

Answer all questions. State all assumptions you make. Keep your answers concise.

1. (a) For each of the following arguments, if the argument is valid, then prove it; otherwise, give a counter-example to show that the argument is invalid.
- i.

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg(\neg p \vee q) \\ \neg t \rightarrow \neg s \\ (p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \neg s \\ \neg t \vee r \\ \hline \therefore r \end{array}$$

Solution: The argument is invalid. Consider the assignment $p = \top, q = \perp, s = \perp, t = \perp, r = \perp$ (here \perp denotes false). Then $\neg(\neg p \vee q) = p \wedge \neg q = \top$, $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \neg s$ holds and as a consequence $\neg t \rightarrow \neg s$ is true. But this implies the last statement is true irrespective of the value r takes. The assignment satisfies the four given premises but not the conclusion.

ii.

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg r \rightarrow p \\ q \rightarrow \neg p \\ \neg(r \vee t) \\ \hline \therefore q \vee t \end{array}$$

Solution: The argument is invalid. Consider the assignment $r = \perp, t = \perp, p = \top, q = \perp$. This assignment satisfies the three given premises but not the conclusion.

- (b) Assume that the following predicates/formulas are defined (over the set of natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$):

- $\text{Div}(x, y)$: true if x divides y and false otherwise
- $x < y$: true iff x is strictly less than y
- $\text{Prime}(p)$: true iff p is a prime number

Write down formulas in predicate logic for the following.

- i. $\text{Pow}_p(x)$: true iff x is a power of the prime p .

Solution:

$$\forall y ((\text{Div}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y)) \rightarrow (y = p))$$

- ii. $\text{Digit}(v, y, b)$: true iff p -ary digit of v at position y is b .

Here, position is specified by y which is a power of p . For example, the binary digit of 1000110010111 at position 2^2 , 2^4 and 2^5 are respectively 1 (third bit from right), 1 (fifth bit from right) and 0 (sixth bit from right).

Solution:

$$\exists a \exists r ((v = apy + by + r) \wedge (r < y) \wedge (b < p))$$

$(1+1)+(1+2)=5$

2. Let S be any countable subset of \mathbb{R} . Show that $\mathbb{R} \sim \mathbb{R} \setminus S$. 5

Solution: Since S is countable, the elements of S can be numbered s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots . Let r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots be distinct elements of \mathbb{R} . Such elements exist for otherwise \mathbb{R} would be countable. Now define a map $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus S$ as follows: for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(s_i) = r_{2i}$ and $f(r_i) = r_{2i+1}$; for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots\}$, $f(x) = x$. Clearly f is a bijection. For all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $f^{-1}(r_i) = r_{(i-1)/2}$ if i is odd and $f^{-1}(r_i) = s_{i/2}$ if i is even; for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots\}$, $f^{-1}(x) = x$. Therefore $\mathbb{R} \sim \mathbb{R} \setminus S$.

3. Let (G, \circ) be a group. Define a relation \mathcal{R} on G as follows: For all $(x, y) \in G \times G$, $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ if and only if $\exists a \in G$ such that $a \circ x = y \circ a$. Prove that \mathcal{R} is an equivalence relation. 5

Solution: We show that \mathcal{R} is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let e be the identity of (G, \circ) . For every $x \in G$, $e \circ x = x \circ e$ and hence $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$. \mathcal{R} is reflexive.

Let $x, y \in G$ such that $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$. There exists $a \in G$ such that $a \circ x = y \circ a$. Let a^{-1} be the inverse of a . We have

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ x &= y \circ a \\ a \circ x \circ a^{-1} &= y && \text{'multiplying' both sides on the right by } a^{-1} \\ x \circ a^{-1} &= a^{-1} \circ y && \text{'multiplying' both sides on the left by } a^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

that is, $a^{-1} \circ y = x \circ a^{-1}$ and hence $(y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$. Hence \mathcal{R} is symmetric.

Now, suppose that $(x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}$. There exist a, b such that

$$a \circ x = y \circ a \tag{1}$$

and

$$b \circ y = z \circ b. \tag{2}$$

'multiplying' both sides of Equation 1 on the left by b , we have

$$b \circ a \circ x = b \circ y \circ a.$$

Using Equation 2, substitute for $b \circ y$ with $z \circ b$. We get

$$b \circ a \circ x = z \circ b \circ a,$$

and therefore $(x, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ implying that \mathcal{R} is transitive.

4. Let $S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$. Define the operation \circ as follows: $(u, v) \circ (x, y) = (ux, vx + y)$.

(a) Is (S, \circ) a group? If so, is it Abelian?

Solution: Let $(u, v), (x, y), (w, z) \in S$. Then u, x are non-zero reals and so is their product. Also, $vx + y \in \mathbb{R}$ and so S is closed under \circ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} ((u, v) \circ (x, y)) \circ (w, z) &= (ux, vx + y) \circ (w, z) \\ &= (uxw, wvx + wy + z) \\ &= (u(xy), v(xw) + (yw + z)) \\ &= (u, v) \circ (xw, yw + z) \\ &= (u, v) \circ ((x, y) \circ (w, z)) \end{aligned}$$

and hence (S, \circ) is associative. For any $(x, y) \in S$, $(x, y) \circ (1, 0) = (x, y) = (1, 0) \circ (x, y)$ and so $(1, 0)$ is the identity. For any $(x, y) \in S$, $(\frac{1}{x}, -\frac{y}{x}) \in S$ since $x \neq 0$. Also, $(x, y) \circ (\frac{1}{x}, -\frac{y}{x}) = (1, 0)$ and $(\frac{1}{x}, -\frac{y}{x}) \circ (x, y) = (1, 0)$ and therefore $(\frac{1}{x}, -\frac{y}{x})$ is the inverse of (x, y) . We have shown that (S, \circ) is a group.

Consider $(1, 2), (2, -3) \in S$. We have $(1, 2) \circ (2, -3) = (2, 1)$ and $(2, -3) \circ (1, 2) = (2, -1)$ and $(2, 1) \neq (2, -1)$. (S, \circ) is not Abelian.

(b) Define $\hat{S} = \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{Q}$. Is (\hat{S}, \circ) a group?

Solution: \mathbb{Q} is closed under addition and multiplication. Multiplication is associative. Also, every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse. From these it follows that, all group properties hold for (\hat{S}, \circ) as well. Identity and inverse are identical to the those for (S, \circ) .

$$4+1 = 5$$