

Math 215 Sample Final Exam

2 Hours. Show all work – unsupported answers will not receive credit.

Complete, correct, answers to 8 questions get 100%. (There will be more questions on the actual final)

Q1 a) Prove by induction that $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

b) Assuming the well ordering principal – i.e, that every non-empty subset of \mathbb{N} has a least element, prove the principal of mathematical induction.

Q2 a) Compute the truth table for $(S \wedge \sim T) \Rightarrow (T \wedge \sim S)$

b) Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function $f(n) = 1/n$. Which of the statements $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists j \in \mathbb{R}, j > 0, \forall e \in \mathbb{R}, (j > e > 0) \Rightarrow (f(n) < e)$ and $\forall e \in \mathbb{R}, (e > 0) \Rightarrow (\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > k, f(n) < e)$ is true.

Q3 a) If S is a set, define the power set $\mathcal{P}(S)$ of S .

b) Let S be a finite set. Write $\#(S)$ for the cardinality of S . Prove that the power set $\mathcal{P}(S)$ of S has $2^{\#(S)}$ elements.

Q4 Recall that two numbers m and n are coprime (i.e. have g.c.d 1) if and only if $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, mx + ny = 1$. Recall that a number p is prime if it has no divisors other than 1 and itself. Prove

- a) A number n and a prime number p are coprime if and only if p does not divide n .
- b) That p is a prime, and if a and b are natural numbers, then $p | ab \Rightarrow (p | a) \vee (p | b)$

Q5 a) State the axioms for a group.

b) Prove that if $G = (G, \cdot, e)$ is a group, then $\forall g \in G, \forall h \in G, \forall k \in G, (gh = gk) \Rightarrow (h = k)$

Q6 Let X and Y be sets. Define the Cartesian product $X \times Y$, define what is meant by function $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Define what is meant by saying that such a function is *injective*, *surjective*, *bijective*. Prove that if W, X, Y, Z are all sets, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, and $g, h : Y \rightarrow Z$ and $a, b : W \rightarrow X$, are all functions, then:

- a) f injective and $fa = fb \Rightarrow a = b$
- b) f surjective and $gf = hf \Rightarrow g = h$

Q7 Define equivalence relation on a set X . Prove that congruence modulo n (i.e. $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow n | (a - b)$) is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .

Q8 Prove that the rational numbers and the natural numbers have the same cardinality. OR Prove that the set of all sequences of 0's and 1's (i.e. the set of all functions from \mathbb{N} to the set $\{0,1\}$) is uncountable