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**(5 pts) 1.** Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and let  $\preceq$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  given by

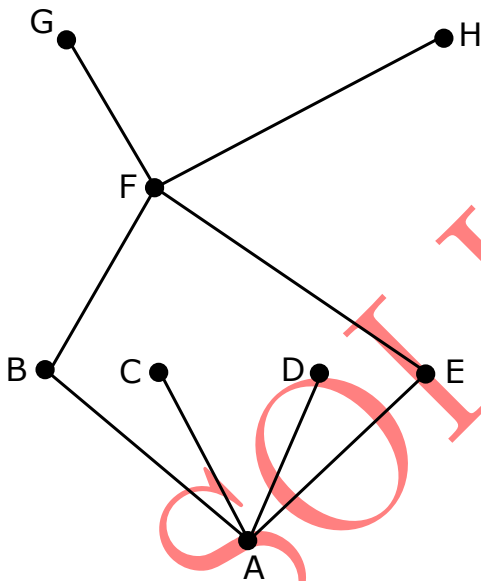
$$(m_1, n_1) \preceq (m_2, n_2) \text{ if and only if } m_1 \leq m_2 \text{ and } n_1 | n_2$$

for all  $(m_1, n_1), (m_2, n_2) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $\preceq$  is anti-symmetric.

Let  $(m, n), (m', n') \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that  $(m, n) \preceq (m', n')$  and  $(m', n') \preceq (m, n)$ . By the definition of  $\preceq$ , we have that  $m \leq m'$  and  $n | n'$ , and,  $m' \leq m$  and  $n' | n$ .

Since  $m \leq m'$  and  $m' \leq m$ , we have  $m = m'$ . Since  $n | n'$  and  $n' | n$ , we have that  $n = n'k$  and  $n' = n\ell$  for some integers  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But then,  $n = nkl$  and so  $1 = kl$ . This implies that  $k = 1$  or  $k = -1$ . On the other hand, as  $n, n' > 0$ , we can't have  $k = -1$ . Hence  $k = 1$  and consequently,  $n = n'$ . Therefore  $(m, n) = (m', n')$ . So  $\preceq$  is anti-symmetric.

**(4×2+4=12 pts) 2.** Consider the partial order relation  $\preceq$  on the set  $X = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H\}$  whose Hasse diagram is given below.



a) If they exist, find the following elements of  $X$ . (For this part only, you do **not** need to justify your answer. Also **no** partial credits will be given.)

- Maximal element(s)  $G, H, C, D$
- Minimal element(s)  $A$
- Least element  $A$
- Greatest lower bound of the subset  $\{G, C\}$   $A$

b) Is  $(X, \preceq)$  a linearly (totally) ordered set? Explain.

If  $\preceq$  were a linear order relation, then for any  $x, y \in X$  we would have  $y \preceq x$  or  $x \preceq y$ . On the other hand, as it can be seen from the Hasse diagram, we have  $C \not\preceq D$  and  $D \not\preceq C$ . Hence  $\preceq$  is not a linear order relation.

(6+6=12 pts) 3. The parts of this question are **unrelated**.

a) Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. Prove that if  $A \preceq B$  and  $B \sim C$ , then  $A \preceq C$ .

Assume that  $A \preceq B$  and  $B \sim C$ . Then, by definition, there exist an injection  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and a bijection  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . Consider the function  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ . Since the composition of two injections is an injection, the map  $g \circ f$  is an injection. Hence  $A \preceq C$ .

b) Is  $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) - (\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q})$  countable? Explain.

No, it is not. Assume towards a contradiction that  $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) - (\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q})$  is countable. Since the cartesian product of two countable sets is countable and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable,  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  is countable. But then, as the union of two countable sets is countable,  $(\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}) \cup ((\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) - (\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q})) = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is countable.

Note that  $\mathbb{R} \preceq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  because the map  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = (x, 0)$  is an injection. Then  $f(\mathbb{R})$  is countable as it is a subset of a countable set. But now, because  $\mathbb{R} \sim f(\mathbb{R})$ , we have that  $\mathbb{R}$  is countable, which is a contradiction. Thus  $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) - (\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q})$  is uncountable.

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In the next question, you are supposed to express the sets given in the question using the **set notation**. If you do not remember what this notation is, consider the following example.

**Example.** The set of all real numbers whose square is greater than 3 or whose square is equal to 2 is

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 > 3 \vee x^2 = 2\}$$

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(3+3+3=9 pts) 4. Express the following sets in the set notation.

a) The set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which lie below the x-axis is

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y < 0\}$$

b) The set of integers which are divisible by 2 **or** which divide every integer is

$$\{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 2|k \vee \forall \ell \in \mathbb{Z} k|\ell\}$$

c) The set of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  which contain an irrational number

$$\{S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \exists r \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} \quad r \in S\}$$

**(10 pts) 5.** Prove that

$$2 \cdot 2^1 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \cdots + (n+1) \cdot 2^n = n \cdot 2^{n+1}$$

for all natural numbers  $n \geq 1$ .

