

## Quiz 2, Intro Adv Math.

Name:

1. Write down the definition of

- (a) The **product** of sets  $A$  and  $B$  is  $A \times B =$

$$\text{Answer : } \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

Make sure you are familiar with set notation. The notation  $\{x \mid P(x)\}$  (instead of  $\mid$  you may also use a colon) means the set of all  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is true. Spelled out, the answer above is: the set of all pairs  $(a, b)$  for which  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

- (b) A relation  $R$  is called **transitive** when:

$$xRy \wedge yRz \implies xRz$$

- (c) Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . The **equivalence class**  $E_x$  of an element  $x \in A$  is:

$$\text{Answer : } \{y \in A \mid xRy\}$$

Again, make sure you can read and write set notation. If you spell out this answer in words you get: “the set of all elements of  $A$  that are related to  $x$  under the relation  $R$ ”. However:

You are much better off if you **do not spell things out like that**. It takes some effort getting used to short notation, but it will save time during HW and tests, and makes proofs easier to read + write.

2. Let  $A, B, C$  be sets and assume that

$$C - A \subseteq B \tag{1}$$

Prove that then

$$C \subseteq A \cup B. \tag{2}$$

I will give part of the proof, then you will finish the proof. First of all, you **must know** that (2) is equivalent to (for all  $x$ ):

$$x \in C \implies x \in A \cup B \tag{3}$$

Lets prove (3) with WP#4 which tells us to do this:

Assume  $x \in C$  and  $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$ . (\*)

To prove: a contradiction.

L1: (\*) is equivalent to  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A \wedge x \notin B$  (to see this, look at De Morgan’s laws)

So  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A$ , so  $x \in C - A$  and then  $x \in B$  by (1) but that contradicts the last item  $x \notin B$  on L1.

## Writing Proofs.

1. **Direct proof for  $p \implies q$ .**  
Assume:  $p$ . To prove:  $q$ .
2. **Proving  $p \implies q$  by contrapositive.**  
Assume:  $\neg q$ . To prove:  $\neg p$ .
3. **Proving  $S$  by contradiction.**  
Assume:  $\neg S$ . To prove: a contradiction.
4. **Proving  $p \implies q$  by contradiction.**  
Assume:  $p$  and  $\neg q$ . To prove: a contradiction.
5. **Direct proof for a  $\forall_{x \in A} P(x)$  statement.**  
To ensure you prove  $P(x)$  for *all* (rather than for *some*)  $x$  in  $A$ , do this:  
**Start your proof with:** Let  $x \in A$ . To prove:  $P(x)$ .
6. **Direct proof for  $\exists_{x \in A} P(x)$  statement.**  
Take  $x :=$  [write down an expression that is in  $A$ , and satisfies  $P(x)$ ].
7. **Proving  $\forall_{x \in A} P(x)$  by contradiction.**  
Assume:  $x \in A$  and  $\neg P(x)$ . To prove: a contradiction.
8. **Proving  $\exists_{x \in A} P(x)$  by contradiction.**  
Assume:  $\neg P(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ . To prove: a contradiction.
9. **Proving  $S$  by cases.**  
Suppose for example a statement  $p$  can help to prove  $S$ . Write two proofs:  
Case 1: Assume  $p$ . To prove:  $S$ .  
Case 2: Assume  $\neg p$ . To prove  $S$ .
10. **Proving  $p \wedge q$**   
Write two separate proofs: To prove:  $p$ . To prove:  $q$ .
11. **Proving  $p \iff q$**   
Write two proofs. To prove:  $p \implies q$  To prove:  $q \implies p$ .
12. **Proving  $p \vee q$**   
Method (1): Assume  $\neg p$ . To prove:  $q$ .  
Method (2): Assume  $\neg q$ . To prove:  $p$ .  
Method (3): Assume  $\neg p$  and  $\neg q$ . To prove: a contradiction.
13. **Using  $p \vee q$  to prove another statement  $r$ .**  
Write two proofs:  
Assume  $p$ . To prove  $r$ .  
Assume  $q$ . To prove  $r$ .
14. **How to use a for-all statement  $\forall_{x \in A} P(x)$ .**  
You need to produce an element of  $A$ , then use  $P$  for that element.
15. If you want to **use an exists statement** like  $\exists_{x \in A} P(x)$  to prove another statement, then you *may not choose*  $x$ . All you know is  $x \in A$  and  $P(x)$ .