

Math 300 Spring 2017 Midterm Exam

*Write clearly and legibly. Justify all your answers.  
You will be graded for correctness and clarity of your solutions.  
You may use one 8.5 x 11 sheet of notes; writing is allowed on both sides.  
You may use a calculator.  
You can use elementary algebra and any result that we proved in class. You  
need to prove everything else.  
Please raise your hand and ask a question if anything is not clear.  
This exam contains 5 pages and is worth a total of 50 points.  
You have 50 minutes. Good luck*

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PROBLEM 5 (10) -----

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**Problem 1:** Let  $A$  and  $B, C$  be sets.

1. (5 points) Prove that  $(A - B) \cap (A - C) \subseteq A - (B \cap C)$

Assume  $x \in (A - B) \cap (A - C)$  then  $x \in (A - B)$  and  
 $x \in (A - C)$  Therefore  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$   
so  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \cap C$  so  $x \in A - (B \cap C)$

2. (7 points) Is  $\forall A, B, C (A - B) \cap (A - C) = A - (B \cap C)$  true? Justify your answer.

No take  $A = \{1, 2\}$   $B = \{1\}$   $C = \{2\}$

$$(A - B) \cap (A - C) = \{2\} \cap \{1\} = \emptyset$$

$$A - (B \cap C) = \{1, 2\}$$

It is true that  $(A - B) \cap (A - C) = A - (B \cup C)$

$$\text{Proof } x \in (A - B) \cap (A - C) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C \Leftrightarrow \\ x \in A \wedge x \notin (B \cup C) \Leftrightarrow x \in A - (B \cup C)$$

**Problem 2** (10 points) Prove that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} \ 14 \mid x \Leftrightarrow (2 \mid x \wedge 7 \mid x)$

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $14 \mid x$ , then  $x = 14k = 2 \cdot 7k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  so  $2 \mid x$  and  $7 \mid x$

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $2 \mid x$  and  $7 \mid x$ , then  $x = 2h = 7k$  for some  $h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $2h$  is even  $7k$  must be even, so  $k$  must be even, that is  $k = 2p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  so  $x = 7 \cdot 2p = 14p$  and  $14 \mid x$

**Problem 3** (10 points) Guess a formula for  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n + 1)$ , the sum of the first  $n$  odd positive integers and use induction to prove your formula is correct.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 & \\ 1+3 &= 4 \\ 1+3+5 &= 9 \\ 1+3+5+7 &= 16 \\ 1+3+5+7+9 &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Guess  $\sum_{l=1}^n (2l-1) = n^2$

Proof by induction

Base case: if  $n=1$   $\sum_{l=1}^1 (2l-1) = 1 = 1^2$

Induction step: assume  $\sum_{l=1}^k (2l-1) = k^2$  then

$$\sum_{l=1}^{k+1} (2l-1) = \sum_{l=1}^k (2l-1) + 2(k+1)-1 = k^2 + 2k+1 = (k+1)^2$$

**Problem 4** Define a function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-3 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x+5 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

1. (5 points) Is  $f$  injective? Prove your answer.

No  $f(0) = -3$   
 $f(-8) = -3$

2. (5 points) Is  $f$  surjective? Prove your answer.

Yes We need to prove  $\forall y \in \mathbb{Z} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} f(x) = y$   
if  $y \geq -3$  take  $x = y+3$  then  $x \geq 0$  and  $f(x) = x-3 = y+3-3 = y$   
if  $y < -3$  take  $x = y-5$  then  $x < 0$  and  $f(x) = x+5 = y-5+5 = y$

**Problem 5** (10 points) Let  $A$  be the set of all functions from  $Z$  to  $Z$ . For each statement below, write the negation of the statement and prove whether the original statement (NOT the negation) is true or false.

(a)  $\forall f \in A \exists g \in A \forall x \in Z g(x) \geq f(x)$ .

NEGATION:  $\exists f \in A \forall g \in A \exists x \in Z g(x) < f(x)$

True or false? Give a proof.

True Given  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$  take  $g: Z \rightarrow Z$   
 $g(x) = f(x)$  then  $\forall x \in Z g(x) \geq f(x)$

(b)  $\exists f \in A \forall g \in A \forall x \in Z g(x) \geq f(x)$ .

NEGATION:  $\forall f \in A \exists g \in A \exists x \in Z g(x) < f(x)$

True or false? Give a proof.

False. The negation is true.

Given  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$  Take  $g: Z \rightarrow Z$  defined by  
 $g(x) = f(x) - 1$  take  $x = 0$  then  $g(0) = f(0) - 1 < f(0)$

(c)  $\exists f \in A \forall y \in Z \exists x \in Z (y \text{ odd} \Rightarrow (x \text{ even} \wedge f(x) = y))$ .

NEGATION:

$\forall f \in A \exists y \in Z \forall x \in Z (y \text{ odd} \wedge (x \text{ odd} \vee f(x) \neq y))$

True or false? Give a proof.

True Take  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$   
 $f(x) = x + 1$

Then if  $y$  is odd  $x = y - 1$  is even and  $f(x) = y$