CSE 311 Section 4

English Proofs & Set Theory

Administrivia & Introductions

Announcements & Reminders

- HW2
  - If you think something was graded incorrectly, submit a regrade request!
- HW3 due yesterday 10PM on Gradescope
  - Use late days if you need them!
- HW4
  - Due Wednesday 2/1 @ 10pm

References

- Helpful reference sheets can be found on the course website!
  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/
- How to LaTeX (found on Assignments page of website):
  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/assignments/HowToLaTeX.pdf
- Set Reference Sheet
  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-sets.pdf
- Number Theory Reference Sheet
  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-number-theory.pdf
- Plus more!

English Proofs

Writing a Proof

- Don't just jump right in!

- Look at the statement, and make sure you know:
  - What every word in the statement means
  - What the statement as a whole means

- Write down the Proof Skeleton:
  - **Where to start**
  - **What your target is**

- It can help to see if you can first write the statement in predicate logic. Then, write your proof!

Helpful Tips for English Proofs

- Start by introducing your assumptions
- Introduce variables with “let”
  - “Let x be a prime number…”
- Introduce assumptions with “suppose”
  - “Suppose that $y \in A \land y \notin B$…”
- When you supply a value for an existence proof, use “Consider”
  - “Consider $x = 2$…”
- **ALWAYS** state what type your variable is (integer, set, etc.)
- Don’t just use “algebra” as a reason, actually explain what’s going on

Problem 2 – Just the Setup

For each of these statements,

- Translate the sentence into predicate logic.
- Write the first few sentences and last few sentences of the English proof.
- Write the first few and last few steps of an inference proof of the statement (you do not need to write the middle – just enough to introduce all givens and assumptions and the conclusion at the end)

a) The product of an even integer and an odd integer is even.

b) There is an integer x such that $x^2 > 10$ and $3x$ is even.

c) For every integer n, there is a prime number p greater than n.

d) If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$ for any sets A, B, C.

Work on parts (b) and (c) with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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Then there exists some integer k such that $3 \cdot 6 = 2k$.

So $6^2 > 10$ and $3 \cdot 6$ is even.

Hence, 6 is the desired x.

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$\ldots$

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$\ldots$	
$?.\ \exists k[3 \cdot 6 = 2k]$	[?]
$?.\ \text{Even}(3 \cdot 6)$	[Definition of Even]
$?.\ \text{GreaterThan10}(6^2) \wedge \text{Even}(3 \cdot 6)$	[Intro $\wedge$]
$?.\ \exists x[\text{GreaterThan10}(x^2) \wedge \text{Even}(3x)]$	[Intro $\exists$]

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So p is prime and $p > x$.
Since x was arbitrary, we have that every integer has a prime number that is greater than it.

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$\ldots$	
?. $\text{Prime}(b)$	[Definition of Prime]
$\ldots$	
?. $\text{GreaterThan}(b, a)$	[Definition of GreaterThan]
?. $\text{Prime}(b) \wedge \text{GreaterThan}(b, a)$	[Intro ∧]
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Sets

Sets

- A set is an **unordered** group of **distinct** elements
  - Set variable names are capital letters, with lower-case letters for elements

- Set Notation:
  - $a \in A$: “a is in A” or “a is an element of A”
  - $A \subseteq B$: “A is a subset of B”, every element of A is also in B
  - $\emptyset$: “empty set”, a unique set containing no elements
  - $\mathcal{P}(A)$: “power set of A”, the set of all subsets of A including the empty set and A itself

Set Operators

- Subset: $A \subseteq B \equiv \forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$
- Equality: $A = B \equiv \forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B) \equiv A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$
- Union: $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
- Intersection: $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
- Complement: $\overline{A} = \{x : x \notin A\}$
- Difference: $A \backslash \mathrm{B} = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
- Cartesian Product: $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$

Problem 3 – How Many Elements?

