

**MATH 2202**  
**Test 1**

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Value

1. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and let  $G$  and  $H$  be subsets of  $B$ .

a) State the definition of  $f^{-1}(G)$ .

[1]

$$f^{-1}(G) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in G\}$$

b) Prove that if  $G \subseteq H$ , then  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq f^{-1}(H)$ .

[3]

LET  $G \subseteq H$  AND LET  $x \in f^{-1}(G)$ . (WE WANT  $x \in f^{-1}(H)$ )

THEN  $f(x) \in G$  AND  $G \subseteq H$ , i.e.  $f(x) \in H$ .

But THEN  $x \in f^{-1}(H)$  AND WE ARE DONE.

c) Give an example of  $f$ , domain  $A$ , codomain  $B$ , and sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $G \subseteq H$ ,  $f^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(H)$ , but  $G \neq H$ .

[2]

$$f(x) = 1, \quad A = B = \mathbb{R}, \quad G = \{1, -1\}, \quad H = \{1\}$$

$$f^{-1}(G) = \mathbb{R} = f^{-1}(H), \text{ but } G \neq H.$$

2. a) Prove that for every  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $-(a+b) = (-a) + (-b)$ . State which field axioms or theorems you are using in each step.

[3]

$$-(a+b) \stackrel{\text{THM}}{=} (-1)(a+b) \stackrel{*}{=} (-1)a + (-1)b \stackrel{\text{THM}}{=} -a - b$$

b) Prove that if  $a > 0$ , then  $a^{-1} > 0$ . State the order and field axioms, or the theorems that you are using in each step.

[5]

LET  $a > 0$ . PROOF BY CONTRADICTION: SUPPOSE  $a^{-1} \leq 0$ :

CASE 1: IF  $a^{-1} = 0$ , THEN  $a \cdot a^{-1} = a \cdot 0 \stackrel{\text{TAH}}{=} 0$ . BUT  $a \cdot a^{-1} \stackrel{*}{=} 1$  AND  $1 \neq 0$  (CONTRADICTION)

3. a) Define when is a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  an injection and when is it a surjection.

[2]

$f$  is AN INJECTION IF  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A$ , IF  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , THEN  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$   
 (or: IF  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , THEN  $x_1 = x_2$ ).

$f$  is A SURJECTION IF  $\forall b \in B$ ,  $\exists a \in A$  such THAT  $b = f(a)$ .

b) Prove in details that the set  $A = \{3n^2 + \sqrt{2} : n \text{ in } \mathbb{N}\}$  is denumerable  
 (i.e. infinite countable). (You have to find a bijection  $f$  between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $A$  and show that that  $f$  is a bijection.)

[5]

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$  DEFINED BY  $f(n) = 3n^2 + \sqrt{2}$

(i)  $f$  is AN INJECTION: IF  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ , THEN  $3n_1^2 + \sqrt{2} = 3n_2^2 + \sqrt{2}$ , i.e.  
 $3n_1^2 = 3n_2^2$ , i.e.  $n_1^2 = n_2^2$ , i.e.  $|n_1| = |n_2|$ . But  $n_1 > 0, n_2 > 0$ , AND SO  $n_1 = n_2$ .

(ii)  $f$  is A SURJECTION: IF  $a \in A$ , THEN  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such THAT  
 $a = 3n_0^2 + \sqrt{2}$ . BUT THEN  $f(n_0) = a$ .

4. a) Prove, by using the Principal of Mathematical Induction, that  $\frac{1}{2^n} < \frac{1}{n}$ ,  
 for every  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

[4]

(i)  $P(1): \frac{1}{2} < 1$ . TRUE

(ii)  $P(k): \frac{1}{2^k} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{1}{k}$ . CHECK IF  $P(k)$  TRUE  $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$  IS TRUE.

$P(k+1): \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{1}{k+1}$ . BUT  $\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2k}$

SINCE  $k \geq 1$ :  $2k = k+k \geq k+1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2k} \leq \frac{1}{k+1}$ , AND SO

$\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} < \frac{1}{k+1}$ , i.e.  $P(k+1)$  IS TRUE.

THEN:  $P(n)$  IS TRUE  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- c) Show that the infimum of the set  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$  is 0. (Hint: use a corollary of the Archimedean property and part a.)

[4]  $\inf A \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

(i)  $0 < \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdots \frac{1}{2}$ , since  $\frac{1}{2} > 0$  (APPLY 02 (n-1) MANY TIMES)

(ii) LET  $0 < \delta$ . By COR. TO ARCH. PROPERTY:  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $0 < \frac{1}{n_0} < \delta$ .

By PART a):  $0 < \frac{1}{2^{n_0}} < \frac{1}{n_0} < \delta$ , i.e.  $\frac{1}{2^{n_0}} < \delta$ ;  $\frac{1}{2^{n_0}} \in A$ .

- d) BONUS QUESTION: Find the set  $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ , with  $I_n = [-1, \frac{1}{2^n}]$ , by using c)

[2] and the conclusion in the proof of the Nested Intervals Theorem as done in class.

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = [\sup A, \inf B], \quad A = \{-1\}, \quad \sup A = -1$$

$$B = \left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, \quad \inf B = 0 \text{ FROM c)}$$

$$\text{So: } A = [-1, 0].$$

5. a) State the definition of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

[2]

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N: |x_n - x| < \varepsilon.$$

c) Prove that the sequence with  $x_n = n$  diverges. (Hint: use proof by contradiction, part b) and the Archimedean Theorem.)

[4]

PROOF BY CONTRADICTION:

SUPPOSE  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ . By b):  $(x_n)$  is BOUNDED, i.e.

$\exists M > 0$  s.t.  $|x_n| \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

But  $|x_n| = n \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  is CONTRADICTION TO THE ARCHIMEDEAN THM:  $0 < M \Rightarrow \exists n_M \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $0 < M < n_M$ .

So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  DOES NOT EXIST, i.e.  $x_n$  DIVERGES.