

MHF 4102 - Ax. Set Theory

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TEST # 1 - Spring 2004

TIME: 75 min.

Answer all 6 questions. Justify all of your answers.

- (15) 1. Let $\langle B_i \rangle_{i \in I}$ be a family of subsets of \mathbb{R} . Prove that
- $$\mathbb{R} - \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i)$$
- (20) 2 (a) Define ordinal multiplication by using transfinite recursion
 (b) Prove that for any ordinals α, β, γ $\alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \gamma$.
 (You may use the fact that ordinal addition is associative.)
- (20) 3 (a) Write down the Separation Axiom & the Replacement Axiom in both their ordinary & class forms.
 (b) Write down the Power Set Axiom & the Foundation Axiom in their ordinary form. Then translate them into the language of set theory, (LST).
- (15) 4. Let $V =$ collection of all sets & $S = \{x : x \text{ has one element}\}$
 (a) Using the fact that $R = \{x : x \notin x\}$ is not a set, prove that V & S are not sets.
 (b) Prove that S is a class.
- (15) 5. (a) Define what is a well-ordered set $\langle A, < \rangle$.
 (b) If $\langle A, < \rangle$ is a well-ordered set and $f: A \rightarrow A$ is an increasing function, prove that $x \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in A$.
- (15) 6 (a) Define what is a transitive set & what is an ordinal.
 (b) Suppose R is reflexive and $aRb \ \& \ bRc \Rightarrow cRa$.
 Prove that R is an equivalence relation on A .

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Solutions to Test #1

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1. Let $x \in \mathbb{R} - (\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i)$. Then $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \notin \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$
 So $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\neg (\forall i \in I) (x \in B_i)$.
 So $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(\exists i \in I) (x \notin B_i)$
 $\therefore (\exists i \in I) (x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \notin B_i)$
 $\therefore (\exists i \in I) (x \in \mathbb{R} - B_i)$. $\therefore x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i)$
 So $\mathbb{R} - \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i)$

Now let $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i)$. Then $(\exists i \in I) (x \in \mathbb{R} - B_i)$
 So $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \notin B_i$ for some $i \in I$
 $\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(\exists i \in I) (x \notin B_i)$
 $\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\neg (\forall i \in I) (x \in B_i)$
 $\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \notin \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. So $x \in \mathbb{R} - \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$
 Hence $\bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i) \subseteq \mathbb{R} - \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$

Thus $\mathbb{R} - (\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R} - B_i)$

2. (a) For each ordinal β we define $\beta \cdot \gamma$ by transfinite recursion on γ as follows:
 (i) $\beta \cdot 0 = 0$, (ii) $\beta \cdot (\gamma + 1) = (\beta \cdot \gamma) + \beta$, and
 (iii) $\beta \cdot \lambda = \sup \{ \beta \cdot \gamma : \gamma < \lambda \}$ if λ is a limit ordinal.

(b) We will prove that $\alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \gamma$ by Transfinite induction on γ . Suppose $\gamma = 0$. Then
 $\alpha \cdot (\beta + 0) = \alpha \cdot \beta = \alpha \cdot \beta + 0$
 $= \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot 0$

So the result is true for $\gamma = 0$

2. Suppose the result is true for γ . We will prove it for $\gamma+1$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \cdot (\beta + (\gamma + 1)) &= \alpha \cdot ((\beta + \gamma) + 1) && \text{bec. addition is assoc.} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) + \alpha && \text{by (ii) above} \\
 &= (\alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \gamma) + \alpha && \text{result true for } \gamma \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \beta + (\alpha \cdot \gamma + \alpha) && \text{addition is assoc.} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot (\gamma + 1) && \text{by (ii) above}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally suppose the result is true for all $\gamma < \lambda$ where λ is a limit ordinal. We will prove it for λ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \cdot (\beta + \lambda) &= \sup \{ \alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) : \gamma < \lambda \} && \text{bec. } \beta + \lambda \text{ is limit ord.} \\
 &= \sup \{ \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \gamma : \gamma < \lambda \} && \text{result true for } \gamma < \lambda \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \beta + \sup \{ \alpha \cdot \gamma : \gamma < \lambda \} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

So by the Transfinite Induction Principle, the result is true for all γ . Since α & β were arbitrary, it is true for all α , β and γ .