For each of these, how many elements are in the set? If the set has infinitely many elements, say ∞.

a) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 2\}$
b) $B = \{\{\}, \{\{\}\}, \{\{\}, \{\}\}, \{\{\}, \{\}, \{\}\}, \dots\}$
c) $C = A \times (B \cup \{7\})$
d) $D = \emptyset$
e) $E = \{\emptyset\}$
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Work this problem with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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Set Proofs

Subset Proofs

One of the most common types of proofs you will be asked to write involving sets is a subset proof. That is, you will be asked to prove that $A \subseteq B$. We always approach these proofs with the same proof skeleton:

Let x be an arbitrary element of A, so $x \in A$.
… some steps using set definitions to show that x must also be in B…
Thus, $x \in B$
Since x was arbitrary, $A \subseteq B$.

Set Equality Proofs

Another common type of set proof is proving that $A = B$. The trick here is that this is secretly just two subset proofs! We need to show both that $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$. Again, we will always use the same proof skeleton:

Let x be an arbitrary element of A, so $x \in A$.
$\dots$ Thus, $x \in B$
Since x was arbitrary, $A \subseteq B$.
Let y be an arbitrary element of B, so $y \in B$.
$\dots$ Thus, $y \in A$
Since y was arbitrary, B $\subseteq A$.
As we have shown both that $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$, therefore $A = B$.

Problem 4 – Set = Set

Prove the following set identities. Write both a formal inference proof and an English proof.

a) Let the universal set be $\mathcal{U}$. Prove $A \cap \bar{B} \subseteq A \setminus B$ for any sets A, B.

b) Prove that $(A \cap B) \times C \subseteq A \times (C \cup D)$ for any sets A, B, C, D.

Work on part (b) with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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Since x was an arbitrary element of $(A \cap B) \times C$ we have proved that $(A \cap B) \times C \subseteq A \times (C \cup D)$ as required.

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Since $z \in C$, by definition of $\cup$, we also have $z \in C \cup D$.
Therefore since $y \in A$ and $z \in C \cup D$, by definition of Cartesian product we have $x = (y, z) \in A \times (C \cup D)$.
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2.1 $x \in (A \cap B) \times C$	Assumption
2.2 $(y, z) \in (A \cap B) \times C$	Def of $\times$
2.3 $y \in (A \cap B) \land z \in C$	Def of $\times$
2.4 $y \in (A \cap B)$	Elim $\land$
2.5 $y \in A \land y \in B$	Def of $\cap$
2.6 $y \in A$	Elim $\land$
2.7 $z \in C$	Elim $\land$
2.8 $z \in C \lor z \in D$	Intro $\lor$
2.9 $z \in (C \cup D)$	Def of $\cup$
2.10 $y \in A \land z \in (C \cup D)$	Intro $\land$
2.11 $(y, z) \in A \times (C \cup D)$	Def of $\times$
2.12 $x \in A \times (C \cup D)$	Def of $\times$
3. $x \in (A \cap B) \times C \rightarrow x \in A \times (C \cup D)$	Direct Proof
4. $\forall x (x \in (A \cap B) \times C \rightarrow x \in A \times (C \cup D))$	Intro $\forall$
5. $(A \cap B) \times C \subseteq A \times (C \cup D)$	Def of $\subseteq$

Problem 5 – Set Equality

a) Prove that $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ for any sets A, B.

b) Let $\mathcal{U}$ be the universal set. Show that $\overline{\overline{X}} = X$

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Since x was arbitrary, $A \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A$.

Now let y be an arbitrary member of A. Then $y \in A$. So certainly $y \in A$ or $y \in B$.
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Since y was arbitrary, $A \subseteq A \cap (A \cup B)$.

Therefore $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$, by containment in both directions.

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Let x be an arbitrary element of $A \cap (A \cup B)$.
Then by definition of intersection, $x \in A$ and $x \in A \cup B$. So certainly, $x \in A$.
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Then by definition of union, $y \in A \cup B$.
Since $y \in A$ and $y \in A \cup B$, then by definition of intersection, $y \in A \cap (A \cup B)$.
Since y was arbitrary, $A \subseteq A \cap (A \cup B)$.

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That’s All, Folks!

Thanks for coming to section this week!
Any questions?