

**Math 299****Review for Midterm 1**

PROBLEM 1. Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are functions.

- (a) Prove the following statement.
  - (\*) If  $f$  is surjective and  $g$  is surjective, then the composition  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is surjective.
- (b) Identify the hypothesis and conclusion of statement (\*), above.
- (c) State the inverse, contrapositive and converse of statement (\*). Determine whether each of these is true or false. For each true statement, provide a short proof; for each false statement, provide a counterexample.

PROBLEM 2. Prove the statements appearing in (a)-(c), and answer the prompt in (d). The symbol  $\cong$  denotes *bijective correspondence*.

- (a) For all sets  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $A \cong B$ , then  $B \cong A$ .
- (b) Suppose  $A$  is a set. Then  $A \cong A$ .
- (c) For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , if  $A \cong B$  and  $B \cong C$ , then  $A \cong C$ . *Hint: Use problem 1 above, and one of the homework or essay problems.*
- (d) State the negation of each of the statements (a)-(c) above. Determine if the negation is true or false. Provide a counterexample for any false statement.

PROBLEM 3. Let  $E$  denote the set of even integers.

- (a) Use a picture to illustrate a bijection between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $E \times E$ .
- (b) Use a picture to illustrate a bijection between  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $E \times E$ .

PROBLEM 4.

- (a) Find a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  such that the function

$$\begin{aligned} f : [0, \infty) &\longrightarrow S \\ x &\longmapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

is surjective.

- (b) Let  $f$  and  $S$  be as in part (a). Prove that  $f$  is injective.
- (c) Let  $S$  be as in part (a). Suppose  $T$  is a set which is strictly larger than  $S$ ; that is,  $S \subseteq T$ , but  $S \neq T$ . Explain why the function

$$\begin{aligned} g : [0, \infty) &\longrightarrow T \\ x &\longmapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

is not surjective.

- (d) Let  $S$  be as in part (a). Suppose  $R$  is a set which is strictly smaller than  $S$ ; that is,  $R \subseteq S$ , but  $R \neq S$ . Explain why there is no function of the form

$$\begin{aligned} e : [0, \infty) &\longrightarrow R \\ x &\longmapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM 5. An expression involving quantifiers is in *positive form* if none of the quantifiers is negated. Thus  $\neg\forall x, P(x)$  is not in positive form, but the equivalent expression  $\exists x, \neg P(x)$  is in positive form. Negate each of the following statements and express it in positive form.

1.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{N} \exists y \in \mathbb{N}, x + y = 1.$
2.  $\forall x > 0 \exists y < 0, x + y = 0.$
3.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \forall \epsilon > 0, -\epsilon < x < \epsilon.$
4.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N} \exists z \in \mathbb{N}, x + y = z^2.$

PROBLEM 6. Negate the following.

- (a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m \cdot n = 1.$
- (b)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\forall y \in \mathbb{Q}, x \cdot y = y.$

Rewrite the statements in (a) and (b) without the use of quantifiers and state if it is a true or a false statement. If it is a true statement, prove it. If it is a false statement, provide a counterexample.

PROBLEM 7. Construct a truth table to show that the contrapositive of  $A \Rightarrow B$  is equivalent to  $A \Rightarrow B.$



PROBLEM 10. Let  $E$  denote the set of even integers and  $A$  be the following statement.

$$A : "x \in E \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = 2k"$$

- (a) Write the inverse of statement  $A$ .
- (b) Write the converse of statement  $A$ .
- (c) Write the contrapositive of statement  $A$ .
- (d) Is statement  $A$  true? What about its converse? In this case, how would you restate it using *necessary/ sufficient/ necessary and sufficient*?
- (e) Which of the statements in parts (a), (b), or (c) is equivalent to the original statement in general (no matter what  $A$  is)?

PROBLEM 11. Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x = 6k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $C = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Prove the following statement.

$$x \in A \iff \exists y \in B \text{ and } \exists z \in C \text{ such that } x = yz.$$