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## Summary

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# Basic Concepts in Mathematics

## 104002

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### Guidelines

- **Duration: 2 hours.** Use of calculators, personal dictionaries, electronic devices, reference materials, personal notes or any other extra material is not allowed.
- Show all your work. Explain your solutions, quote theorems you are using.  
No credit will be given for non-justified answers!  
Write clear and complete answers for each problem in the same page.



1. Let  $P$  be a proposition, let  $Q(x)$  be an open proposition and let  $U$  be a universe. Prove that

$$(P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x \in U)(P \Rightarrow Q(x))$$

( $\equiv$  means "is equivalent to").

We need to prove two directions

First, we prove  $(P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)(P \Rightarrow Q(x))$

Then we have  $P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)$

Since  $(\forall x \in U)Q(x)$ , then for all  $x \in U$ ,  $Q(x)$  is true, then  $Q(x)$  is always true.

Truth table

$P$	$(\forall x \in U)Q(x)$	$P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)$	$Q(x)$	$(\forall x \in U)P \Rightarrow Q(x)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T

Since  $P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)$ , ~~then~~ <sup>and</sup> we know  $(\forall x \in U)Q(x)$  means  $Q(x)$  is always true (since  $U$  is universe), then

Then ~~if~~  $P$  is true, then ~~true  $\Rightarrow$  true~~

Since  $Q(x)$  is an open proposition and we have  $(\forall x \in U)Q(x)$  where  $U$  is a universe then we know  $Q(x)$  is always true.

Thus  ~~$(P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)) \equiv P \Rightarrow Q(x)$~~

Also since  $P$  is a proposition and ~~its~~ true or false don't depend on which  $x$  we take.

Thus  $(P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U)Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x \in U)(P \Rightarrow Q(x))$

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Since  $Q(x)$  is an open proposition, thus for ~~some~~  $x \in A \subseteq U$ ,  $Q(x)$  is true and for  $x \in B \subseteq U$ ,  $Q(x)$  is false. ( $A \cup B = U$ )

Since  $(\forall x \in U) Q(x)$ , thus for  $x \in U$ ,  $Q(x)$  is true by definition of Quantifier.

The quantified proposition can be true or false, you don't have to assume that it is true

Thus  $\textcircled{A} = U$ ,  $B = \emptyset$ . then  $Q(x)$  is always true whatever we take  $x$ .

~~Thus if  $P$~~

Since  $P$  is a proposition, then it has only definitely true or false that ~~do not~~ depend on which  $x$  we take.

Then If  $P$  is true, we have  $[true \Rightarrow true]$  is true.

If  $P$  is false, we have  $[false \Rightarrow true]$  is true.  
For  $(P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U) Q(x))$

Then for  $\textcircled{P} (\forall x \in U) (P \Rightarrow Q(x))$

~~Since~~ If  $P$  is true, then  $Q(x)$  can be true or false.

Let  $P \Rightarrow Q(x) = M(x)$ , { if  $Q(x)$  is true, then  $(\forall x \in U) M(x)$  is true  
if  $Q(x)$  is false, then  $(\forall x \in U) M(x)$  is false.

It is not ok to say that a for all sentence is true by just looking to what happen with just one  $x$

~~But~~ contradicts to

$(\forall x \in U) M(x)$ .  
 $(\forall x \in U) M(x)$  is true

Thus  $Q(x)$  can not be false. thus, if  $P$  is ~~to~~ true, then  $(\forall x \in U) (P \Rightarrow Q(x))$  is true.

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If  $P$  is false.  $P \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is always ~~for~~ true. Thus  $(\forall x \in U) (P \Rightarrow Q(x))$  is always true.

This part is ok

Finally, ~~if  $P$~~   $P \Rightarrow (\forall x \in U) Q(x)$  and  $(\forall x \in U) (P \Rightarrow Q(x))$  is always true.



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2. Prove the following equality for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = \frac{(2n)!}{n!2^n}$$

We use induction to prove it.

Basic step. when  $n=1$ ,  $\prod_{i=1}^1 (2i-1) = \prod_{i=1}^1 (2i-1) = 2-1 = 1$

$$\frac{(2n)!}{n!2^n} = \frac{2!}{1!2^1} = \frac{2}{1 \times 2} = 1$$

thus when  $n=1$ ,  $\prod_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = \frac{(2n)!}{n!2^n}$

Inductive step. suppose it is true for  $n$ , then  $\prod_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = \frac{(2n)!}{n!2^n}$   
(Hypothesis)

Then for  $n+1$ , we have  $\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (2i-1) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n (2i-1) \right] (2(n+1)-1)$   
 $= \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n (2i-1) \right] (2n+1)$

Then we use hypothesis here.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(2n)!}{n!2^n} \times (2n+1) = \frac{(2n)! \times (2n+1)(2n+2)}{(2n+2)n!2^n} = \frac{(2(n+1))!}{2n \cdot n! \cdot 2^n + 2n! \cdot 2^n} \\ &= \frac{(2(n+1))!}{n \cdot n! \cdot 2^{n+1} + n! \cdot 2^{n+1}} = \frac{(2(n+1))!}{2^{n+1} \cdot n! (n+1)} = \frac{(2(n+1))!}{2^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)!} = \frac{(2(n+1))!}{(n+1)! 2^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus it is also true for  $n+1$ .

