

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 (6 points) -----

PROBLEM 3 (8 points) -----

PROBLEM 4 (12 points) -----

PROBLEM 5 (8 points) -----

PROBLEM 6 (8 points) -----

PROBLEM 7 (12 points) -----

PROBLEM 8 (8 points) -----

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

assume $x \in (A - B)^c \cup (A - C)^c$; then $x \in (A - B)^c$ or $x \in (A - C)^c$;

if $x \in (A - B)^c$ then $x \notin A - B$ so $x \notin A$ or $x \in B$

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

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

if $x \in (A - C)^c$ the argument is similar

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

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

that does not use the negation symbol \neg

My mistake for not using enough parentheses

Some people read it as

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

Negation

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

Other as

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

Negation

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

- **Problem 3** Prove or disprove $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\frac{a^2-a}{2}$ is even if and only if a or $a-1$ are divisible by 4.

$$\frac{a^2-a}{2} = 2k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow a \equiv 0 \text{ or } a \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \quad \text{is true}$$

$$\text{Note } \frac{a^2-a}{2} = 2k \text{ for some } k \Leftrightarrow a^2-a = 4k \Leftrightarrow a^2-a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

First prove $a \equiv 0 \vee a \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow a^2-a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

$$\text{if } a \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ then } a^2-a \equiv 0^2-0 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{if } a \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ then } a^2-a \equiv 1^2-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

Then prove $a^2-a \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow (a \equiv 0 \vee a \equiv 1 \pmod{4})$

By contraposition

$$\text{if } a \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \quad a^2-a \equiv 4-2 \equiv 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{if } a \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \quad a^2-a \equiv 9-3 \equiv 6 \equiv 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

- **Problem 4** A student is trying to prove that the set $A = \{S \mid S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \text{ and } |S| = 2\}$ (that is A is the set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} that have exactly two elements) is denumerable. Below are some of his attempts to find a bijection f between A and a denumerable set. For each function f that the student has tried to define below say whether it is a well defined function that is a bijection or not. If it is not, explain why.

- $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \quad f(\{x, y\}) = (x, y)$

Not well defined; elements of a set are not ordered so is $f(\{1, 2\}) = (1, 2)$ or $(2, 1)$?

- $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \quad f(\{x, y\}) = (\min(x, y), \max(x, y))$

Not surjective since for example $(2, 1) \notin \text{Im}(f)$

- $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \quad f(\{x, y\}) = x + y$

Not injective $f(\{1, 6\}) = f(\{3, 4\})$

• **Problem 5** Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}$ defined by:

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 2$$

$$a_3 = -3$$

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

Prove that $\forall n \geq 1, a_n = 3n + 4 - 2^{n+1}$

By induction on n

Base case

$$\text{If } n=1 \text{ then } 3+4-4=3$$

$$\text{If } n=2 \text{ then } 6+4-8=2$$

$$\text{If } n=3 \text{ then } 9+4-16=-3$$

Induction step: assume the formula above is true for a_{k-2}, a_{k-1} and a_k , for some $k \geq 3$, then $a_{k+1} = 4a_k - 5a_{k-1} + 2a_{k-2} =$

$$= 4(3k+4-2^{k+1}) - 5(3(k-1)+4-2^k) + 2(3(k-2)+4-2^{k-1})$$

$$= 12k - 15k + 6k + 16 + 15 - 12 - 20 + 8 - 4 \cdot 2^{k+1} + 5 \cdot 2^k - 2^k$$

$$= 3k + 7 - 2 \cdot 2^{k+2} + 2^{k+2} = 3(k+1) + 4 - 2^{k+1+1}$$

• **Problem 6** Solve $3 \cdot 7^{1000}x \equiv 2005 \pmod{10}$

$$7^{1000} = (49)^{500} \equiv (9)^{500} \equiv (-1)^{500} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$
$$2005 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$$

$$3x \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$$

by trial and error $x=5$

so all integer solutions are $x = 5 + 10k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$

• **Problem 7** An equivalence relation R on a set A is a subset of $A \times A$ that has the following properties; complete the sentences below :

- Reflexive, that is $\forall a \in A \quad aRa \quad \text{or} \quad (a,a) \in R$

- Symmetric, that is $\forall a,b \in R \quad aRb \Rightarrow bRa \quad \text{or} \quad (a,b) \in R \Rightarrow (b,a) \in R$

- Transitive, that is $\forall a,b,c \in R \quad (aRb \wedge bRc) \Rightarrow aRc$
 $(a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in R \Rightarrow (a,c) \in R$

Given that R_1 and R_2 are two equivalence relations on a set A , prove that $R_1 \cap R_2$ is an equivalence relation on A .

