

Spring 2018 Math 300 Final 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 (but not in the homework). You need to prove everything else.

Please raise your hand and ask a question if anything is not clear.

This exam contains 9 pages and is worth a total of 70 points.

You have 1 hr and 50 minutes. Good luck

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PROBLEM 1 (8 points) _____

PROBLEM 2 (8 points) _____

PROBLEM 3 (12 points) _____

PROBLEM 4 (8 points) _____

PROBLEM 5 (8 points) _____

PROBLEM 6 (8 points) _____

PROBLEM 7 (10 points) _____

PROBLEM 8 (8 points) _____

Total _____

• **Problem 1** Given sets A, B, C in some universe U prove that

$$((A \cup B) - C)^c = (A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c.$$

First we shall prove $((A \cup B) - C)^c \subseteq (A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c$

assume $x \in ((A \cup B) - C)^c$, then $x \notin (A \cup B) - C$ so $x \notin A \cup B \vee x \in C$

if $x \notin A \cup B$ then $x \notin A \wedge x \notin B$ so $x \notin A - C$ and $x \notin B - C$

so $x \in (A - C)^c$ and $x \in (B - C)^c$ and therefore $x \in (A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c$.

if $x \in C$ again $x \notin A - C$ and $x \notin B - C$ so $x \in (A - C)^c$ and $x \in (B - C)^c$

and therefore $x \in (A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c$

Now we shall prove $(A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c \subseteq ((A \cup B) - C)^c$

Assume $x \in (A - C)^c \cap (B - C)^c$ then $x \notin A - C$ and $x \notin B - C$

If $x \in C$ then $x \notin (A \cup B) - C$ so $x \in ((A \cup B) - C)^c$

If $x \notin C$ then it must be the case that $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$

so $x \notin A \cup B$ so $x \notin (A \cup B) - C$ and $x \in ((A \cup B) - C)^c$

- **Problem 2** Write a statement equivalent to the negation of

$$\forall x \in A \exists y \in B (x > y) \Rightarrow (\exists z \in C ((z > x) \Rightarrow (z > y \vee z = 0)))$$

that does not use the negation symbol \neg

My mistake for not using enough parentheses

Some people read it as

$$\forall x \in A \exists y \in B (x > y \Rightarrow \dots)$$

Negation

$$\exists x \in A \forall y \in B (x > y \wedge \forall z \in C (z > x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z \neq 0))$$

Some people read it as

$$(\forall x \in A \exists y \in B x > y) \Rightarrow (\exists z \in C (z > x \Rightarrow (z > y \vee z = 0)))$$

Negation

$$\forall x \in A \exists y \in B x > y \wedge \forall z \in C (z > x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z \neq 0)$$

Both received full credit

• **Problem 3** Prove that $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ $3 \mid x \Leftrightarrow 3 \mid x^3$

First prove $3 \mid x \Rightarrow 3 \mid x^3$

Assume $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $3 \mid x$, then $x = 3k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and
 $x^3 = 27k^3 = 3(9k^3)$ so $3 \mid x^3$

Then prove $3 \mid x^3 \Rightarrow 3 \mid x$

By contraposition assume $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and 3 does not divide x ,
then $x \equiv 1$ or $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ and therefore $x^3 \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{3}$
so 3 does not divide x^3

Alternative proof: 3 is prime assume $3 \mid x \cdot x \cdot x$ then 3 has
to divide one of the factors in the product $x \cdot x \cdot x$ so $3 \mid x$

Use the result above to prove that $\sqrt[3]{3}$ is irrational

By contradiction assume $\sqrt[3]{3} = \frac{m}{n}$ with $\frac{m}{n}$ reduced
then $3n^3 = m^3$ so $3 \mid m^3$ and therefore $3 \mid m$, so
 $m = 3k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $3n^3 = (3k)^3 = 27k^3$ so
 $n^3 = 3(3k^3)$ and $3 \mid n^3$ and therefore n . so 3 is a
common factor of m and n and therefore $\frac{m}{n}$ is not reduced,
contradiction.