Since <sup>if</sup> the equality is true for  $n$ , we can imply that it is also true for  $n+1$ .

Thus the equality is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$









3. (20 points) Define a sequence  $(a_n)$  as follows:

$$a_1 = 3, \quad a_2 = 9, \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1} = 5a_n - 6a_{n-1}, \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

Prove that  $a_n = 3^n$  for all  $n$ .

Use induction. (strong)

Basic step: Since  $n \geq 2$ , then when  $n = 3$   
~~since  $a_{n+1} = 5a_n - 6a_{n-1}$ , then  $a_3 = 5a_2 - 6a_1$ ,  $a_3 = 5 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 3 = 27$~~

Since  $a_1 = 3$ ,  $a_2 = 9$  then  $a_3 = 27$

By  $a_n = 3^n$ , we know  $a_3 = 3^3 = 27$ . Thus  $a_n = 3^n$  is true for

Inductive step: Suppose it is true for  $n \in [3, \infty]$ .  $3 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$   $n=2$   
 then  $a_k = 3^k$ . (Hypothesis) for  $3 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 why don't 1, 2?

Then we need for  $n+1$ , we have  ~~$a_{n+2} = 5a_{n+1} - 6a_n$~~   
 we need to prove  ~~$a_{n+1} = 3^{n+1}$~~

Since  $a_{n+1} = 5a_n - 6a_{n-1}$ , then we use hypothesis here to substitute  $a_n$  and  $a_{n-1}$ .

$$\text{Then } a_{n+1} = 5 \times 3^n - 6 \times 3^{n-1} = 5 \times 3^n - 6 \times 3^{n-1} = 9 \times 3^{n-1} = 3^{n+1}.$$

thus it is true for  $n+1$ .

Since if ~~it is~~  $a_n = 3^n$  is true for  $3 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we can imply it is true for  $n+1$ .

Thus  $a_n = 3^n$  is true for  $n \geq 3$ . (Basic step + Inductive step)

Note: we also need to check ~~when~~  $n=1$  and  $n=2$   
 when  $n=1$ ,  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_1 = 3^1 = 3$ . true  
 $n=2$ ,  $a_2 = 9$ , and  $a_2 = 3^2 = 9$ . true.

Finally,  $a_n = 3^n$  is true for all  $n$ .









4. (20 points) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  $xRy$  if and only if  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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

(b) Prove that any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is equivalent to one and only one number in the half-open interval  $[0, 1)$ .

(c) Is (a) true if we replace  $\mathbb{Z}$  by the set  $\{-2024, -2023 - 2022, \dots, 2022, 2023, 2024\}$ ?

(a) To prove  $R$  is an equivalence relation  
we need to check three things

1. Reflexivity: since  $x - x = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then by definition of  $R$ ,  
we have  $xRx$  is true ✓

2. Symmetry: Since if  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $-(x - y) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $y - x \in \mathbb{Z}$   
Thus ~~we have~~ [if  $xRy$ , then  $yRx$ ] is true ✓

3. Transitivity: Since if  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $y - z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then we know  
 $x - y = m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $y - z = n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then  $x = m + y$  and  $z = y - n \Rightarrow x - z = m + y - y + n = m + n$

Since  $m + n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $x - z \in \mathbb{Z}$

thus [if  $xRy, yRz$ , then  $xRz$ ] is true. ✓

Thus three properties are satisfied. Therefore  $R$  is an equivalence relation ~~the~~



(b) let's take any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . since  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by definition of  $R$

First, ~~the~~ existence,

Take any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . we need to find  $y \in [0, 1)$  such that  $xRy$

thus ~~we~~ we need to find  $y \in [0, 1)$  such  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$

~~If  $y \in [0, 1)$ , we are done.~~

Thus consider  $y = x - [x]$ .

~~If  $y \notin [0, 1)$ , then~~ let's check it works

$x - y = x - x + [x] = [x] \in [0, 1) \checkmark$



then, uniqueness.

Suppose we can find ~~2~~  $y \in [0, 1)$ , and  $y' \in [0, 1)$

then we have  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x - y' \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then  $x - y = m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) and  $x - y' = n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) ( $m \neq n$  since  $y \neq y'$ )

$$y = x - m \text{ and } y' = x - n.$$

so you assume  $y - y'$  positive

Then  $y - y' = -m + n \geq 1$ . since  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Thus  $y \geq 1 + y'$ . contradiction.

