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**Problem 1.** [5pts] Consider our definitions of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$ . Recall that  $A \subseteq B$  means “ $A$  is a subset of  $B$ ” and  $A \not\subseteq B$  means “ $A$  is not a subset of  $B$ .”

Prove that

(a)  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ ,

*Proof.* Let  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  be an arbitrary integer. Then  $\frac{i}{1}$  is a rational number in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $i = \frac{i}{1}$ . □

(b)  $\mathbb{Q} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ,

*Proof.*  $\frac{1}{2}$  is a rational number in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but it is not an integer, so  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . □

(c)  $\mathbb{R} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ ,

*Proof.*  $\sqrt{2}$  is a real number, but as we know from class it is irrational. □

(d)  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ,

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be a real number. Then  $x + 0i$  is a complex number in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $x = x + 0i$ . □

and (e)  $\mathbb{C} \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.*  $i$  is a complex number in  $\mathbb{C}$ , but  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and for every real number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x^2 \geq 0$ , so since  $i^2 < 0$ ,  $i$  is not a real number. □

(We would also accept that we know  $i$  is imaginary and not a real number, but giving a reason is always nice.)

**Problem 2.** [5pts] Prove that if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . By the definition of  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ ,  $S$  is a subset of  $A$ . Therefore, for every element  $x \in S$ , the element  $x$  is also in  $A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , the element  $x \in A$  is also an element  $x \in B$ . Therefore,  $S$  is also a subset of  $B$ . Hence,  $S$  is an element of  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$ .  $\square$

**Problem 3.** [5pts] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ , using the following steps:

1. Prove that if  $E$  and  $F$  are disjoint sets (i.e.  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ ) then  $|E \cup F| = |E| + |F|$ .

*Proof.* Since  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ , each element of  $E \cup F$  is in exactly one of  $E$  or  $F$  (not both). There are  $|E|$  such elements that are in  $E$  and  $|F|$  such elements that are in  $F$ . Thus, there are  $|E| + |F|$  elements total in  $E \cup F$ .  $\square$

2. Prove that  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B \setminus A|$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $A \cap (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, by the previous part (with  $E = A$  and  $F = B \setminus A$ ),  $|A \cup (B \setminus A)| = |A| + |B \setminus A|$ . It remains to show that  $A \cup (B \setminus A) = A \cup B$ , which holds since

$$A \cup (B \setminus A) = A \cup (B \cap \bar{A}) = (A \cup \bar{A}) \cap (A \cup B) = \mathcal{U} \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup B.$$

$\square$

3. Prove that  $|B \setminus A| = |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $|B \setminus A| = |B| - |A \cap B|$  if and only if  $|B| = |B \cap A| + |B \setminus A|$ . Since  $(B \cap A) \cap (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$ , we can apply the first part with  $E = B \cap A$  and  $F = B \setminus A$  to find that  $|(B \cap A) \cup (B \setminus A)| = |B \cap A| + |B \setminus A|$ . It remains to show that  $B = (B \cap A) \cup (B \setminus A)$ , but this holds since any element  $x \in B$  is either in  $A$  or not in  $A$ , so it is in  $B \cap A$  or  $B \setminus A$ . (You can also use Set Identities, if you want.)  $\square$

4. Conclude that  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

*Proof.* From previous parts, we see that

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B \setminus A| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|.$$

$\square$

**Problem 4.** [5pts] Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ ,  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Determine the following sets:

- $\overline{A} = \{2, 4, 6\}$
- $A \cap B = \{5, 7\}$
- $A \cup B = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
- $A \setminus B = \{1, 3\}$
- $A \Delta B = \{1, 3, 6\}$

**Problem 5.** [5pts] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B) = \mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$ .

*Proof.* We prove both  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$  to show equality.

( $\mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$ ) Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ . Thus  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ . By definition of the power set,  $S$  is a subset of  $A$  and  $S$  is a subset of  $B$ . Therefore, every element of  $S$  is an element of  $A$  and an element of  $B$ . Hence  $S$  is a subset of  $A \cap B$  and by definition of the power set,  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$ .

