

CSE 16
Spring 2024
Quiz 2

Solutions

1. (15 Points) Determine the following power sets.

a. (5 Points) $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(\emptyset))$

Solution: $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(\emptyset)) = \mathbb{P}(\{\emptyset\}) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}$

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b. (10 Points) $\mathbb{P}(S)$ where $S = \{1, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

Solution:

$$\mathbb{P}(S) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{\{1\}\}, \{\{1, 2\}\}, \{1, \{1\}\}, \{1, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{1, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}$$

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2. (20 Points) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{a, b, c\}$. Define $f: A \rightarrow B$ by

$$\begin{array}{l} f \\ 1 \rightarrow a \\ 2 \rightarrow a \\ 3 \rightarrow c \\ 4 \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

Answer the following questions regarding f . No justifications are necessary for a-d, but explain why your example in part (e) is correct.

a. (4 Point) Is f injective? **No**

b. (4 Point) Is f surjective? **Yes**

c. (4 Point) Is f bijective? **No**

d. (4 Point) Determine $f(\{2, 3\})$. **Solution:** $f(\{2, 3\}) = \{a, c\}$

e. (4 Points) Find subsets $U, V \subseteq A$ such that $f(U) \cap f(V) \neq f(U \cap V)$.

Solution: (Note there are many valid solutions to this problem.)

Let $U = \{1, 3\}$ and $V = \{2, 4\}$. Then $U \cap V = \emptyset$, whence $f(U \cap V) = f(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. On the other hand, $f(U) = \{a, c\}$ and $f(V) = \{a, b\}$, so $f(U) \cap f(V) = \{a\} \neq \emptyset$. ■

Some Alternate Solutions:

- **$U = \{1, 3\}$ and $V = \{2, 3\}$.** Then $U \cap V = \{3\}$, so $f(U \cap V) = f(\{3\}) = \{c\}$. However, $f(U) = \{a, c\}$ and $f(V) = \{a, c\}$, so $f(U) \cap f(V) = \{a, c\} \neq \{c\}$.
- **$U = \{1, 3, 4\}$ and $V = \{2, 4\}$.** Then $U \cap V = \{4\}$, so $f(U \cap V) = \{b\}$. But, $f(U) = \{a, b, c\}$ and $f(V) = \{a, b\}$, so $f(U) \cap f(V) = \{a, b\} \neq \{b\}$.

3. (15 Points) Show that the sequence $(1 + 2 \cdot 3^n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is a solution to the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} \quad (\text{for } n \geq 2).$$

Proof:

We substitute $a_n = 1 + 2 \cdot 3^n$ into the right hand side of the above recurrence to get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} \\ &= 4(1 + 2 \cdot 3^{n-1}) - 3(1 + 2 \cdot 3^{n-2}) \\ &= (4 - 3) + 8 \cdot 3^{n-1} - 6 \cdot 3^{n-2} \\ &= 1 + 8 \cdot 3^{n-1} - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3^{n-2} \\ &= 1 + (8 - 2)3^{n-1} \\ &= 1 + 6 \cdot 3^{n-1} \\ &= 1 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3^{n-1} \\ &= 1 + 2 \cdot 3^n \\ &= a_n \\ &= \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

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