

CS275 GRADED HOMEWORK

GIVE BACK ON TUESDAY SEP. 21ST 2004 AT BEGINNING OF CLASS

For each question, read **each word** with the greatest care and **without precipitation**. If you have doubts about what is asked, **go back** to the wording of the question until the meaning of the question is clear. Then try to find an answer. If you get stuck, don't hesitate to **contact** your T.A. or me.

Please see also the example solution of a "prove by induction" exercise, at the end of this document.

Please write your section number on your homework as well as a rough estimate of the time you spent solving it.

Exercise 1. Let A , B and C be the sets defined by

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x^2 < 9\}$$

$$B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x^2 \leq 9\}$$

$$C = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \leq 100 \wedge \exists y \in \mathbb{N}, y^2 = x\}$$

- Determine the numbers of elements of A , B and C . That is, determine $|A|$, $|B|$ and $|C|$.
- Determine the number of elements in $A \cup B$, $A \cup C$, $A \cap B$, $A \cap C$, $B \cap C$.
- Determine the number of elements in $A \times B$, $A \times C$ and $A \times B \times C$.

Exercise 2. Write in English the following statement

$$\forall A \forall B, |A \cup B| = |A| + |B|.$$

Prove or disprove this statement.

Exercise 3. Write in English the following statement

$$\forall A \exists B, |A \cup B| \neq |A| + |B|.$$

Prove or disprove this statement.

Exercise 4. Write in English the following statement

$$\exists A \exists B, |A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|.$$

Prove or disprove this statement.

Exercise 5. Write, in mathematical notation, the negations of the following statements

- a) $a = 1 \implies a > 1$.
- b) $b^2 \neq 4 \iff b \notin \{-2, 2\}$.
- c) $\forall x, x \geq 2 \implies -2x \geq 4$.

Hint: Use tables 6 and 7 of [1], p. 24.

Exercise 6. For all natural number n , let x_n be a real number. Let $x_1 = 2$ and, for all $n \geq 1$, define

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n.$$

- a) Compute x_2, x_3, x_4 and x_5 .
- b) Show by induction that $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, x_m = 2^{2-m}$.
- c) Let ε be a strictly positive real number. Show that there exists a natural number k such that $x_k < \varepsilon$.
Hint: $\varepsilon = 2^{\log_2 \varepsilon} < 2^{\lfloor \log_2 \varepsilon \rfloor - 1}$, where \log_2 is base-2 logarithm and $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ is the lower-rounding operation, so that $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the largest integer not larger than x .

Exercise 7. Suppose a person's full name is composed of either

- a first name and a last name or
- a first name, a second name and a last name or
- a first name, a second name, a third name and a last name.

Moreover, there are 88799 different last names, and there are 4275 different female first names and 1219 male first names¹. The second and third names of a person are taken from the same set as his/her first name. Let \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{M} be the sets of last, female first and male first names, respectively.

- a) Define the set full names, using the sets \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{F} , \mathcal{M} and usual set operations such as union, intersection, complement, cross product etc.
- b) How many distinct full names are there? Justify your answer.

Exercise 8. In a deck, there are 32 cards. Each card is of one of four possible suits and one of eight possible kinds, so that the deck can be identified with the set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(s, k) \mid s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, k \in \{1, \dots, 8\}\}.$$

A hand of eight cards is a set of eight distinct cards of the deck, i.e. the order of the card does not matter.

- a) Define the set of hands of eight cards using the set builder notation.
- b) How many different hands of eight cards are there? That is, what is the cardinal of the set of hands of eight cards. Justify your answer.
- c) How many different hands of eight cards are there in which all cards are of the same suit. Justify your answer.

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/genealogy/names/>.

Example. Proof by induction.

Suppose we are given **the facts**

For all natural number n , let x_n be a real number. Let

$$(8.1) \quad x_1 = 1$$

and, for all $n \geq 1$, define

$$(8.2) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{3}.$$

This means that

- a) there is an infinite sequence of real numbers, where the n^{th} number is called x_n .
- b) The first number of the sequence is 1.
- c) I know that the $(n + 1)^{\text{th}}$ number in the sequence is equal to the n^{th} number plus $\frac{1}{3}$.

Typically, we will want to compute the first few numbers in the sequence:

$$x_2 = x_1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \simeq 1.333, \quad x_3 = x_2 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \simeq 1.666, \quad \dots$$

If I am asked **the question**

Show by induction that

$$(8.3) \quad \forall m \geq 1, x_m = \frac{2+m}{3}$$

this means that I should show that

for all natural number m greater or equal to 1, x_m is equal to $\frac{2+m}{3}$

or, put in still another way

for all natural number m greater or equal to 1, the statement $x_m = \frac{2+m}{3}$ is true.

So, given the facts in Equations (8.1) and (8.2), I must be able to prove that, indeed, Equation (8.3) is true. Note that this is a property of all natural numbers.

How do I show that? In three steps:

- a) Give a name, e.g. $P(m)$ to the statement that I want to prove for any number $m \geq 1$. In this case, $P(m)$ is the statement $x_m = \frac{2+m}{3}$.
- b) “Basis step”: I show that the statement $P(1)$ is true. That is², show that $x_1 = \frac{2+1}{3}$.
- c) “Inductive step”: I show that if, for some $k \geq 1$, the statement $P(k)$ is true³, then the statement $P(k + 1)$ is also true⁴.

²Since $P(m) \equiv x_m = \frac{2+m}{3}$.

³That is, the statement $x_k = \frac{2+k}{3}$ is true.

⁴That is, $x_{k+1} = \frac{2+(k+1)}{3}$ is also true.

My answer will consist of

Define the statement $P(m)$ to be:

$$P(m) \triangleq x_m = \frac{2+m}{3}$$

In order to prove by induction that $P(m)$ is true for all $m \geq 1$, it is sufficient to show that:

Basis step. $P(1)$ is true. This is true because $P(1) \triangleq x_1 = \frac{2+1}{3}$ by definition of $P()$ and $x_1 = 1 = \frac{2+1}{3}$ by assumption^a.

Inductive step. Assume that, for some $k \geq 1$, $P(k)$ is true, i.e. one has

$$x_k = \frac{2+k}{3}.$$

One also has^b

$$x_k + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2+k}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2+(k+1)}{3}.$$

Moreover, by definition^c of x_{k+1} this expression is also equal to x_{k+1} , so that one has:

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{2+(k+1)}{3}.$$

This statement is $P(k+1)$, which is thus deduced from $P(k)$.

^aThe assumption mentioned here is Equation (8.1). The footnotes are not part of the answer to the question.

^bBy adding $\frac{1}{3}$ to both sides of this equation.

^cThis is Equation (8.2).

See also the examples of the textbook [1], pp. 240 onward.

REFERENCES

- [1] K. H. Rosen. *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications*. Mc Graw Hill, 5 edition, 2003.