( $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ ) Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$ . By definition of the power set,  $S$  is a subset of  $A \cap B$ . So every element of  $S$  is in both  $A$  and  $B$ . Then  $S$  is a subset of  $A$  and a subset of  $B$ . By definition of the power set,  $S$  is in  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  and in  $\mathcal{P}(B)$ . Therefore,  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ .  $\square$

**Problem 6.** [10pts] Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be subsets of a universe  $\mathcal{U}$ . Use definitions of set operations and set identities to prove the following equality of sets:

$$((B \cap A) \cup (B \cap C)) \setminus (A \cap B \cap C) = (B \cap (A \Delta C))$$

$((B \cap A) \cup (B \cap C)) \setminus (A \cap B \cap C)$	
$= (B \cap (A \cup C)) \setminus (A \cap B \cap C)$	Distributive law
$= (B \cap (A \cup C)) \cap \overline{(A \cap B \cap C)}$	Definition of set difference
$= (B \cap (A \cup C)) \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C})$	DeMorgan's law
$= B \cap ((A \cup C) \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C}))$	Associative law
$= B \cap ((A \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C})) \cup (C \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C})))$	Distributive law
$= B \cap ((A \cap \overline{A}) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C})) \cup (C \cap \overline{A}) \cup (C \cap \overline{B}) \cup (C \cap \overline{C})$	Distributive law
$= B \cap (\emptyset \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C}) \cup (C \cap \overline{A}) \cup (C \cap \overline{B}) \cup \emptyset)$	Complementation law
$= B \cap ((A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C}) \cup (C \cap \overline{A}) \cup (C \cap \overline{B}))$	Identity law
$= B \cap ((A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \setminus C) \cup (C \setminus A) \cup (C \cap \overline{B}))$	Definition of set difference
$= B \cap ((A \Delta C) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (C \cap \overline{B}))$	Definition of symm. diff. and comm. law
$= (B \cap (A \Delta C)) \cup (B \cap (A \cap \overline{B})) \cup (B \cap (C \cap \overline{B}))$	Distributive law
$= (B \cap (A \Delta C)) \cup (B \cap \overline{B} \cap A) \cup (B \cap \overline{B} \cap C)$	Commutative and Associative laws
$= (B \cap (A \Delta C)) \cup (\emptyset \cap A) \cup (\emptyset \cap C)$	Complementation laws
$= (B \cap (A \Delta C)) \cup \emptyset \cup \emptyset$	Domination law
$= B \cap (A \Delta C)$	Identity law

**Problem 7.** [5pts] Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and  $C = \{\pi, \phi, i\}$ . Define functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & x = a \\ 3 & x = b \\ 4 & x = c \end{cases} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} \pi & x = 1 \\ \phi & x = 2 \\ i & x = 3 \\ \pi & x = 4 \end{cases}$$

Consider each of the functions  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $g \circ f$  and determine if they are injective, surjective, or both.

- $f$  : injective, not surjective.

Since  $f(a) = 2$ ,  $f(b) = 3$ , and  $f(c) = 4$ , every element of the domain is mapped to a distinct element of the codomain, so  $f$  is injective.

Since no element is mapped to  $1 \in B$ ,  $f$  is not surjective.

- $g$  : surjective, not injective.

Since  $g(1) = g(4) = \pi$ ,  $g$  is not injective.

Since  $g(2) = \phi$ ,  $g(3) = i$ , and  $g(4) = \pi$ ,  $g$  is surjective.

- $g \circ f$  : injective and surjective.

Since  $(g \circ f)(a) = g(2) = \phi$ ,  $(g \circ f)(b) = g(3) = i$ , and  $(g \circ f)(c) = g(4) = \pi$ , every element of the domain is mapped to a distinct element of the codomain, and every element of the codomain is the image of an element of the domain,  $g \circ f$  is both injective and surjective.

**Problem 8.** [10pts] Consider the following function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$f(n) = (-1)^n \left( \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{4}.$$

1. [1pt] Write out the elements  $f(0), f(1), f(2), f(3), f(4), f(5)$ .

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(1) = -1, \quad f(2) = 1, \quad f(3) = -2, \quad f(4) = 2, \quad f(5) = -3, \dots$$

*From this part, you should notice that the output differs depending on if the input is even or odd.*

2. [4pts] Prove that  $f$  is injective.

*Proof.* First, I claim that  $f(n) < 0$  when  $n$  is odd and  $f(n) \geq 0$  when  $n$  is even. If  $n = 2k$  for some integer  $k \geq 0$ , then  $f(2k) = (-1)^{2k}(2k/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = (k + 1/4) - 1/4 = k \geq 0$ . If  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k \geq 0$ , then  $f(2k + 1) = (-1)^{2k+1}((2k + 1)/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = -k - 1/2 - 1/4 - 1/4 = -(k + 1) < 0$ .