We shall prove this by induction on  $n$ .

**Base step.** We have  $2 \cdot 2^1 = 4 = 1 \cdot 2^{1+1}$  and so the claim holds for  $n = 1$ .

**Inductive step.** Let  $n \geq 1$  be a natural number. Suppose that the claim holds for  $n$ , that is,

$$2 \cdot 2^1 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \cdots + (n+1) \cdot 2^n = n \cdot 2^{n+1}$$

By adding  $(n+2) \cdot 2^{n+1}$  to both sides, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot 2^1 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \cdots + (n+1) \cdot 2^n + (n+2) \cdot 2^{n+1} &= n \cdot 2^{n+1} + (n+2) \cdot 2^{n+1} \\ &= n \cdot 2^{n+1} + n \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2 \cdot 2^{n+1} \\ &= n \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2^{n+2} \\ &= n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2^{n+2} \\ &= (n+1) \cdot 2^{(n+1)+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the claim holds for  $n+1$ .

It now follows from the principle of mathematical induction that the claim holds for all natural numbers  $n \geq 1$ .

**(6+6=12 pts) 6.** The parts of this question are **unrelated**.

a) Let  $A, B$  be sets and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. Complete the following definition:

$f$  is said to be surjective if **For all  $b \in B$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$**

b) Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and let  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the function given by

$$g(n, k) = 2^n + n + k$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $g$  is surjective.

Let  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Choose  $(n, k) = (1, \ell - 3)$ . Then  $(n, k) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  and moreover,

$$g(n, k) = g(1, \ell - 3) = 2^1 + 1 + \ell - 3 = \ell$$

Therefore  $g$  is surjective.

(5+5+5=15 pts) 7. You are given some proofs of theorems below. These given proofs **MAY BE CORRECT OR INCORRECT**. If a proof is correct, then write only “the proof is correct”. If a proof is incorrect, then write “the proof is incorrect” and briefly **explain the mistake** in the proof.

**Theorem.** Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. If  $A \not\subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \not\subseteq B$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $A \not\subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ . Let  $x \in A$  be arbitrary. Since  $A \not\subseteq C$ , we have that  $x \notin C$ . On the other hand, as  $B \subseteq C$ , every element of  $B$  is in  $C$  and hence,  $x \notin C$  implies that  $x \notin B$ . We have found  $x$  such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ . Thus  $A \not\subseteq B$ .

**Answer:** The proof is incorrect. The mistake in the proof is that  $x \notin C$  does not follow. The reason is that,  $A \not\subseteq C$  implies that there exists **some** element  $w \in A$  with  $w \notin C$ . However, since we picked  $x \in A$  to be arbitrary, we cannot deduce that  $x \notin C$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. If  $C - A \subseteq B$ , then  $C \subseteq A \cup B$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $C - A \subseteq B$ . Let  $x \in C - A$ . Then, since  $C - A \subseteq B$ , we have that  $x \in B$ . On the other hand, by properties of union,  $B \subseteq A \cup B$  and so,  $x \in B$  implies that  $x \in A \cup B$ . This means that  $C \subseteq A \cup B$ .

**Answer:** The proof is incorrect. The mistake in the proof is that, because we picked an element  $x$  from  $C - A$  and showed that  $x \in B \cup C$ , we can only deduce  $C - A \subseteq A \cup B$  at the end, not that  $C \subseteq A \cup B$ . In a correct proof, we should have picked an element  $x$  from  $C$  and then argued that  $x \in A \cup B$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $\sim$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2) \text{ if and only if } x_1 \cdot y_1 = x_2 \cdot y_2$$

for all  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then  $\sim$  is symmetric.

**Proof.** Let  $(x, y), (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Assume that  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (x, y)$ . Then, by definition, we have  $x \cdot y = \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y}$  since  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . Similarly, we have  $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = x \cdot y$  as  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (x, y)$ . Thus  $\sim$  is symmetric.

**Answer:** The proof is incorrect. The mistake in the proof is that, at the beginning, the proof starts with both  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (x, y)$  as assumptions. However, in order to show symmetry, we should only assume  $(x, y) \sim (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and then **conclude** that  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \sim (x, y)$ .

(5 pts) 8. The following proof is a **correct** proof of a theorem whose statement is left incomplete. Complete the statement of the theorem appropriately.

**Theorem.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be sets. .... If  $Y - X = \emptyset$ , then  $X \not\subseteq Z$  or  $Y \subseteq Z$ . .....

**Proof.** We shall prove this statement by contrapositive. Suppose that  $X \subseteq Z$  and  $Y \not\subseteq Z$ . By the assumption that  $Y \not\subseteq Z$ , there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \notin Z$ . If it were the case that  $y \in X$ , then, as  $X \subseteq Z$ , we would have  $y \in Z$ , which leads to a contradiction. Therefore  $y \notin X$ . Since  $y \in Y$  and  $y \notin X$ , we have that  $y \in Y - X$ . Hence  $Y - X \neq \emptyset$ .