

CS/Math 320 Discrete Mathematics
Fall 2017

Test 2 5:30PM - 6:45PM

Each problem is worth 15 points.

Problem 1. What is the cardinality of $\{a, \{a\}, \{a, \{a\}\}\}$?

Answer: 3

Problem 2. Let A be a set. Show that $\emptyset \times A = A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$.

Answer:

$$\emptyset \times A = \{(x, y) \mid x \in \emptyset \wedge y \in A\} = \{(x, y) \mid F \wedge y \in A\} = \{(x, y) \mid F\} = \emptyset$$

$$A \times \emptyset = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \wedge y \in \emptyset\} = \{(x, y) \mid y \in A \wedge F\} = \{(x, y) \mid F\} = \emptyset$$

Problem 3. Let A , B , and C be sets. Show that $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$

Answer:

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

$$= \{x \mid x \in B - A \vee x \in (C - A)\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \in B \wedge x \notin A \vee x \in C \wedge x \notin A\}$$

$$= \{x \mid (x \in B \vee x \in C) \wedge x \notin A\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \in B \cup C \wedge x \notin A\}$$

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

Problem 4. Suppose that the universal set is $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$.

Using computer representation:

a) Find the set corresponding to bit string 01 0111 1000

b) Express set $\{2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9\}$ as a bit string

Answer:

a) $\{2, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

b) 0111001110

Problem 5. Give an explicit formula for a function from the set of integers to the set of positive integers that is

a) one-to-one, but not onto.

b) onto, but not one-to-one.

c) one-to-one and onto.

d) neither one-to-one nor onto.

Answer: There are many solutions, for example the below:

- a) $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $f(n) = 3(-n)$ if $n < 0$ or $3n+1$ if $n \geq 0$
- b) $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $f(n) = |n|+1$
- c) $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $f(n) = 2n$ if $n > 0$ or $2(-n)+1$ otherwise
- d) $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $f(n) = 1+2n^2$

Problem 6. Let f be a function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} and $f(x)=x^2$. Find $f^{-1}(\{x \mid 0 < x < 1\})$.

Answer:

$$f^{-1}(\{x \mid 0 < x < 1\}) = \{x \mid 0 < f(x) < 1\} = \{x \mid 0 < x^2 < 1\} = \{x \mid -1 < x < 1 \wedge x \neq 0\}$$

Problem 7.

Let f be a function from A to B . Let S be a subset of B .

Show that $f^{-1}(\overline{S}) = \overline{f^{-1}(S)}$.

Answer:

$$f^{-1}(\text{complement}(S)) = \{x \mid f(x) \notin S\} = \{x \mid x \notin f^{-1}(S)\} = \text{complement}(f^{-1}(S))$$