

Course 4190.101.001
Discrete Mathematics
Homework 2: Sets, Functions,
Sequences, Sums, and Matrices

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1. Translate each of these quantifications into English and determine its truth value.

a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 \neq -1)$

b) $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 = 2)$

c) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 > 0)$

d) $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 = x)$

2. Find the truth set of each of these predicates where the domain is the set of integers.

a) $P(x) : “x^3 \geq 1”$

b) $Q(x) : “x^2 = 2”$

c) $R(x) : “x < x^2”$

3. The **symmetric difference** of A and B , denoted by $A \oplus B$, is the set containing those elements in either A or B , but not in both A and B . Show that $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$.

4. Determine whether each of these sets is the power set of a set, where a and b are distinct elements.

a) ϕ

b) $\{\phi, \{a\}\}$

c) $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{\phi, a\}\}$

d) $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$

5. Let A and B be the multisets $\{3 \cdot a, 2 \cdot b, 1 \cdot c\}$ and $\{2 \cdot a, 3 \cdot b, 4 \cdot c\}$, respectively. Find
- a) $A \cup B$. b) $A \cap B$.
c) $A - B$. d) $B - A$.
6. Let $f(x) = ax + b$ and $g(x) = cx + d$, where a, b, c , and d are constants. Determine for which constants a, b, c , and d it is true that $f \circ g = g \circ f$.
7. If f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one, does it follow that g is one-to-one? Justify your answer.
8. If f and $f \circ g$ are onto, does it follow that g is onto? Justify your answer.
9. Draw graphs of each of these functions.
- a) $f(x) = \lfloor 2x + 1 \rfloor$ b) $f(x) = \lceil 1/x \rceil$
c) $f(x) = \lfloor 2x \rfloor \lceil x/2 \rceil$ d) $f(x) = \lceil \lfloor x - \frac{1}{2} \rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \rceil$
10. Prove or disprove each of these statements about the floor and ceiling functions.
- a) $\lceil \lfloor x \rfloor \rceil = \lfloor x \rfloor$ for all real numbers x .
b) $\lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor$ whenever x is a real number.
c) $\lfloor x \rfloor + \lceil y \rceil - \lceil x + y \rceil = 0$ or 1 whenever x and y are real numbers.
11. Suppose that f is a function from A to B , where A and B are finite sets with $|A| = |B|$. Show that f is one-to-one if and only if it is onto.
12. Use the identity $k^2 - (k - 1)^2 = 2k - 1$ and the equation $\sum_{j=1}^n (a_j - a_{j-1}) = a_n - a_0$ to find
- a) a formula for $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k - 1)$.
b) a formula for $\sum_{k=1}^n k$.
13. Determine whether each of these sets is countable or uncountable. For those that are countable, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of natural numbers and that set.
- a) integers not divisible by 3
b) integers divisible by 5 but not by 7
c) the real numbers with decimal representations consisting of all 1s
d) the real numbers with decimal representations of all 1s or 9s

14. Show that if A and B are sets, A is uncountable, and $A \subseteq B$, then B is uncountable.
15. Show that the set of all finite bit strings is countable.
16. Let \mathbf{A} be an invertible matrix. Show that $(\mathbf{A}^n)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^n$ whenever n is a positive integer.
17. Let \mathbf{A} be a matrix. Show that the matrix $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ is symmetric. [*Hint:* $(\mathbf{AB})^\top = \mathbf{B}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top$]