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- ▷ Clearly write your name and student number on this test, and **sign it** below to confirm that you have read, understood and agreed to follow these **instructions**:
- ▷ This is a 75-minute **closed-book** test. No notes. No calculators.
- ▷ The exam consists of 7 pages.
Page 7 contains the **Table of Important Set Identities**.
- ▷ The maximum points possible = **31 points**.
- ▷ Questions 1–3 are **short-answer** problems worth a total of **18 points**. Write your answer in the appropriate box, space, or circle your answer. You do not need to give detailed explanations.
- ▷ Questions 4–6 are **long-answer** problems worth a total of **13 points**. To receive full marks, your solution must be complete, correct, and contain all relevant details.
- ▷ Read all questions carefully and be sure to follow the instructions for the individual problems. You may ask for reasonable clarifications.
- ▷ For additional work space, you may use the backs of pages.
Do not use any of your own scrap paper.
- ▷ You must use **proper mathematical notation and terminology**. Make sure that your notation is consistent with the notation used in class.

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SOLUTIONS

Question	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Total
Maximum points	8 pts	6 pts	4 pts	4 pts	5 pts	4 pts	31 points
Marks obtained							

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Write your final answer in the answer box, the space provided, or circle your answer.

Q1. [8 points] Let $S = \{a, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, \{b\}\}\}$ and $T = \{a, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$.

a. Compute the following cardinalities.

$$|S \times T| = |S| \cdot |T| = 4 \cdot 3 = 12$$

$$|\mathcal{P}(T)| = 2^{|T|} = 2^3 = 8$$

$$|S \cup T| = |\{a, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, \{b\}\}\}| = 5$$

b. Give each of the following sets in list notation (use set braces $\{ \}$ where appropriate).

$$S \cap T = \{a, \{a\}\}$$

$$T - S = \{\{b\}\}$$

$$S \oplus T = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, \{b\}\}, \{b\}\}$$

c. True or false? Circle your answer. You do not need to justify.

$$\{\{a\}, \{b\}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(T)$$

TRUE

FALSE

$$\{b\} \notin T \Rightarrow \{b\} \notin \mathcal{P}(T) \Rightarrow \{\{a\}, \{b\}\} \notin \mathcal{P}(T)$$

$$\{a, b\} \in \mathcal{P}(S)$$

TRUE

FALSE

$$b \notin S \Rightarrow \{a, b\} \notin S \Rightarrow \{a, b\} \notin \mathcal{P}(S)$$

$$(a, \{a\}) \in T \times T$$

$$\notin T \notin T$$

TRUE

FALSE

$$(\emptyset, \emptyset) \in \mathcal{P}(S) \times \mathcal{P}(S)$$

TRUE

FALSE

$$\emptyset \in S \Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(S) \Rightarrow (\emptyset, \emptyset) \in \mathcal{P}(S) \times \mathcal{P}(S)$$

Q2. [6 points] Consider the following two functions:

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$$h : (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$h(r, s) = r + s$$

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(t) = 8t^2$$

Circle the correct response. You do not need to justify your answer.

Is h injective (one-to-one)?

YES

NO

Is h surjective (onto)?

YES

NO

Is g injective (one-to-one)?

YES

NO

Is g surjective (onto)?

YES

NO

Is the composition $g \circ h$ defined?

YES

NO

Is the composition $h \circ g$ defined?

YES

NO

Q3. [4 points] Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12\}$ and let \mathcal{R} be the relation on A defined by the following rule:

for all $u, v \in A$, $u \mathcal{R} v$ if and only if u divides v .

a. List every element $a \in A$ for which 3 is related to a by \mathcal{R} , that is, for which $3 \mathcal{R} a$.

$3 \mathcal{R} 3, 3 \mathcal{R} 6, 3 \mathcal{R} 12$

b. Give one element $x \in A$ for which 3 is not related to x by \mathcal{R} , that is, for which $3 \not\mathcal{R} x$.

$3 \not\mathcal{R} 2$

c. Is \mathcal{R} a reflexive relation on A ?

Circle:

YES

NO

If you circled NO, give a counterexample below:

d. Is \mathcal{R} a symmetric relation on A ?

Circle:

YES

NO

If you circled NO, give a counterexample below:

$5 \mathcal{R} 10$ but $10 \not\mathcal{R} 5$

LONG-ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Detailed solutions with clear explanations are required.

- Q4. [4 points] Let X and Y denote subsets of a universal set \mathcal{U} . The goal of this question is to determine whether or not the following equation is true for all sets X and Y .

$$(\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X - \overline{Y}) = \overline{X}$$

If you circle **YES**, then you must prove it using a membership table, or another method of your choice. If you circle **NO**, then you must provide an explicit counterexample (that is, give actual sets X and Y that certify that this equation can be false), and justify why it is a counterexample.

Is $(\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X - \overline{Y}) = \overline{X}$ a true set identity?

Circle: **YES** NO

Justification:

Using membership table:

X	Y	$\overline{X} \cup Y$	$X - \overline{Y}$	$(\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X - \overline{Y})$	\overline{X}
1	1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1	1

Since membership is the same for these two sets, they are equal.

