

INTRO TO ABSTRACT MATH FALL 2009

Review for Midterm 2

Exercise 1. Define the following terms: equivalence class, partition, function, injective, surjective, bijective, image, inverse image, inverse function, finite set, group.

Exercise 2. Study all of the theorems and proofs given in class and on the homework.

Exercise 3. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function.

- **a.** Prove that f is surjective if and only if there is a function $g: Y \to X$ so that $f \circ g = \mathrm{Id}_Y$.
- **b.** Prove that f is injective if and only if there is a function $h: Y \to X$ so that $h \circ f = \mathrm{Id}_X$.

Exercise 4. Let X and Y be nonempty sets and let $f: X \to Y$ be a function.

- **a.** Let A and B be (nonempty) subsets of Y. Prove that if $A \cap B = \emptyset$ then $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$.
- **b.** Prove that

$$X = \bigcup_{b \in Y} f^{-1}\left(\{b\}\right).$$

c. Prove that $\{f^{-1}(\{y\}) | y \in Y\}$ is a partition of X if and only if f is onto.

Exercise 5. Let $\mathcal{P} = \{[n, n+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$

- **a.** Prove that \mathcal{P} is a partition of \mathbb{R} .
- **b.** For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ let |x| denote the greatest integer less than or equal to x. Prove that

 $x \equiv y$ if and only if |x| = |x|

is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{R} .

c. Prove that $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{R} / \equiv$.

Exercise 6. Let (G, *) be a group. Let $u \in G$ and define $\star : G \times G \to G$ by $a \star b = a * u^{-1} * b$ for all $a, b \in G$. Is (G, \star) a group?

Exercise 7. Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ with a < b and c < d. Find a bijection between [a, b] and [c, d].

Exercise 8. Let $i = \sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ and $C = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$.

- **a.** Prove that (C, \cdot) is an abelian group.
- **b.** Compute the Cayley tables of (C, \cdot) and $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4)$.
- **c.** Find a function $f : \mathbb{Z}_4 \to C$ that, when applied to the Cayley table of \mathbb{Z}_4 , produces the Cayley table of C.

Exercise 9. If n is a composite natural number, prove that \cdot_n is not a binary operation on $\mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\}$.

Exercise 10. Prove that \mathbb{Q} is infinite.

Exercise 11. Prove that $f: (-1,1) \to \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = x/(x^2 - 1)$, is a bijection and find its inverse.

Exercise 12. Consider the following definitions.

Definition: A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ is called *bounded* if there is an $M \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $|n| \leq M$ for all $n \in A$.

Definition: If $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, *m* is called the *largest element* of *A* if $m \in A$ and $n \leq m$ for all $n \in A$.

Prove the following result.

Characterization of Finite Subsets of \mathbb{N} **.** Let $\emptyset \neq A \subset \mathbb{N}$. The following are equivalent.

- i. A is finite.
- **ii.** A is bounded.
- iii. A has a maximum element.

Exercise 13. Let X and Y be nonempty sets and define

$$\mathcal{F}(X,Y) = \left\{ f : X \to Y \right\}.$$

Fix $a \in X$. Show that $\epsilon_a : \mathcal{F}(X, Y) \to Y$ given by $\epsilon_a(f) = f(a)$ is surjective.

Exercise 14. Let X be a nonempty set and $\xi \in X$. Define $\mathcal{F}_{\xi} = \{f \in \operatorname{Aut}(X) \mid f(\xi) = \xi\}$. Prove that $(\mathcal{F}_{\xi}, \circ)$ is a group. **Exercise 15.** The picture below shows actor Tom Skerritt in a famous movie from 1979. Name this film, or another well-known film he appeared in.



Exercise 16. Let $(G_1, *_1)$ and $(G_2, *_2)$ be groups. Let $G = G_1 \times G_2$ and for $a_1, a_2 \in G_1$ and $b_1, b_2 \in G_2$ define $(a_1, b_1) * (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 *_1 a_2, b_1 *_2 b_2)$. Prove that (G, *) is a group.