2(a) Sep. Axiom: If $\varphi(x)$ is any formula of L.O.S.T. and A is a set then $\{x \in A : \varphi(x) \text{ is true}\}$ is a set

Class Form: If \mathcal{C} is a class & A is a set then $\mathcal{C} \cap A$ is a set.

Repl. Axiom: If $\varphi(x, y)$ is any function-type formula of L.O.S.T. and A is a set, then

$\{b : \varphi(a, b) \text{ is true for at least one } a \in A\}$ is a set.

Class Form: If \mathcal{F} is any class-function and A is a set, then $\mathcal{F}[A] = \{\mathcal{F}(a) : a \in A\}$ is a set.

(b) Power Set Axiom: If A is a set then $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is a set

$$3(b) (\forall x_1) (\exists x_2) (\forall x_3) (x_3 \in x_2 \leftrightarrow (\forall x_4) (x_4 \in x_3 \rightarrow x_4 \in x_1)).$$

Foundation Axiom: If A is any non-empty set, there exists $x \in A$ such that $x \cap A = \emptyset$.

$$(\forall x_1) ((\exists x_2) (x_2 \in x_1) \rightarrow (\exists x_3) (x_3 \in x_1 \ \& \ (\forall x_4) \neg ((x_4 \in x_1) \ \& \ (x_4 \in x_3))))$$

4.(a) Suppose V is a set. Then by the separation Axiom, $\{x \in V : x \notin x\}$ will be a set. But $\{x \in V : x \notin x\} = \{x : x \notin x\} = R$ is not a set - so we have a contradiction. Hence V is not a set. Now suppose S is a set. Then by the union axiom, $\cup S$ will be a set. But $\cup S = \cup \{\{x\} : x \text{ is a set}\} = \{x : x \text{ is a set}\} = V$ which is not a set - so we have another contradiction. Hence S is not a set.

(b) We just have to find a formula of L.O.S.T. which says the same thing as "x has one element". Let $\varphi(x)$ be the formula $(\exists x_1 \in x) \wedge (\forall x_2) (\forall x_3) (x_2 \in x \ \& \ x_3 \in x \rightarrow x_2 = x_3)$. Then $S = \{x : \varphi(x) \text{ is true}\}$ and so is a class.

5.(a) A well-ordered set $\langle A, < \rangle$ is a partially ordered set $\langle A, < \rangle$ in which any non-empty subset has a smallest element.

(b) Recall that $f: A \rightarrow A$ is increasing if $x < y \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y)$. Now suppose $\neg (\forall x \in A) (x \leq f(x))$. Let $B = \{x \in A : f(x) < x\}$. Then $B \neq \emptyset$. So B has a smallest element, b say.

5 (b) Let $b' = f(b)$. Then $b' < b$ because $f(b) < b$.
 So $f(b') < f(b)$ because f is increasing.
 $\therefore f(b') < b'$. $\therefore b' \in B$ & $b' < b$. But b was
 the smallest element of B , so we have a
 contradiction. Hence $(\forall x \in A)(x \leq f(x))$.

6 (a) A set S is transitive if $a \in b$ & $b \in S \Rightarrow a \in S$.
 An ordinal is a transitive set. A such that
 $\langle A, \in \rangle$ is a strictly well-ordered set.

(b) Recall that an equivalence relation is one
 which is reflexive, transitive and symmetric.
 Now we already know that R is reflexive.

Suppose aRb . Then bRb because R is
 reflexive. Hence aRb and bRb . Since
 aRb & $bRc \Rightarrow cRa$, it follows that bRa . So
 R is symmetric.

Finally suppose aRb and bRc . Then cRa
 from what was given. But we just showed R
 was symmetric. Hence aRc . So aRb
 and $bRc \Rightarrow aRc$. Thus R is transitive.

Hence R is an equivalence relation.