

# Discrete Mathematics

## CST Part IA Paper 2

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### 1 Proof

1. Some mathematical jargon:

- **Statement:** A sentence that is either true or false — but not both.
- **Predicate:** A statement whose truth depends on the value of one or more variables.
- **Theorem:** A very important true statement.
- **Proposition:** A less important but nonetheless interesting true statement.
- **Lemma:** A true statement used in proving other true statements.
- **Corollary:** A true statement that is a simple deduction from a theorem or proposition.
- **Conjecture:** A statement believed to be true, but for which we have no proof.
- **Proof:** Logical explanation of why a statement is true; a method for establishing truth.
- **Logic:** The study of methods and principles used to distinguish good (correct) from bad (incorrect) reasoning.
- **Axiom:** A basic assumption about a mathematical situation. Axioms can be considered facts that do not need to be proved (just to get us going in a subject) or they can be used in definitions.
- **Definition:** An explanation of the mathematical meaning of a word (or phrase). The word (or phrase) is generally defined in terms of properties.
- A statement is *simple* (or *atomic*) when it cannot be broken into other statements, and it is *composite* when it is built by using several (simple or composite statements) connected by logical expressions

2. Contraposition:

The contrapositive of  $P \implies Q$  is  $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ .

3. Modus Ponens: If  $P$  and  $P \implies Q$  holds then so does  $Q$ .

$$\frac{P \quad P \implies Q}{Q}$$

4. Some notations:

- Implication:  $\implies$
- Bi-implication:  $\iff$
- Universal quantification:  $\forall x.P(x)$
- Existential quantification:  $\exists x.P(x)$
- Unique existence:  $\exists!x.P(x)$

$$\exists!x.P(x) \iff \exists x.P(x) \wedge (\forall y.\forall z.(P(y) \wedge P(z)) \implies y = z)$$

- Conjunction:  $\wedge$
- Disjunction:  $\vee$
- Negation:  $\neg$

5. Equality axioms:

- Every individual is equal to itself.

$$\forall x.x = x$$

- (Leibniz equality) For any pair of equal individuals, if a property holds for one of them, then it also holds for the other one.

$$\forall x.\forall y. x = y \implies (P(x) \implies P(y))$$

## 2 Numbers

1. Definitions of real numbers. A real number is:

- **rational** if it is of the form  $\frac{m}{n}$  for a pair of integers  $m$  and  $n$ ; otherwise it is **irrational**;
- **positive** if it is greater than 0, and **negative** if it is smaller than 0;
- **nonnegative** if it is greater than or equal to 0, and **nonpositive** if it is smaller than or equal to 0;
- **natural** if it is a nonnegative integer.

2. Additive structure  $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +)$  of natural numbers with zero and addition is a commutative monoid (a *monoid* is a semigroup with an identity element; a *semigroup* preserves closure and associativity):

- Monoid laws:

$$0 + n = n + 0 = n \quad (\text{identity})$$
$$(l + m) + n = l + (m + n) \quad (\text{associativity})$$

- Commutativity law:

$$m + n = n + m$$

3. Multiplicative structure  $(\mathbb{N}, 1, \cdot)$  of natural numbers with one and multiplication is a commutative monoid:

- Monoid laws:

$$1 \cdot n = n \cdot 1 = n$$
$$(l \cdot m) \cdot n = l \cdot (m \cdot n)$$

- Commutativity law:

$$m \cdot n = n \cdot m$$

4. The overall structure  $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +, 1, \cdot)$  is a commutative semiring:

- $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +)$  is a commutative monoid;
- $(\mathbb{N}, 1, \cdot)$  is a monoid;
- Multiplication is distributive over addition:

$$l \cdot (m + n) = l \cdot m + l \cdot n$$

- Multiplication by 0 annihilates  $\mathbb{N}$ :

$$0 \cdot n = n \cdot 0 = 0$$

5. Cancellation:

- Additive cancellation: for all natural numbers  $k, m, n$ ,

$$k + m = k + n \implies m = n$$

- Multiplicative cancellation: for all natural numbers  $k, m, n$ ,

$$\text{if } k \neq 0 \text{ then } k \cdot m = k \cdot n \implies m = n$$

6. Inverses:

- A number  $x$  is said to admit an **additive inverse** whenever there exists a number  $y$  such that  $x + y = 0$ ;
- A number  $x$  is said to admit an **multiplicative inverse** whenever there exists a number  $y$  such that  $x \cdot y = 1$ .

7. The integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  form a commutative ring, and the rationals  $\mathbb{Q}$  form a field:

- A *group* is a monoid in which every element has an inverse;
- A *ring* is a semiring  $(0, +), (1, \cdot)$  where  $(0, +)$  is a commutative group. It is commutative if  $(1, \cdot)$  is also commutative;
- A *field* is a ring where every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse.

