

Section MR: Midterm 2 Review

1. Midterm Review: English Proof (Even Steven)

Prove that for all integers k , $k(k+3)$ is even.

Recall that $\text{Even}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k)$ and $\text{Odd}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k + 1)$

- (a) Let your domain be integers. Write this claim in predicate logic.

- (b) Write an English proof for this claim.

2. Midterm Review: Proof by Contradiction

(This question was also in Section 5)

Write a proof by contradiction for the following proposition: There exist no integers x and y such that $18x + 6y = 1$.

HINT: Try writing in propositional logic, then negating this statement before writing your proof.

3. Midterm Review: Number Theory

Let p be a prime number at least 3, and let x be an integer such that $x^2 \pmod p = 1$.

- (a) Show that if an integer y satisfies $y \equiv 1 \pmod p$, then $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod p$. (this proof will be short!)
(Try to do this without using the theorem "Raising Congruences To A Power")

- (b) Repeat part (a), but don't use any theorems from the Number Theory Reference Sheet. That is, show the claim directly from the definitions.

- (c) From part (a), we can see that $x \pmod p$ can equal 1. Show that for any integer x , if $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod p$, then $x \equiv 1 \pmod p$ or $x \equiv -1 \pmod p$. That is, show that the only value $x \pmod p$ can take other than 1 is $p - 1$.
Hint: Suppose you have an x such that $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod p$ and use the fact that $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$
Hint: You may use the following theorem without proof: if p is prime and $p \mid (ab)$ then $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$.

Induction

4. Midterm Review: Induction

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define S_n to be the sum of the squares of the first n positive integers, or

$$S_n = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2.$$

Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $S_n = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$.

5. Midterm Review: Strong Induction

Robbie is planning to buy snacks for the members of his competitive roller-skating troupe. However, his local grocery store sells snacks in packs of 5 and packs of 7.

Prove that Robbie can buy exactly n snacks for all integers $n \geq 24$

6. Midterm Review: Reversing a Binary Tree (Structural Induction)

Consider the following definition of a (binary) **Tree**.

Basis Step Nil is a **Tree**.

Recursive Step If L is a **Tree**, R is a **Tree**, and x is an integer, then $\text{Tree}(x, L, R)$ is a **Tree**.

The **sum** function returns the sum of all elements in a **Tree**.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sum}(\text{Nil}) &= 0 \\ \text{sum}(\text{Tree}(x, L, R)) &= x + \text{sum}(L) + \text{sum}(R)\end{aligned}$$

The following recursively defined function produces the mirror image of a **Tree**.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{reverse}(\text{Nil}) &= \text{Nil} \\ \text{reverse}(\text{Tree}(x, L, R)) &= \text{Tree}(x, \text{reverse}(R), \text{reverse}(L))\end{aligned}$$

Show that, for all **Trees** T that

$$\text{sum}(T) = \text{sum}(\text{reverse}(T))$$

Set Theory

7. Midterm Review: Unioned Intersections (Proof by [Counter]example)

Show that there exists sets A, B, C, D, E, F such that $(A \cap B) \cup (C \cap D) \cup (E \cap F) \not\subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D) \cap (E \cup F)$.
(In other words, **disprove** the claim, "for all sets, $(A \cap B) \cup (C \cap D) \cup (E \cap F) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D) \cap (E \cup F)$).

8. Midterm Review: Complementary Sets (Proof by Contrapositive)

We want to write a proof for $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A \cap B}$.

- Translate $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A \cap B}$ to predicate logic (it should contain an implication!).
- Take the contrapositive of the statement in (a).
- Write the expression from (b) in set notation.
- Write an English proof for the statement in part (c).
(Note: you are effectively doing a proof by contrapositive!)

9. Midterm Review: Power Crossing (Power Sets and Cartesian Products)

Show that $\mathcal{P}(A) \times \mathcal{P}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \cup C) \times \mathcal{P}(B \cup C)$.