

Please read the following points carefully before starting to write.

- Read all the questions carefully before starting to work.
- With the exception of Q1, you should give complete arguments and explanations for all your calculations; answers without justifications will not be marked.
- Continue on the back of the previous page if you run out of space.
- Attempt to answer all questions for partial credit.
- This is a closed-book examination. **None of the following are allowed:** documents, cheat sheets or electronic devices of any kind (including calculators, cell phones, etc.)
- You may not leave during the first 30 minutes or final 15 minutes of the exam.

1. Short answer questions: an answer without proof is sufficient.

4 marks

(a) Let A, B and C be subsets of \mathbb{R} . Negate the following statement:

$$\forall a \in A \exists b \in B, \text{ s.t. } \forall c \in C, (c - 3 < b) \implies (c^2 - 9 < a).$$

4 marks

(b) State the definition that the sets A and B have equal cardinality.

4 marks

(c) Let \mathbb{R} be the universal set. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let S_n be the interval $S_n = (-1/n, n^2 + 1]$.

Find $\overline{\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n}$. (Here, we think of the real line \mathbb{R} as the universal set.)

2. Determine whether the following statements are True or False. If a statement is True, provide a brief explanation why (you can refer to anything covered in class). If a statement is False, provide a counterexample.

5 marks

- (a) The set $\{p/q : p \text{ and } q \text{ are prime}\}$ is denumerable.

4 marks

- (b) There exists a bijective function between the set of all rational numbers and the set of all irrational numbers.

4 marks

- (c) $\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

4 marks

- (d) Given two arbitrary real numbers a and b , if a and b are both irrational then $a - b$ is irrational.

6 marks

- (e) Let S denote the set of all sequences $a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5\dots$ where, for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$. A student was asked to prove that $|S \times S| = |S|$. The student wrote the following: Write $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$. Then

$$S \times S = \{(s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), \dots; (s_2, s_1), (s_2, s_2), \dots; \dots; (s_n, s_1), (s_n, s_2), \dots; \dots\}.$$

This set of pairs can be arranged in a table: in the first row, put the pairs $(s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), (s_1, s_3), \dots$, in the second row – the pairs where the first element is s_2 , and so on. As discussed in class, we have an algorithm to list all the elements in this table as a single list, and thus we get that the cardinality of this set of pairs is the same as the cardinality of the set S .

Is this proof correct or not? If right, no explanation is needed; if wrong, briefly explain why.

6 marks

3. (a) Prove that for all integers n , $n^3 \equiv (n + 3)^3 \pmod{9}$.

8 marks

(b) Prove that for every integer $n \geq 0$, the sum $n^3 + (n + 1)^3 + (n + 2)^3$ is divisible by 9.

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- 8 marks 4. Let $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$. Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a^k = \frac{a^{n+1} - a}{a - 1}.$$

5. Suppose that $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function and let C be a subset of A .

5 marks

(a) Prove that $f(A) - f(C) \subseteq f(A - C)$.

5 marks

(b) Find a counterexample for $f(A - C) \subseteq f(A) - f(C)$.

8 marks

6. (a) Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a function defined as $f(a, b) := 4a + 6b$. Explicitly describe the set $S := \text{range}(f)$. Prove your answer.

4 marks

- (b) Let f be the same function as in part (a), and let $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ be the function $g(x) = x^2$. Explicitly describe the composite function $g \circ f$.

6 marks

7. (a) Prove that if G is a connected graph with n vertices, then G has at least $n - 1$ edges.

6 marks

- (b) Prove that if a connected graph with n vertices has exactly $n - 1$ edges, then it is a tree.

9 marks

8. Let S and T be two arbitrary sets. Prove that if the sets $S - T$ and $T - S$ have the same cardinality, then the sets S and T have the same cardinality.