8. Divisibility and congruence:

- Let  $d$  and  $n$  be integers. We say that  $d$  divides  $n$ , and write  $d|n$ , whenever there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = k \cdot d$ ;
- Fix a positive integer  $m$ . For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , we say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$ , and write  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , whenever  $m|(a - b)$ .

9. For all prime numbers  $p$  and integers  $0 \leq m \leq p$ , either  $\binom{p}{m} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  or  $\binom{p}{m} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .  
For  $0 < m < p$ ,  $p|\binom{p}{m}$  and  $(p - m)|\binom{p-1}{m}$ .

10. The Freshman's Dream: For all natural numbers  $m, n$  and primes  $p$ ,

$$(m + n)^p \equiv m^p + n^p \pmod{p}$$

11. The Dropout Lemma: For all natural numbers  $m$  and primes  $p$ ,

$$(m + 1)^p \equiv m^p + 1 \pmod{p}$$

12. The Many Dropout Lemma: For all natural numbers  $m$  and  $i$ , and primes  $p$ ,

$$(m + i)^p \equiv m^p + i \pmod{p}$$

13. Fermat's Little Theorem: For all natural numbers  $i$  and primes  $p$ ,

- $i^p \equiv i \pmod{p}$ , and
- $i^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  whenever  $i$  is not a multiple of  $p$ .

14. The Division Theorem: For every natural number  $m$  and positive natural number  $n$ , there exists a unique pair of integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $q \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq r < n$ , and  $m = q \cdot n + r$ .

15. Modular arithmetic: For all natural numbers  $m > 1$ , the modular-arithmetic structure

$$(\mathbb{Z}_m, 0, +_m, 1, \cdot_m)$$

is a commutative ring.  
For prime  $p$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field.

16. Greatest Common Divisor: For all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$$\gcd(m, n) = \begin{cases} n & , \text{if } n|m \\ \gcd(n, \text{rem}(m, n)) & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

17. Some fundamental properties of gcds:

- Commutativity:  $\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(n, m)$ ,
- Associativity:  $\gcd(l, \gcd(m, n)) = \gcd(\gcd(l, m), n)$ ,
- Distributivity:  $\gcd(l \cdot m, l \cdot n) = l \cdot \gcd(m, n)$ .

18. Theorem: For positive integers  $k, m$ , and  $n$ , if  $k|(m \cdot n)$  and  $\gcd(k, m) = 1$  then  $k|n$ .

Corollary (Euclid's Theorem): For positive integers  $m, n$ , and prime  $p$ , if  $p|(m \cdot n)$  then  $p|m$  or  $p|n$ .

19. For all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,

- $n \cdot \text{lc}_2(m, n) \equiv \gcd(m, n) \pmod{m}$ , and
- whenever  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ ,  
 $[\text{lc}_2(m, n)]_m$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $[n]_m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ .

20. Principle of Induction:

Let  $P(m)$  be a statement for  $m$  ranging over the natural numbers greater than or equal to a fixed natural number  $l$ . If

- $P(l)$  holds, and
- $\forall n \geq l$  in  $\mathbb{N}. (P(n) \implies P(n+1))$  also holds,

then

- $\forall m \geq l$  in  $\mathbb{N}. P(m)$  holds.

21. Principle of Strong Induction:

Let  $P(m)$  be a statement for  $m$  ranging over the natural numbers greater than or equal to a fixed natural number  $l$ . If

- $P(l)$  holds, and
- $\forall n \geq l$  in  $\mathbb{N}. \left( (\forall k \in [l..n]. P(k)) \implies P(n+1) \right)$  also holds,

then

- $\forall m \geq l$  in  $\mathbb{N}. P(m)$  holds.

22. Well-Founded Induction:

**Definition:** a *well-founded relation* is a binary relation  $\prec$  on a set  $A$  such that there are no infinite descending chains  $\dots \prec a_i \prec \dots \prec a_1 \prec a_0$ . When  $a \prec b$  we say  $a$  is a *predecessor* of  $b$ .

**Principle of Well-Founded Induction:** Let  $\prec$  be a well-founded relation on a set  $A$ . if

- $\forall a \in A. \left( (\forall b \prec a. P(b)) \implies P(a) \right)$  holds,

then

- $\forall a \in A. P(a)$  holds.

23. Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic: For every positive integer  $n$  there is a unique finite ordered sequence of primes  $(p_1 \leq \dots \leq p_l)$  with  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^l p_i.$$

### 3 Sets

#### 1. Axioms:

- Extensionality axiom: Two sets are equal if they have the same elements.

$$\forall \text{ sets } A, B . A = B \iff (\forall x. x \in A \iff x \in B)$$

- Powerset axiom: For any set, there is a set consisting of all its subsets.
- Pairing axiom: For every  $a$  and  $b$ , there is a set with  $a$  and  $b$  as its only elements.
- Union axiom: Every collection of sets has a union.
- Infinity axiom: There is an infinite set, containing  $\emptyset$  and closed under successor.  
( $\text{Succ}(x) =_{\text{def}} x \cup \{x\}$ )
- Axiom of choice: Every surjection has a section (right inverse).
- Replacement axiom: The direct image of every definable functional property on a set is a set.

#### 2. Cardinality:

- $\forall$  finite set  $U. \#\mathcal{P}(U) = 2^{\#U}$
- $\forall$  sets  $A, B. \#(A \times B) = \#A \times \#B$
- $\forall$  sets  $A, B. \#(A \uplus B) = \#A + \#B$

#### 3. Subsets:

$$A \subseteq B \iff (\forall x. x \in A \implies x \in B)$$

$$A \subset B \iff (A \subseteq B \wedge A \neq B)$$

Reflexivity:  $\forall$  set  $A . A \subseteq A$

Transitivity:  $\forall$  set  $A, B, C . (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq C) \implies A \subseteq C$

Antisymmetry:  $\forall$  set  $A, B . (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A) \implies A = B$

#### 4. Separation principle: For any set $A$ and any definable property $P$ , there is a set containing precisely those elements of $A$ for which the property $P$ holds.

$$\{x \in A \mid P(x)\}$$

#### 5. The powerset Boolean algebra: $(\mathcal{P}(U), \emptyset, U, \cup, \cap, (\cdot)^c)$

- For all  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(U)$ ,

$$A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A^c = \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

- The union operation  $\cup$  and the intersection operation  $\cap$  are associative, commutative, and idempotent:

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C), A \cup B = B \cup A, A \cup A = A$$

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C), A \cap B = B \cap A, A \cap A = A$$

- The empty set  $\emptyset$  is a neutral element for  $\cup$  and the universal set  $U$  is a neutral element for  $\cap$ :

$$\emptyset \cup A = U \cap A = A$$

- The empty set  $\emptyset$  is an annihilator for  $\cap$  and the universal set  $U$  is an annihilator for  $\cup$ :

$$\emptyset \cap A = \emptyset$$

$$U \cup A = U$$

- With respect to each other, the union operation  $\cup$  and the intersection operation  $\cap$  are distributive and absorptive:

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

- The complement operation  $(\cdot)^c$  satisfies complementation laws:

$$A \cup A^c = U, A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

6. Ordered pair:  $\langle a, b \rangle =_{\text{def}} \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Fundamental property or ordered pairing:

$$\forall a, b, x, y. \langle a, b \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \iff (a = x \wedge b = y)$$

7. Big Unions: Let  $U$  be a set. For a collection of sets  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(U))$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U)$ ),

$$\bigcup \mathcal{F} =_{\text{def}} \{x \in U \mid \exists A \in \mathcal{F}. x \in A\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

Idea:

$$\bigcup \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} = (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) \subseteq U$$

8. Big Intersections: Let  $U$  be a set. For a collection of sets  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(U))$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U)$ ),

$$\bigcap \mathcal{F} =_{\text{def}} \{x \in U \mid \forall A \in \mathcal{F}. x \in A\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

Idea:

$$\bigcap \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} = (A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots) \subseteq U$$

9. Tagging:  $\{l\} \times A$

10. Disjoint Unions:  $A \uplus B =_{\text{def}} (\{1\} \times A) \cup (\{2\} \times B)$

$$\forall x. x \in (A \uplus B) \iff (\exists a \in A. x = (1, a)) \vee (\exists b \in B. x = (2, b))$$

## 4 Relations

1. Some notations and definitions:

- Relation:  $\leftrightarrow$

For all finite sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\#\text{Rel}(A, B) = 2^{\#A \cdot \#B}$

- Partial function:  $\dashrightarrow$

Set of partial functions:  $\dashrightarrow$

Every partial function  $f : A \dashrightarrow B$  satisfies that: for each element  $a$  of  $A$  there is at most one element  $b$  of  $B$  such that  $a f b$ .

$$\forall f \in \text{Rel}(A, B). f \in (A \dashrightarrow B) \iff \forall a \in A. \forall b_1, b_2 \in B. a f b_1 \wedge a f b_2 \implies b_1 = b_2$$

For all finite sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\#(A \dashrightarrow B) = (\#B + 1)^{\#A}$

