

[6] 1. Definitions Provide precise definitions of the following.

(a) Define what it means for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to be injective.

A function is injective if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  
 $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$ .

(b) Define what it means for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to be surjective.

A function is surjective if, for all  $y \in Y$ , there  
is at least one  $x \in X$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$

[Equivalently: for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset$ ]

(c) Let  $A$  be a set. Give a definition of the power set of  $A$ .

The power set of  $A$  is the set of all  
subsets of  $A$  i.e.

$$P(A) = \{ S \mid S \subseteq A \}$$

[5] 2. Define  $[n]$  to be the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . For example,  $[4] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

(a) [1 mark] Compute the number of injective functions  $f : [2] \rightarrow [3]$ .

There are 6 of them:

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(b) [2 marks] Compute the number of injective functions  $f : [2] \rightarrow [n]$ .

Since there are  $n$  choices for  $f(1)$ , and for each of these there are  $(n-1)$  remaining choices, this must be

$$n(n-1).$$

(c) [2 marks] Compute the number of injective functions  $f : [m] \rightarrow [n]$ .

Similarly, if  $m \leq n$ , there are  $n$  choices for  $f(1)$ ,  $(n-1)$  for  $f(2)$ ,  $(n-2)$  for  $f(3)$ , ...,  $(n-(m-1))$  for  $f(m)$  i.e.

$$n(n-1)\cdots(n-m+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

[5] 3. Show by induction that for any set  $A$ , and for any sets  $B_1, \dots, B_n$ , that

$$A \cap (B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n) = (A \cap B_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_n).$$

Hint: What is the base case?

The base case is  $A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2) = (A \cap B_1) \cup (A \cap B_2)$ .

This is the distributive law, which was shown earlier.

So assume that

$$A \cap (B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n) = (A \cap B_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_n)$$

for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consider ~~the~~

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap (B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n \cup B_{n+1}) &= A \cap ((B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n) \cup B_{n+1}) \\ &= [A \cap (B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n)] \cup (A \cap B_{n+1}) && \text{by distributive law} \\ &= [(A \cap B_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_n)] \cup (A \cap B_{n+1}) && \text{by inductive hypothesis} \\ &= (A \cap B_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

as desired. So by induction, the theorem is proven. □

[5] 4. Show that for two sets  $A, B$ , that  $|A| = |B|$  implies that  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = |\mathcal{P}(B)|$ .

If  $|A| = |B|$ , then there exists a bijective  $f: A \rightarrow B$ . Similarly, there is  $g: B \rightarrow A$  so that  $f \circ g = id_B$  and  $g \circ f = id_A$ .

We want to define a bijective function from  $\mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

Define  $\tilde{f}: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$  by

$$S \mapsto \overbrace{\{f(a) \mid a \in S\}}^{\psi}$$

and analogously  $\tilde{g}: \mathcal{P}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  via

$$T \mapsto \{g(b) \mid b \in T\}.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f} \circ \tilde{g}(T) &= \tilde{f}(\{g(b) \mid b \in T\}) \\ &= \{\underbrace{f \circ g(b)}_{=b} \mid b \in T\} = T \end{aligned}$$

for any  $T \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}(S) &= \tilde{g}(\{f(a) \mid a \in S\}) \\ &= \{g \circ f(a) \mid a \in S\} = S \end{aligned}$$

for any  $S \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ . As  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  are mutually inverse, they are bijective. □

[5] 5. [4 marks] Prove or disprove that for every integer  $n \geq 1$ , that the Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$  and  $F_{n+2}$  are relatively prime.

We proceed by induction. The base case(s)  
 $F_1 = 1$   $F_3 = 2$  ,  $F_2 = 1$   $F_4 = 3$  are true.

So assume that this is true for some integer  $n$ , and assume that  $d \mid F_{n+3}$  and  $d \mid F_{n+1}$ . Then:  $d \mid \underbrace{F_{n+3} - F_{n+1}}_{= F_{n+2}}$ , and so we also have that  $d \mid \underbrace{F_{n+2} - F_{n+1}}_{= F_n}$ . Thus  $d \mid F_n$  and  $d \mid F_{n+2}$ .

By induction,  $d = 1$ , and so the theorem is proven.  $\square$

[1 mark] Is the same true for  $F_n$  and  $F_{n+3}$ ?

No.  $F_3 = 2$   $F_6 = 8$

so ~~but~~  $\gcd(2, 8) = 2 > 1$ .

[6] 6. A sequence is recursively defined by

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$$

with  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 1$ .

(a) [2 marks] Conjecture a form for the general term.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 0 \\ a_1 = 1 \\ a_2 = 3 \\ a_3 = 7 \\ a_4 = 15 \end{array} \right\} a_n = 2^n - 1$$

(b) [4 marks] Prove that your general form holds true.

It is shown to be true for the base case above.

Suppose that for some  $n$ , that  $a_k = 2^k - 1$  for all  $1 \leq k < n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } a_n &= 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} \\ &= 3(2^{n-1} - 1) - 2(2^{n-2} - 1) \quad \text{by induction} \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 3 - 2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + 2 \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 2^{n-1} - 1 = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 1 \\ &= 2^n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

So by induction, it is true for all  $n \geq 0$ .