

## Math 2534 Solution Test 2 Solutions Spring 2018

**Problem 1:** : Use **PMI** to prove the following theorem and be clear where you use the inductive assumption. Justify all steps and tie your work together with complete sentences.

(18 pts)

**Theorem:**  $\forall n \in N$  and  $n \geq 3$ ,  $(n+1)! > 1 + 2^n$

**Proof:**

The hypothesis is true for at least one value of  $n$ . Consider  $n = 3$ .

$$(3+1)! = 4! = 24 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + 2^3 = 9 \quad \text{so} \quad 24 > 9$$

Now assume the hypothesis is true from  $n = 3$  up to some arbitrary value  $k$  so that

$$(k+1)! > 1 + 2^k \quad \text{and prove true for the } k+1 \text{ term by showing } (k+2)! > 1 + 2^{k+1}$$

For the body of the proof, consider the  $k+1$  term which is  $(k+2)!$ .

$$(k+2)! = (k+2)(k+1)! > (k+2)(1+2^k) \quad \text{by the inductive assumption.}$$

$$\text{Now we have that } (k+2)! > (k+2)(1+2^k) > (2)(1+2^k) \quad \text{since } k+2 > k > 2.$$

$$\text{This gives the following results that } (k+2)! > (2)(1+2^k) = 2 + 2^{k+1} > 1 + 2^{k+1} \quad \text{since } 2 > 1.$$

We have assumed the hypothesis is true up to  $k$  and proved true for  $k+1$ . Therefore the hypothesis is true for all natural numbers greater than 2.

**Problem 2: (14 pts)** Prove the following using Set Algebra. Do not leave out steps in body of proof and state the properties used.

**Theorem:** For any sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $[(A^c \cap B^c)^c - A^c] \cup (A \cap \emptyset^c) = A$

**Proof:**

$[(A^c \cap B^c)^c - A^c] \cup (A \cap \emptyset^c) =$	given
$[(A^c \cap B^c)^c - A^c] \cup (A \cap U) =$	the Identity complement
$[(A^c \cap B^c)^c - A^c] \cup (A) =$	the Identity law
$[(A^{cc} \cup B^{cc}) - A^c] \cup (A) =$	DeMorgans law
$[(A \cup B) - A^c] \cup (A) =$	Double complement law
$[(A \cup B) \cap A^{cc}] \cup (A) =$	Difference law
$[(A \cup B) \cap A] \cup (A) =$	Double Complement law
$[A] \cup (A) =$	Idempotent law
$A$	Absorption Law

**Therefore**  $[(A^c \cap B^c)^c - A^c] \cup (A \cap \emptyset^c) = A$

**Problem 3:** Prove the following using method of **Contradiction**.

**(10pts)**

**Theorem:** For all sets A,  $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$

Proof:

Assume that there exist at least one set A so that  $A \times \emptyset \neq \emptyset$

By definition of Cartesian product,

for  $(x, y) \in A \times \emptyset \rightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in \emptyset$  However this is a contradiction to the definition of  $\emptyset$  which contain no elements. Therefore For all sets A,  $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

**Problem 4: (12pts)** Use proof by **elements** to verify that for all nonempty sets A, B, and D

**Theorem:** If  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $D^c \subseteq B^c$  Then  $D^c \subseteq A^c$ . (**Justify each step of proof**)

Proof:

$\forall x \in D^c \rightarrow x \in B^c$       since  $D^c \subseteq B^c$   
 $\rightarrow x \notin B$       by definition of complement  
 $\rightarrow x \notin A$       since  $A \subseteq B$   
 $\rightarrow x \in A^c$       by definition of complement

therefore by definition of containment  $D^c \subseteq A^c$

**Problem 5: (18pts)** Use PMI to prove the following theorem and be clear where you use the inductive assumption. Justify all steps and tie your work together with complete sentences.

**Theorem:** Given the Fibonacci Sequence  $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}, n > 2$ , then

$$f_n = 3f_{n-3} + 2f_{n-4}, \text{ for all natural numbers } n > 4$$

**Proof:** To verify that hypothesis is true for at least one value of  $n$ ,

consider  $n = 5$  to see that  $f_5 = f_4 + f_3 = 3 + 2 = 5$  and

$$3f_{n-3} + 2f_{n-4} = 3f_2 + 2f_1 = 3(1) + 2(1) = 5 \text{ so it is clear that } f_5 = 3f_2 + 2f_1$$

also consider  $n = 6$  so that  $f_6 = f_5 + f_4 = 5 + 3 = 8$  and

$$3f_{n-3} + 2f_{n-4} = 3f_3 + 2f_2 = 3(2) + 2(1) = 8 \text{ so it is clear that } f_6 = 3f_3 + 2f_2$$

Assume that the hypothesis continues to be valid from  $n = 6$  up to some arbitrary value  $k$  so that

$$f_k = 3f_{k-3} + 2f_{k-4} \text{ and prove true for } k + 1 \text{ by showing } f_{k+1} = 3f_{k-2} + 2f_{k-3}.$$

In the body of the proof consider the  $k + 1$  term:

$$f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1} \text{ by definition of Fibonacci sequence}$$

So  $f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1} = (3f_{k-3} + 2f_{k-4}) + (3f_{k-4} + 2f_{k-5})$  by the inductive assumption.

This then gives us

$$f_{k+1} = (3f_{k-3} + 2f_{k-4}) + (3f_{k-4} + 2f_{k-5}) = 3(f_{k-3} + f_{k-4}) + 2(f_{k-4} + f_{k-5}) = 3f_{k-2} + 2f_{k-3}$$

By the Fibonacci sequence.

We have assumed the hypothesis is true up to  $k$  and proved true for  $k + 1$ . Therefore the hypothesis is true for all natural numbers  $n > 4$ .

**Problem 6:** (16pts) Let set  $A = \{a, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ ,  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $C = \{a, \{b\}, b\}$  and  $D = \{\{a\}, a\}$

Part A) Find the following

a)  $A \cap C = \{a, \{b\}\}$

b)  $C - B = \{a, \{b\}\}$

c)  $D \cup C = \{a, \{a\}, \{b\}, b\}$

d)  $B \times D = \{(b, \{a\}), (b, a)\}$

e)  $A \oplus C = \{\{a, b\}, b\}$

f) Power set  $P(C - D) = P(\{\{b\}, b\}) = \{\emptyset, \{\{b\}, b\}, \{\{b\}\}, \{b\}\}$

Part B) (12pts) Indicate if the following is true or false and justify your response.

a)  $\{\{a\}\} \in P(D)$       True      Since  $\{a\} \in D$

b)  $\{b\} \in P(A)$       False      Since  $b \notin A$

b)  $\emptyset \subset P(B)$       True       $\emptyset$  is a subset of every set

c)  $\{\emptyset\} \in P(C)$       False      Since  $\emptyset \notin C$

d)  $P(B) \subset P(C)$       True      since  $b \in B$  and  $b \in C$  and  $n(B) = 1 < n(C) = 3$ .

e)  $P(B) \subset P(A)$       False      A does not contain the element b and so P(A) will contain  $\{b\}$  which is in P(B)