

Math 320 Set Theory Midterm 1 04 April 2017 17:40							
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5 QUESTIONS ON 4 PAGES				TOTAL 100 POINTS			
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1. (5+10=15 pts)

a) Prove or disprove the following statement: For any inductive set  $I$  we have that  $I \subseteq \cup I$ .

b) Recall that the recursive definition of multiplication operation  $\cdot$  on the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  is given as follows:

$$m \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$m \cdot S(n) = (m \cdot n) + m$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $S(n)$  denotes the successor of the natural number  $n$ . You are given that the identity  $m \cdot (n + p) = (m \cdot n) + (m \cdot p)$  holds for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $\cdot$  is associative, that is, for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$m \cdot (n \cdot p) = (m \cdot n) \cdot p$$

[**WARNING:** If you use an identity involving arithmetical operations on  $\mathbb{N}$  other than the identity given in the question, you are supposed to prove it.]

**2. (9+6+6+6=27 pts)** Recall that  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}\mathbb{N}$  is the set of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the set of functions in  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}\mathbb{N}$  which are strictly increasing, that is,

$$\mathcal{I} = \{f \in {}^{\mathbb{N}}\mathbb{N} : \forall i, j \in \mathbb{N} \ i < j \leftrightarrow f(i) < f(j)\}$$

Consider the relation  $\preceq$  on the set  $\mathcal{I}$  given by

$$f \preceq g \iff \exists h \in \mathcal{I} \ g = f \circ h$$

for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{I}$ . In other words, if you consider functions in  $\mathcal{I}$  as strictly increasing sequences over  $\mathbb{N}$  indexed by  $\mathbb{N}$ , the relation  $f \preceq g$  holds if and only if  $(g(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a subsequence of  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

(a) Show that  $\preceq$  is a partial order relation on  $\mathcal{I}$ .

(b) Show that  $\preceq$  is not a linear order relation on  $\mathcal{I}$ .

(c) Determine whether there exists a least element of  $\mathcal{I}$  with respect to the partial order relation  $\preceq$ .

(d) Let  $\prec$  denote the induced strict partial order relation given by  $f \prec g \iff f \preceq g \wedge f \neq g$  for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{I}$ . Find a sequence  $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  over  $\mathcal{I}$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that  $f_i \prec f_{i+1}$  and there does not exist  $g \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $f_i \prec g \prec f_{i+1}$ .

**3. (8+7+6+7=28 pts)** Recall that  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2$  is the set of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to the set  $2 = \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the relation  $E$  on  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2$  given by

$$f E g \iff \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (n \geq m \rightarrow f(n) = g(n))$$

for all  $f, g \in {}^{\mathbb{N}}2$ . In other words, if you consider functions in  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2$  as sequences over 2 indexed by  $\mathbb{N}$ , the relation  $f E g$  holds if and only if the sequences  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(g(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  have the same values at sufficiently large indices.

(a) Prove that  $E$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) Prove that the set  $[f]_E$  is countable for any  $f \in {}^{\mathbb{N}}2$ .

(c) Prove that there exists an injective function from the quotient set  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2/E$  to the set  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2$ .

(d) Explicitly construct an injective function from the set  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2$  to the quotient set  ${}^{\mathbb{N}}2/E$ .

**4. (5+5=10 pts)**

(a) State the Axiom of Foundation.

(b) Prove that there do not exist sets  $x, y, z$  such that  $x \in y$ ,  $y \in z$  and  $z \in x$ .

**5. (20 pts)**

State and prove Cantor's theorem.