Using Table of Important Set Identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Left set} &= (\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X - \overline{Y}) \\
 &= (\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X \cap \overline{\overline{Y}}) \quad (\text{difference law}) \\
 &= (\overline{X} \cup Y) - (X \cap Y) \quad (\text{double complementation law}) \\
 &= (\overline{X} \cup Y) \cap (\overline{X \cap Y}) \quad (\text{difference law}) \\
 &= (\overline{X} \cup Y) \cap (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \quad (\text{De Morgan's law}) \\
 &= \overline{X} \cup (Y \cap \overline{Y}) \quad (\text{Distributive Law}) \\
 &= \overline{X} \cup \emptyset \quad (\text{Complement law}) \\
 &= \overline{X} \quad (\text{Identity Law}) \\
 &= \text{Right Set}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q5. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the function defined as follows:

[5 points]

$$f(s, t) = (1 + 3t, 2s - t)$$

Prove that f is a **bijection**.

For each step in your proof, make sure it is clear whether it is an assumption, something you are about to prove, or something that follows from a previous step or definition. If you use any variables in your proof, make sure you clearly state what they represent.

We must prove that f is injective and surjective.

[injective]. Let $(a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Assume $f(a, b) = f(c, d)$ (goal: prove $(a, b) = (c, d)$).

Then $(1 + 3b, 2a - b) = (1 + 3d, 2c - d)$ (by f 's rule)

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3b = 1 + 3d \text{ and } 2a - b = 2c - d$$

$$\Rightarrow b = d \text{ hence } 2a - b = 2a - d = 2c - d$$

$$\Rightarrow a = c$$

So $(a, b) = (c, d)$ (goal!)

We proved $(f(a, b) = f(c, d)) \rightarrow ((a, b) = (c, d)) \therefore f$ is injective.

[surjective]. Let $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. (goal: find $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $f(a, b) = (y, z)$).

$$\Rightarrow \text{we want } f(a, b) = (y, z) \Rightarrow \text{want } (1 + 3b, 2a - b) = (y, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{want } 1 + 3b = y \text{ and } 2a - b = z$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{want } b = \frac{y-1}{3} \text{ and so we want } 2a = z + b = z + \frac{y-1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{want } a = \frac{z}{2} + \frac{y-1}{6}$$

$$\left(\text{or } a = \frac{3z + y - 1}{6} \right)$$

To achieve our goal, we need $(a, b) = \left(\frac{3z + y - 1}{6}, \frac{y-1}{3} \right)$.

Since $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, it follows that $\frac{3z + y - 1}{6} \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\frac{y-1}{3} \in \mathbb{R} \therefore (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

$$\text{Moreover, } f(a, b) = f\left(\frac{3z + y - 1}{6}, \frac{y-1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \left(1 + 3\left(\frac{y-1}{3}\right), 2\left(\frac{3z + y - 1}{6}\right) - \left(\frac{y-1}{3}\right) \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3 + 3y - 3}{3}, \frac{6z + 2y - 2 - 2(y-1)}{6} \right)$$

$$= (y, z)$$

$\therefore f$ is surjective

Q6. [4 points] Let \mathcal{R} be a relation on the set \mathbb{Z}^+ defined by the following rule:

$$\text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \quad x \mathcal{R} y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \frac{x}{y} = 2^k \quad \text{for some integer } k.$$

For example, $3 \mathcal{R} 3$ because $\frac{3}{3} = 1 = 2^0$ and $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $3 \mathcal{R} 6$ because $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = 2^{-1}$ and $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(a) Prove that \mathcal{R} is a **transitive** relation on \mathbb{Z}^+ .

For each step in your proof, make sure it is clear whether it is an assumption, something you are about to prove, or something that follows from a previous step or definition. If you use any variables in your proof, make sure you clearly state what they represent.

proof. Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Assume $x \mathcal{R} y$ and $y \mathcal{R} z$ (goal: prove $x \mathcal{R} z$)

Then $\frac{x}{y} = 2^k$ for some integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\frac{y}{z} = 2^l$ for some integer $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{y}{z} = 2^k \cdot 2^l = 2^{k+l}.$$

Since $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$, it follows that $k+l \in \mathbb{Z}$. $\therefore x \mathcal{R} z$ (by \mathcal{R} 's rule).

We proved $(x \mathcal{R} y \wedge y \mathcal{R} z) \rightarrow (x \mathcal{R} z) \therefore \mathcal{R}$ is transitive.

(b) Now, let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 18, 24, 28, 36\}$. Let \mathcal{S} be a relation on the set A defined by the following rule:

$$\text{for all } x, y \in A, \quad x \mathcal{S} y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \frac{x}{y} = 2^k \quad \text{for some integer } k.$$

Fact: The relation \mathcal{S} is an **equivalence relation** A . You do **not** need to prove this! Simply give the **equivalence class** of 24 with respect to \mathcal{S} . For this part, you do not need to justify your answer.

Answer:

$$[24]_{\mathcal{S}} = \{3, 6, 12, 24\}$$

$$\frac{24}{3} = 2^3, \quad \frac{24}{6} = 2^2, \quad \frac{24}{12} = 2^1, \quad \frac{24}{24} = 2^0.$$

Table of Important Set Identities

1. 2.	$A \cup \emptyset = A$ $A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$	Identity Laws
3. 4.	$A \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$ $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	Domination Laws
5. 6.	$A \cup A = A$ $A \cap A = A$	Idempotent Laws
7.	$\overline{(\overline{A})} = A$	(Double) Complementation Law
8. 9.	$A \cup B = B \cup A$ $A \cap B = B \cap A$	Commutative Laws
10. 11.	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$ $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup C$	Associative Laws
12. 13.	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	Distributive Laws
14. 15.	$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	De Morgan's Laws
16. 17.	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$	Absorption Laws
18. 19.	$A \cup \overline{A} = \mathcal{U}$ $A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$	Complement Laws
20.	$A - B = A \cap \overline{B}$	Difference Law
21. 22.	$A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ $A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$	Symmetric Difference Laws