Now, assume  $n$  and  $m$  are natural numbers such that  $f(n) = f(m)$ .

If  $f(n) \geq 0$ , then both  $n$  and  $m$  are even. Then  $n = 2k$  and  $m = 2\ell$  for nonnegative integers  $k$  and  $\ell$ . Thus,

$$(2k/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = f(2k) = f(n) = f(m) = f(2\ell) = (2\ell/2 + 1/4) - 1/4.$$

However, this implies that  $k = \ell$  by simple algebra ( $1/4$ 's cancel,  $2/2 = 1$ ). So  $n = m$ .

If  $f(n) < 0$ , then both  $n$  and  $m$  are odd. Then  $n = 2k + 1$  and  $m = 2\ell + 1$  for nonnegative integers  $k$  and  $\ell$ . Thus,

$$-(k+1) = -((2k+1)/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = f(2k) = f(n) = f(m) = f(2\ell+1) = -((2\ell+1)/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = -(\ell+1).$$

However, this implies that  $k = \ell$ , so  $n = m$ . Therefore  $f$  is injective.  $\square$

3. [5pts] Prove that  $f$  is surjective.

*Proof.* Let  $y$  be an arbitrary integer.

If  $y \geq 0$ , then let  $x = 2y$ . Note that  $f(2y) = (-1)^{2y}(2y/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = y$ .

If  $y < 0$ , then let  $x = 2|y| - 1$ . Note that  $f(2|y| - 1) = (-1)^{2|y|-1}((2|y|-1)/2 + 1/4) - 1/4 = -|y| = y$ .  $\square$



4. [+5pts] Describe a function  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  that is surjective (and prove it is surjective).

*There are many ways to do this, and almost all of them are gross. This is the cleanest version I can think of.*

We will describe an algorithm that will take as input an integer  $i$  and will output a rational number, and the output of this algorithm defines  $g(i)$ .

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**Algorithm:** Input an integer  $i$ .

If  $i = 0$ , then output  $0/1$ .

If  $i < 0$ , then output  $-g(-i)$ , so we must only consider positive integers.

If  $i > 0$ , then consider the (unsigned) binary representation of  $i$  as  $i = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j 2^j$  for some  $(k+1)$ -tuple  $(a_k, a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$ . Since  $i > 0$ , we can assume that  $a_k = 1$  (by making  $k = \lceil \log_2 i \rceil$ ). Let  $q$  be the minimum integer such that either  $q > k$  or  $a_{k-q} = 0$ . Thus, the binary representation of  $i$  starts with  $q$  1-digits, then either stops, or has a 0-digit followed by  $k - q - 1$  more digits. Let  $p = \sum_{j=0}^{k-q} a_j 2^j$ .

Output  $\frac{p}{q}$ .

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We claim that for every rational number  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , there exists an integer  $i$  where the algorithm outputs a rational number equal to  $\frac{p}{q}$  when given  $i$ . We will assume that  $q > 0$ , since  $q \neq 0$  and if  $q < 0$  we can use the rational number  $\frac{-p}{-q} = \frac{p}{q}$ .

If  $p = 0$ , then the algorithm outputs  $\frac{0}{1} = \frac{p}{q}$  when given 0.

If  $p > 0$ , then let  $\sum_{j=0}^t a_j 2^j$  be a binary representation of the integer  $p$ , defining a  $(t+1)$ -tuple  $(a_t, a_{t-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$ . We can further assume that  $t = \lceil \log_2 p \rceil + 1$ , so  $a_t = 0$ . Then, for  $j \in \{t+1, \dots, t+q\}$ , define  $a_j = 1$ . Then, let  $i = \sum_{j=0}^{t+q} a_j 2^j$  and notice that this binary representation of  $i$  starts with  $q$  1-digits, a zero digit, then the binary representation of  $p$ . Therefore, the algorithm will output  $\frac{p}{q}$  when given the input  $i$  (in fact, it will output the fraction in this form, with exactly this  $p$  and  $q$  pair.)

If  $p < 0$ , then consider the  $i$  that outputs  $\frac{-p}{q}$  and the algorithm given input  $-i$  will output  $\frac{p}{q}$ .