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Pure Mathematics
PMAT E1025-Discrete Mathematics I

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Answer **Six (06)** Questions only.

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1. (a) Let A and B be any two subsets of a universal set X .
- (i) Show, by using first principles that $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$.
- (ii) Simplify, by using the algebra of sets, the expressions
- (a) $(A - B) \cup (B - A) \cup (A - B')$.
- (b) $[(A' \cap B') - (A \cup B')] \cup A$.
- (b) Let A_n be a sequence of intervals of \mathbb{R} defined by $A_n = \left[\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n} \right]$.
- Find $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_1 \times A_n)$.
2. (i) Write down the three properties that a relation R must possess if it is an equivalence relation.
- Suppose that R is the relation on the set of integers defined by $a R b$ if and only if $a + b$ is a multiple of 2. Prove that this is an equivalence relation. What are the corresponding equivalence classes?
- (ii) Prove by contradiction that there is no largest natural number.
3. (i) Suppose that X, Y, Z are sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$. Define the composition $g \circ f$ of f and g . Prove that if f and g are injections, then $g \circ f$ is also an injection.

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- (ii) Let Z denote the set of integers. Explain why it is true that the function $f: Z \rightarrow Z$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & ; \text{if } x \text{ even} \\ -x+3 & ; \text{if } x \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

is a bijection.

What is the inverse function?

4. (a) Using the algebra of prepositions, show that $\sim(p \vee q) \vee (\sim p \wedge q)$ is logically equivalent to $\sim p$.
- (b) Simplify the preposition $(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee (\sim p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee \sim(p \vee \sim q)$.
- (c) Construct a truth table to determine the validity of the following argument: "If X and Y are non empty sets then the Cartesian product $X \times Y$ is non-empty. Therefore, if $X \times Y$ is empty, then X and Y are empty sets."
- (d) Determine the truth value of the following statement and justify your answer $\forall x \in Z, \exists n \in Z$ such that $x < n+3 < x^2 - 6x + 13$.

5. (i) Find the factors of $\det A$, where $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{pmatrix}$.

Hence find the factors of $\det B$, where $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ a^2 & 1 & a \\ a & a^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (ii) Find the values of x, y, z, t, u and v in terms of a, b and c so that

$\begin{pmatrix} x+a & t & u \\ b & y+b & v \\ c & a & y+c \end{pmatrix}$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

If the matrix so obtained is A , without expanding the corresponding determinant, show that A is singular.

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6. (i) The function $f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a}{1+x^2} + bx + c \text{ for some constants } a, b \text{ and } c.$$

Given that $f(0) = 8, f(1) = 3$ and $f(2) = -\frac{8}{5}$.

Find a system of linear equations in a, b and c . Use Cramer's rule to solve this system.

(ii) Consider the system of equations

$$x + y + 2z = 1$$

$$2x - y + z = 2$$

$$-x + 2y + z = k$$

$$y + hz = 0$$

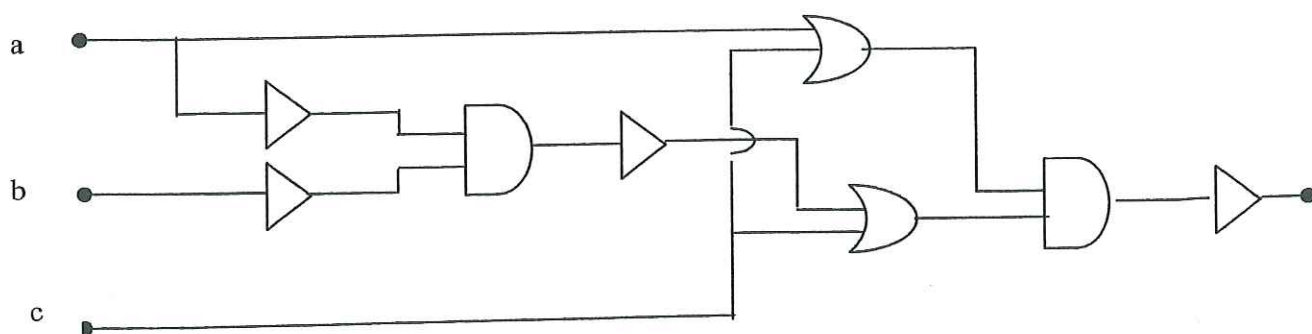
Use Gaussian elimination to find the values of k and h for which this system has

- (a) no solution
- (b) a unique solution
- (c) infinitely many solutions

Find the general solution in case (c).

7. (i) For a Boolean algebra $[B, +, \cdot, ']$ and for $a, b, c \in B$, simplify $[(a+b) + (a+b')b]'$.

(ii) Consider the following combinatorial circuit:



- (a) Find the Boolean representation for the above circuit.
- (b) Simplify the Boolean representation to only three components.
- (c) Sketch the equivalent simplified circuit.

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8. (i) Use the mathematical induction to show that $f(n) = 7^{2n} + 2^{3(n-1)} \cdot 3^{(n-1)}$ is divisible by 25 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) What is meant by saying the set S has cardinality m ?

Let $|S|$ denote the cardinality of set S .

Let X and Y are two finite sets.

Prove that $|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| - |X \cap Y|$.

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