We need to show $R_1 \cap R_2$ is reflexive
 Given $a \in A$, since $(a,a) \in R_1$ and $(a,a) \in R_2$ then $(a,a) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ so $R_1 \cap R_2$ is reflexive

Given $a,b \in A$ if $(a,b) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ then $(a,b) \in R_1$ so $(b,a) \in R_1$ and $(a,b) \in R_2$ so $(b,a) \in R_2$, therefore $R_1 \cap R_2$ is symmetric

Given $a,b,c \in A$ if $(a,b) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ and $(b,c) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ then $(a,b) \in R_1$ and $(b,c) \in R_1$ so $(a,c) \in R_1$ and $(a,b) \in R_2$ and $(b,c) \in R_2$ so $(a,c) \in R_2$ so $(a,c) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ so $R_1 \cap R_2$ is transitive.

if R_1 is $\equiv \pmod{4}$ in \mathbb{Z} and R_2 is $\equiv \pmod{6}$ in \mathbb{Z} $a R_1 \cap R_2 b$
 $\Leftrightarrow 4 \mid b-a \wedge 6 \mid b-a$ so $R_1 \cap R_2$ is $\equiv \pmod{12}$

since $b-a = 4k = 6h$ for some $h,k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 2k = 3h$ so h is even
 therefore $h = 2l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b-a = 6 \cdot 2l$ so $b \equiv a \pmod{12}$
 vice versa if $b \equiv a \pmod{12}$ $b-a = 12k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ so $4 \mid b-a$ and $6 \mid b-a$, so $a \equiv b \pmod{4}$ and $a \equiv b \pmod{6}$

$R_1 \cup R_2$ is not an equivalence relation since

$2 \equiv 6 \pmod{4}$ and $6 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ so $(2,6) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ and $(6,0) \in R_1 \cup R_2$
 but $2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or 6 so $(2,0) \notin R_1 \cup R_2$

} prove that $1^{-1} = 1$ and $(p-1)^{-1} = p-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 } prove that $x^{-1} = x \Rightarrow x=1 \vee x=-1$
 $x \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
 (x^2-1)

Give an example that shows \mathbb{Z} is not true if p is not prime
 $5^{-1} = 5$ in \mathbb{Z}_{12} 3

• **Problem 8** Given $m \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 1$, prove that

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow ca \equiv cb \pmod{m}$$

Assume $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ then $m \mid a-b$ so
 $a-b = mk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ therefore
 $ca-cb = m(ck)$ and so $ca \equiv cb \pmod{m}$

Is the converse true? That is prove or disprove that

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, ca \equiv cb \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

No $c=0$ is a problem, but even if we let $c \neq 0$
 $3 \cdot 2 \equiv 3 \cdot 4 \pmod{6}$ but $2 \not\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$

• **Problem 8** Given $m \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 1$, recall that for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ we denote by a^{-1} the inverse of a in \mathbb{Z}_m .

– Show that $1^{-1} = 1$ and $(m-1)^{-1} = m-1$ in \mathbb{Z}_m , that is 1 and $m-1$ are their own inverse in \mathbb{Z}_m .

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$(m-1)(m-1) = m^2 - 2m + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

– Prove that, if m is prime, 1 and $m-1$ are the only elements of \mathbb{Z}_m that are their own inverse (Hint : x is its own inverse if $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$)

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m \mid x^2 - 1 = (x+1)(x-1) \Rightarrow (\text{since } m \text{ is prime})$$

$$m \mid (x+1) \text{ or } m \mid (x-1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \equiv -1 \equiv (m-1) \pmod{m} \text{ or } x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

– Give an example to show that, if m is not prime, there maybe elements $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ such that $a = a^{-1}$ and $a \neq 1$ and $a \neq m-1$

$$3 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \quad \text{so } 3 = 3^{-1} \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_8$$