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(4.2)

Finally, there is a unique  $y \in [0, 1)$  such that  $xRy$

$$(c) \quad xRy \Leftrightarrow x - y \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

1. Reflexivity:  $x - x = 0 \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$ . thus  $xRx \checkmark$

2. Symmetry: If  $x - y \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$ , then  $y - x \in \{-(2024), \dots, -2024\} = \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$ .

$$\text{Thus } xRy \Rightarrow yRx$$

✓

3. Transitivity: If  $x - y \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$  and  $y - z \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$ ,

Then  $x - y = m \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$ , and  $y - z = n \in \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$

then  $x = m + y$  and  $z = y - n$ .

then  $x - z = m + y - y + n = m + n$ . which <sup>can</sup> not be in  $\{-2024, \dots, 2024\}$

(counter example:  $x - y = 2024$ ,  $y - z = 2024$ .)

$$\text{But } x - z = 4048 \notin \{-2024, \dots, 2024\}.$$

Thus it is not ~~true~~ true

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(4.3)





5. (20 points) Decide if the following sentences are true or false. When a sentence is true, give a proof. When a sentence is false, give a counterexample.

(a) If  $A, B$  are sets such that  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $A = B$ .

(b) If  $A, B, C$  are sets such that  $A \times B = A \times C$  then  $B = C$ .

(c) If  $I_1, I_2, I_3, \dots$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i \neq \emptyset$ .

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Very good!

(a) Since  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then by definition, for any  $X \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ :  $X \subseteq A$

and for any set  $X \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ :  $X \subseteq B$ .

Since  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , let's take any set  $X \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , also  $X \in \mathcal{P}(B)$

Then we have  $X \subseteq A$  and  $X \subseteq B$  for any set  $X$

$\subseteq$ ) Let's take any  $x \in A$ , then  $\{x\} \subseteq A$ , then  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

Since  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(B) \Rightarrow \{x\} \subseteq B \Rightarrow x \in B$ , thus  $A \subseteq B$

$\supseteq$ ) Let's take any  $x \in B$ , then  $\{x\} \subseteq B$ , then  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(B)$

Since  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(A) \Rightarrow \{x\} \subseteq A \Rightarrow x \in A$ , thus  $B \subseteq A$

Thus  $A = B$ , True!

(b) Since we have  $A \times B$  by definition:  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

Also  $A \times C = \{(a, c) : a \in A \text{ and } c \in C\}$

Since  $A \times B = A \times C$ , then for any  $b \in B$   ~~$b \in C$~~  and for any  $c \in C$   ~~$c \in B$~~

you need to organize your writing.

Let  $b$  in  $B$ . Then there is a such that  $(a, b)$  in  $A \times B = A \times C$ . Hence  $b$  in  $C$ .....

Besides, you forgot the case  $A = \text{empty set}$

and for any  $c \in C$ , we have  $b \in C$ , thus  $B \subseteq C$

thus  $B = C$  True!

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(5.2)

True ~~False~~

(c) Since  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \neq \emptyset$ , then we know there exists ~~some~~ <sup>at least one</sup> element  $x$  in  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$

Then there exists ~~some elements~~  $x$  in  $\{x \in I_i : \text{for all } i \in [1, n]\}$  for all  $n$ .

But if  $x \notin I_{n+1}$ , then  $x \notin \{x \in I_i : \text{for all } i \in [1, n+1]\}$ .

Also  $x \notin \{x \in I_i : \text{for all } i \in [1, \infty)\}$ . Thus the sentence is false

this is not a proof

counterexample:  $2 \in [2, 3] \cap [-1, 2] = \bigcap_{i=1}^2 I_i \neq \emptyset$ , but  $2 \notin [2, 3] \cap [-1, 2] \cap [-1, 1] = \bigcap_{i=1}^3 I_i = \emptyset$



~~At  $x \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$ , thus~~

~~Suppose  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i = \emptyset$ , then  $x \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$ .~~

~~Consider set  $A = \{x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i \mid x \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i\}$~~

~~We need to prove  $A = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $A \neq \emptyset$ .~~

~~Then there exists the first element~~

Suppose  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i = \emptyset$ , which means, ~~there~~ exists  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^k I_i$  but

$x \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{k+1} I_i$ , ~~but~~ <sup>why?</sup> which means  $x \notin I_{k+1}$

However, since  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $k+1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{k+1} I_i \Rightarrow x \in I_{k+1}$

why?

Contradiction.

Thus  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i \neq \emptyset$

this is not a proof



for some  $k$   
 ~~$x \in A$~~

