

## Math 2155, Fall 2021: Homework 4

### Instructions for GradeScope:

You may handwrite your answers or type them. Only type solutions if you are able to type the appropriate symbols. If **typed**, use at least a 12pt font, with **one question per page**. You can then directly submit the pdf file to GradeScope.

#### If **handwritten**:

- Don't erase or cross out more than a word or two.
- Only write on one side of the page. Use dark, large, neat writing.
- If you have a real scanner, great! Most people will scan their solutions using their phone. Use one of the recommended apps: For iOS, use Scannable by Evernote or Genius Scan. For Android, use Genius Scan. Do *not* just take regular photos. Read the pages at the end of this document for GradeScope's instructions.
- When scanning, have good lighting and try to avoid shadows.
- It is best to have **one question per scan**. If the solution is short, **fold the page in half** and scan just the half it is on, so there isn't so much blank space. Or, you can scan and then crop the scan. You don't need to scan parts (a), (b), etc. separately or put them on separate pages.
- It works well to scan each question separately and produce one pdf file with one question per page. Most scanning apps will automatically combine your images into one pdf file.
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You can **resubmit** your work any number of times until the deadline.

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## Instructions for writing solutions:

- Homework is graded both on **correctness** and on **presentation**.
- Your proofs should be written in **complete sentences**, starting with capitals and ending with periods. They should be in **paragraph form**, similar to the proofs in the textbook. For example, you shouldn't put each sentence on a new line. Paragraphs should be used to break the proof into logical chunks.
- Don't use informal abbreviations such as three dots for "therefore." Logical symbols can be used when they clarify things to the reader, but English words can often be more effective.
- Include all of the steps that are needed to logically justify every claim you make. Do not include unnecessary steps. Try to be **concise and complete**.
- Do not submit any **rough work**. Do your rough work on scratch paper, and only submit a clearly and neatly written answer. Do not cross out or erase more than a word or two. If you write each final solution on a new page, it's easy to start over on a fresh page when you've made a large error.
- You should do the work **on your own**. Read the course syllabus for the rules about scholastic offences, which include sharing solutions with others, uploading material to a website, viewing material of others or on a website (even if you don't use it), etc. The penalty for cheating on homework will be a grade of **0** on the homework set as well as a penalty of **negative 5%** on the overall course grade.
- Not every question will be graded.

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Due **Friday, October 8 at 11:59pm**. These problems will take more time than WeBWork problems, so plan accordingly. You can **resubmit** your work any number of times until the deadline.

**H4Q1:** Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are sets with  $A \subseteq B$ . Prove that if  $a \in A \setminus C$  then  $a \in B \setminus C$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that  $a \in A \setminus C$ . Then  $a \in A$  and  $a \notin C$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$  and  $a \in A$ , we have that  $a \in B$ . Since  $a \in B$  and  $a \notin C$ , we have that  $a \in B \setminus C$ . Therefore, if  $a \in A \setminus C$  then  $a \in B \setminus C$ .  $\square$

**H4Q2:** Consider the following incorrect theorem:

**Incorrect Theorem:** Suppose that  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers and  $x \neq 3$ . If  $x^2y = 9y$ , then  $y = 0$ .

(a) What's wrong with the following proof of the theorem? Explain.

*Proof.* Suppose  $x^2y = 9y$ . Then  $(x^2 - 9)y = 0$ . Since  $x \neq 3$ , we have  $x^2 \neq 9$ , so  $x^2 - 9 \neq 0$ . Hence we can divide both sides of the equation  $(x^2 - 9)y = 0$  by  $x^2 - 9$ , which leads to the conclusion that  $y = 0$ . Thus, if  $x^2y = 9y$ , then  $y = 0$ .  $\square$

(b) Show that the theorem is incorrect by giving a counterexample.

**Solution:** (a) The step that says "Since  $x \neq 3$ , we have  $x^2 \neq 9$ " is incorrect. For example, when  $x = -3$  we have  $x \neq 3$  and yet  $x^2 = 9$ .

(b) A counterexample is given by taking  $x = -3$  and  $y = 1$ . Then  $x \neq 3$  and  $x^2y = (-3)^2 \cdot 1 = 9 = 9y$ , but  $y \neq 0$ .

**H4Q3:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be real numbers such that  $xy = 2x^2 - y$ . Prove that if  $y \neq 0$ , then  $x \neq 0$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that  $y \neq 0$ . We must show that  $x \neq 0$ . To get a contradiction, assume that  $x = 0$ . Then the equation says that  $0 = -y$  which implies that  $y = 0$ . This is a contradiction since we are assuming that  $y \neq 0$ , so our assumption that  $x = 0$  must be false. Therefore  $y \neq 0$  implies  $x \neq 0$ .  $\square$

**Alternate solution:** We will prove the contrapositive, that  $x = 0$  implies  $y = 0$ . So assume that  $x = 0$ . Then the equation says that  $0 = -y$  which implies that  $y = 0$ . Therefore,  $x = 0$  implies  $y = 0$ .  $\square$