

Version 1

MATH 61: INTRODUCTION TO DISCRETE STRUCTURES  
MIDTERM #1

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Be careful, there are problems on both sides of the paper!

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(1) (15 points) Prove by induction that for all  $n \geq 4$ ,  $2^n \geq n^2$ .

Base step:  $n=4$

$$(n+1)^2 = n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$2^4 = 16, 4^2 = 16$$

$$2^4 = 16 \geq 4^2 = 16$$

Inductive step:

Assume that  $2^n \geq n^2$ . Show that  $2^{n+1} \geq (n+1)^2$

$$2^{n+1} = 2^n \cdot 2 \geq 2(n^2) \geq ($$

$$2^n \geq n^2$$

$$2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot n^2$$

$$2 \cdot 2^n + 4n + 2 \geq 2n^2 + 4n + 2$$

$$2 \cdot 2^n + 4n + 2 \geq 2(n+1)^2$$

$$2^{n+1} \geq 2(n+1)^2 - 4n - 2$$

$$2^{n+1} \geq 2((n+1)^2 - 2n - 1) \quad \text{close}$$

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The answer above is wrong, but I wanted the following result.  
Show that  $2^{n+1} \geq (n+1)(n+1)$

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot n^2 \dots \quad n^2 + 2n + 1 \geq (n+1)^2$$

So, by induction,  $\forall n \geq 4$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2^n \geq n^2$ , even closer.

(2) (15 points) Consider the set  $A$  of points on the circle of radius 1 centered at the origin. Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  by  $(p, q) \in R$  exactly when  $q$  can be obtained by moving  $p$  some multiple of 45 degrees around the circle *in either direction!* So for example  $(1, 0)$  is related to  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$  since we can move from the first point to the second by moving counterclockwise by 45 degrees *three times*. However,  $(0, 1)$  is not related to  $(.5, \sqrt{1 - .5^2})$ , because no amount of rotating by 45 degrees will move us between the points.

(a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Let  $(x, y) \in A$ . Then  $((x, y), (x, y)) \in R$  because every point is a  $0^\circ$  rotation from itself. So,  $R$  is reflexive.

Let  $(x, y), (u, v) \in A$  such that  $(x, y) R (u, v)$ . Then, this means that  $(u, v)$  is a multiple of a  $45^\circ$  rotation from  $(x, y)$ . So, order does not matter for this relation because we can get  $(u, v)$  by rotating  $(x, y)$  some multiple of  $45^\circ$ .

$$\Rightarrow ((u, v), (x, y)) \in R \Rightarrow R \text{ is symmetric.}$$

$\frac{7}{3}$  Let  $(x, y), (u, v), (z, w) \in A$  such that  $(x, y) R (u, v)$  and  $(u, v) R (z, w)$ . Then  $(u, v)$  is a multiple of  $45^\circ$  rotation from  $(x, y)$ , and  $(z, w)$  is a multiple of  $45^\circ$  rotation from  $(u, v)$ . So,  $(z, w)$  must also be a multiple of  $45^\circ$  rotation from  $(x, y)$  because we can get to  $(u, v)$  from  $(x, y)$ . Explain

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) R (z, w) \Rightarrow R \text{ is transitive.}$$

So,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) List the elements of  $[(1, 0)]$ .

$$[(1, 0)] = \left\{ (1, 0), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), (0, 1), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), (-1, 0), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), (0, -1), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right\}$$

(3) (15 points; each of (a), (b) and (c) are weighted equally) Answer the following questions.

(a) Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $C = \{b, c, 2, 3\}$ . Determine each of the following. If it is a set, then write the set by listing the elements. If it is a number, then write which one. If it is a statement, then write true or false.

(i)  $|B \cup C|$

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(ii)  $A \times B$

$\{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3), (c, 1), (c, 2), (c, 3)\}$

(iii)  $(A \cup B) - C$

$\{a, 1\}$

values in  $C$   
and values in  $B \times B$

$A \cap B = \{\emptyset\}$

(iv)  $C \cap (B \times B)$

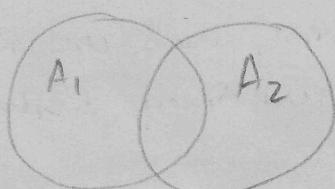
$\emptyset$

(v)  $(A \cap B) \subseteq C$

True



(b) Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be sets. Find disjoint sets  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  such that  $A_1 \cup A_2 = B_1 \cup B_2$ .



