love? Either find a path from Wall-E to Eve or use the Invariant Principle to prove that no such path exists.

Solution.

(A) In our state machine model, every state takes the form (x, y). The start state is $(0, 0)$, and the possible transitions out of a state (x, y) are to $(x+1, y-2), (x+5, y-1), (x, y+3), (x-2, y-2)$.
(B) He will not. Consider if we take all of the possible states and take the x and y coordinates mod 3. Then the possible transitions are equivalent to:

1. $(+1, -2) \equiv (+1, +1) \pmod 3$

2. $(+5, -1) \equiv (+2, +2) \pmod 3$

3. $(+0, +3) \equiv (+0, +0) \pmod 3$

4. $(-2, -2) \equiv (+1, +1) \pmod 3$

We then propose the following invariant: for any state (x, y)

$$x \bmod 3 = y \bmod 3$$

We see that it is true for the start state $(0, 0)$, and all of the transitions preserve this invariant, as they add the same amount to both the x and y coordinates mod 3. However, our desired final state $(1, 2)$ does not satisfy this invariant, and so it must be impossible to reach.

PART B (Graded by Crystal)

PROBLEM 4 (3+1 points, suggested length of 1/2 page)

(A) Give a recursive definition of the set S of bit strings with no more than a single 1 in them
    (e.g. 00010, 010, or 000)
(B) Is $0010 \in S$? Why?

Solution.

(A)

- Base cases: the empty string ϵ, 0, 1 $\in S$

- Constructor Rule: If w is in S, then

    C1: $0w \in S$

    C2: $w0 \in S$

- Nothing else (generally implicit): Nothing is in S unless it is obtained from the base case and constructor rule.

(B) Yes, because

- $1 \in S$ (Base case)

- $10 \in S$ by C2

- $010 \in S$ by C1

- $0010 \in S$ by C1

PROBLEM 5 (2+2 points, suggested length of 1/2 page)

Let $A = \{5n|n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and let S be the set defined as follows:

- Base Case: $5 \in S$

- Constructor Rule: If $x \in S$ and $y \in S$, $(x + y) \in S$

(A) Use induction to prove that $A \subset S$.
(B) Use structural induction to prove that $S \subset A$.

Solution.

(A) Proving that $A \subset S$ is equivalent to proving that $\forall x[x \in A \rightarrow x \in S]$

- Let P(n): $5n \in S$. We must show that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$.

- Base case: When n=1, $5(1) = 5 \in S$ by base case in the definition of S.

- Induction step:
  Assuming for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ P(n) is true, i.e. $5n \in S$, we want to prove that $P(n+1) : 5(n+1) = 5n + 5 \in S$.
  Since 5, 5n$\in S$, $5n + 5 \in S$ by the constructor rule of definition of S.

(B) Proving that $S \subset A$ is equivalent to proving that $\forall x[x \in S \rightarrow x \in A]$

- Basis step: By the base case of the definition of S, $3 \in S$. Since $3 = 3(1)$, $3 \in A$

- Recursive step:
  Now consider the constructor rule in the definition of S. Assume elements $x, y \in S$ are also in A. We must show that $x + y \in A$.
  Since $x, y \in A$, $x = 3i$ and $y = 3j$ for some natural numbers i and j. So $x + y = 3i + 3j = 3(i + j)$, where $i + j \in \mathbb{N}$ since $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $x + y \in A$.