- **Problem 4** Prove that the set $A = \{S \mid S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \text{ and } |S| \leq 1\}$ (that is A is the set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} that have zero or one element) is denumerable.

$$A = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Define } f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$$

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } n=1 \\ \{n-1\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Define } g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$g(S) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S = \emptyset \\ n+1 & \text{if } S = \{n\} \end{cases}$$

$$g(f(n)) = \begin{cases} g(\emptyset) = 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ g(\{n-1\}) = n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{so } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad g(f(n)) = n$$

$$f(g(S)) = \begin{cases} f(1) = \emptyset & \text{if } S = \emptyset \\ f(n+1) = \{n\} = S & \text{if } S = \{n\} \end{cases} \quad \text{so } \forall S \in A \quad f(g(S)) = S$$

Therefore $g = f^{-1}$ and f is a bijection, so A is denumerable

- **Problem 5** Prove that if p and q are distinct primes then
 $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{pq} \Leftrightarrow (a \equiv b \pmod{p} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{q})$

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

First prove $a \equiv b \pmod{pq} \Rightarrow (a \equiv b \pmod{p} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{q})$

Assume $a \equiv b \pmod{pq}$ then $pq \mid a-b$ so
 $a-b = pq \cdot k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $p \mid a-b$ and therefore $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$
and $q \mid a-b$ so $a \equiv b \pmod{q}$

Now prove $a \equiv b \pmod{p} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{q} \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{pq}$

Assume $p \mid (a-b)$ and $q \mid (a-b)$ so $a-b = kp = hq$ for some $h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then $kp = hq$ so $p \mid hq$ and p does not divide q , so

p divides h , therefore $h = sp$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$

and $a-b = spq$ so $pq \mid a-b$ and therefore $a \equiv b \pmod{pq}$

Give a counterexample to show this theorem is not true if p and q are not prime

$$6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \quad 6 \equiv 2 \pmod{2} \quad \text{but } 6 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{8}$$

• **Problem 6** Find all integer solutions of $3^{122}x \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$

11 is prime $3^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ $3^{122} = 3^2 (3^{10})^{12} \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$

$9x \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$ has only one solution in \mathbb{Z}_{11} by trial and error $x = 3$

So $x = 3 + k11$

• **Problem 7** Consider the relation R on Z defined by

$$aRb \text{ iff } 3a + 3b \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$$

Prove R is an equivalence relation.

$$\begin{aligned} aRa & \text{ since } 3a + 3a = 6a \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ aRb \Rightarrow bRa & \text{ since if } 3a + 3b \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ then } 3b + 3a \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ aRb \wedge bRc \Rightarrow aRc & \text{ since } 3a + 3b \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 3b + 3c \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ & \text{implies } (3a + 3b) + (3b + 3c) = 3a + 6b + 3c \equiv 3a + 3c \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \end{aligned}$$

List all equivalence classes for R

$$b \in [a] \text{ iff } 3a + 3b \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ iff } 3a \equiv -3b \pmod{6} \text{ iff}$$

$$3a \equiv 3b \pmod{6} \text{ iff } a \equiv b \pmod{2}$$

so there are only 2 equivalence classes

$$[0] = \text{EVEN}$$

$$[1] = \text{ODD}$$

• **Problem 8** Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}$ defined by:

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 3$$

$$a_3 = 2$$

$$a_{n+1} = 4a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} \text{ if } n+1 \geq 4$$

Prove that $\forall n \geq 1, a_n = 3n + 1 - 2^n$

By induction

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Base case: } & \text{if } n=1 \quad 3+1-2=2=a_1 \\ & \text{if } n=2 \quad 6+1-4=3=a_2 \\ & \text{if } n=3 \quad 9+1-8=2=a_3 \end{aligned}$$

Induction step: assume the formula true for a_{k-2}, a_{k-1}, a_k for some $k \geq 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } a_{k+1} &= 4(3k+1-2^k) - 5(3(k-1)+1-2^{k-1}) + 2(3(k-2)+1-2^{k-2}) = \\ &= \underline{12k+4} - 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - \underline{15k+15} - \underline{5} + 5 \cdot 2^{k-1} + \underline{6k-12+2} - 2^{k-1} = \\ &= 3k+4 - 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} + 4 \cdot 2^{k-1} = \\ &= 3(k+1)+1 - 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$