Let  $B_1 = A_1$  and  $B_2 = A_2 - A_1$ .

Then  $B_1 \cup B_2 = A_1 \cup A_2$



(c) Prove or disprove the following statement. For any sets  $A, B$  and  $X$ , if  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , then  $X - A \subseteq X - B$ .

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

Then  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , and

$X - A = \{4, 5\}$ ,  $X - B = \{5\}$

But  $4 \in X - A$  but  $4 \notin X - B$

because  $4 \in X - A$  but  $4 \notin X - B$ ,



(4) (15 points) Define the following sets:

- (a) Let  $X$  be the set of strings with alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ .
- (b) Let  $Y$  be the set of strings with alphabet  $\{a, b\}$ .
- (c) Let  $Z$  be the set of strings with alphabet  $\{0, 1, a, b\}$ .

Define a function  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  by  $F(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha \sim \beta$ . Recall that  $\alpha \sim \beta$  is the concatenation of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

- (a) Is  $F$  injective? Justify your answer.

Yes. Take  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in X$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in Y$ . If  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \neq (\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ , there must be a point of difference between  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  and/or  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ ; either the lengths are different or the combination of the respective alphabet is different. So, concatenating  $\alpha_1$  with  $\beta_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  with  $\beta_2$  will preserve this dissimilarity. So if  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \neq (\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ ,  $F(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \neq F(\alpha_2, \beta_2) \Rightarrow F$  is injective.

Not quite enough

- (b) Is  $F$  surjective? Justify your answer.

No. Note that  $F$  is defined as  $F(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha \sim \beta$ , so all strings returned by this function must end with some combination of a's or b's.

So, if we take  $0101 \in Z$ , there is no  $\alpha \in X$ ,  $\beta \in Y$  such that  $F(\alpha, \beta) = 0101$ .

$\beta = \text{empty string}$ .

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- (c) Recall that the range of  $F$  is the set  $\{z \in Z \mid \text{there is } (x, y) \in X \times Y \text{ such that } F(x, y) = z\}$ . Show that  $X \cup Y$  is a subset of the range of  $F$ .

If  $x \cup y \subseteq \text{range}(F)$ , then  $\forall \alpha \in x \cup y$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{range}(F)$

Take  $\alpha \in x \cup y$ , so  $\alpha$  is either a string made by the alphabet in  $X$  or by the alphabet in  $Y$ .

Case 1:  $\alpha \in X$ . Then take  $\beta = \text{empty string}$  so  $F(\alpha, \text{empty string}) = \alpha$ ,

Case 2:  $\alpha \notin X$ . So then  $\alpha \in Y$ . Take  $\beta = \text{empty string}$  so  $F(\text{empty string}, \beta) = \beta$ .

Thus, for all elements in  $x \cup y$ , they all exist in  $\text{range}(F)$  as well.

- (5) (15 points) Consider the numbers between 10000 and 99999 inclusive. To receive full credit you must explain which counting principles you use and how you are using them.

(a) How many of them do not repeat a digit?

Using multiplication principle to find how many different possibilities,

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{9} \quad \underline{9} \quad \underline{8} \quad \underline{7} \quad \underline{6} \\ \times \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 81 \\ 56 \\ \hline 486 \\ 4050 \\ \hline 4536 \\ 6 \\ \hline 27216 \text{ numbers} \end{array}$$

↙  
9 because 0  
cannot be first  
digit

- (b) How many of them do not contain a 5 or a 6?

Multiplication principle to restrict digit values from having a 5 or a 6

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{7} \quad \underline{8} \quad \underline{8} \quad \underline{8} \quad \underline{8} \\ \times \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \end{array} = 7 \cdot 8^4 \text{ possible numbers.}$$

↙  
cannot contain  
a 0, 5, 6

- (c) How many of them contain exactly one 2?

Use addition principle to count all 5 digit numbers with 2 in first digit, 2 in second digit... etc. Also use multiplication principle to find number of possibilities where the number 2 cannot repeat.