- Mapping:  $\mapsto$

- Function:  $\rightarrow$

Set of functions:  $\Rightarrow$

A partial function is total if its domain of definition coincides with its source.

$$\forall f \in (A \dashrightarrow B). f \in (A \Rightarrow B) \iff \forall a \in A. \exists b \in B. a f b$$

$$\forall f \in \text{Rel}(A, B). f \in (A \Rightarrow B) \iff \forall a \in A. \exists! b \in B. a f b$$

For all finite sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\#(A \Rightarrow B) = \#B^{\#A}$

- Injection:  $\hookrightarrow$

A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is injective whenever

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A. f(a_1) = f(a_2) \implies a_1 = a_2$$

- Surjection:  $\twoheadrightarrow$

A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is surjective whenever

$$\forall b \in B. \exists a \in A. f(a) = b$$

For all finite sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\#\text{Sur}(A, B) =$

- Bijection: A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is bijective whenever there exists a (necessarily unique) function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  (referred to as the inverse of  $f$ ) such that

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_A \quad \text{and} \quad f \circ g = \text{id}_B$$

For all finite sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$\#\text{Bij}(A, B) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{if } \#A \neq \#B \\ n! & , \text{if } \#A = \#B = n \end{cases}$$

2. Composition:

Composition of two relations  $R : A \leftrightarrow B$  and  $S : B \leftrightarrow C$ :

$$S \circ R : A \leftrightarrow C$$

Relational composition is associative and has the identity relation as neutral element:

$$\forall R : A \leftrightarrow B, S : B \leftrightarrow C, T : C \leftrightarrow D. (T \circ S) \circ R = T \circ (S \circ R)$$

$$\forall R : A \leftrightarrow B. R \circ \text{id}_A = \text{id}_B \circ R = R$$

$R^{\circ n}$ :  $R$  composed with itself  $n$  times.

$$R^{\circ*} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R^{\circ n}$$

3. Preorders:

A preorder  $(P, \sqsubseteq)$  consists of a set  $P$  and a relation  $\sqsubseteq$  on  $P$  satisfying the following two axioms:

- Reflexivity:  $\forall x \in P. x \sqsubseteq x$
- Transitivity:  $\forall x, y, z \in P. (x \sqsubseteq y \wedge y \sqsubseteq z) \implies x \sqsubseteq z$

$R^{o*}$  is the reflexive-transitive closure of  $R$

$R^{o*}$  is the least preorder containing  $R$

$R^{o*}$  is the preorder freely generated by  $R$

4. Isomorphism:  $\cong$

Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are isomorphic (and have the same cardinality) whenever there is a bijection between them,

5. Equivalence relations:

A relation  $E$  on a set  $A$  is an equivalence relation whenever it is:

- Reflexive:  $\forall x \in A. x E x$
- Symmetric:  $\forall x, y \in A. x E y \implies y E x$
- Transitive:  $\forall x, y, z \in A. (x E y \wedge y E z) \implies x E z$

6. Set partitions:

A partition  $P$  of a set  $A$  is a set of non-empty subsets of  $A$  (that is,  $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $\emptyset \notin P$ ), whose elements are typically referred to as blocks, such that

- The union of all blocks yields  $A$ :  $\bigcup P = A$ , and
- All blocks are pairwise disjoint:  $\forall B_1, B_2 \in P. B_1 \neq B_2 \implies B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$

For every set  $A$ :  $\text{EqRel}(A) \cong \text{Part}(A)$

7. Enumerability:

A set  $A$  is enumerable whenever there exists a surjection  $(\mathbb{N} \twoheadrightarrow A)$ , or a injection  $(A \hookrightarrow \mathbb{N})$ , referred to as an enumeration.

A countable set is one that is either empty or enumerable.

8. Relational images and functional images:

Let  $R : A \twoheadrightarrow B$  be a relation.

- The direct image of  $X \subseteq A$  under  $R$  is the set  $\vec{R}(X) \subseteq B$ :

$$\vec{R}(X) = \{b \in B \mid \exists x \in X . x R b\}$$

This construction yields a function  $\vec{R} : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

- The inverse image of  $Y \subseteq B$  under  $R$  is the set  $\overleftarrow{R}(Y) \subseteq A$ :

$$\overleftarrow{R}(Y) = \{a \in A \mid \forall b \in B . a R b \implies b \in Y\}$$

This construction yields a function  $\overleftarrow{R}(Y) : \mathcal{P}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function.

- For all  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $\vec{f}(X) = \{b \in B \mid \exists a \in X . f(a) = b\}$ ;
- For all  $Y \subseteq B$ ,  $\overleftarrow{f}(Y) = \{a \in A \mid f(a) \in Y\}$ .