

Final, Intro Advanced Math, ANSWERS

1. Simplify the following cardinal numbers to the point where they look like $0, 1, 2, \dots$, or \aleph_0 , or c , or 2^c , or $2^{(2^c)}$, etc.

$$\begin{aligned} o(\{3, 3, 3\}) &= 1 \\ o(P(\emptyset)) &= 2^0 = 1 \\ o(\mathbb{Q}) &= \aleph_0 \\ o(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}) &= c \cdot \aleph_0 = c \\ \aleph_0^{\aleph_0} &= c \text{ (explanation: } 2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_0^{\aleph_0} \leq c^{\aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0 \aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0}) \\ o(P(\mathbb{R})) &= 2^c \\ o(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}) &= c \text{ (explanation: } c^{\aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0 \aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0}) \end{aligned}$$

Does there exist an injective function from $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ to \mathbb{R} ?

Yes (both have cardinality c so there is even a bijection).

2. For each of the following sets (in the metric space \mathbb{R}), mention if it is open, closed, both, or neither. Also, for each set A that is not closed, write down what its closure \overline{A} is:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (0, 1) \cup \{2\} & \text{Neither.} & [0, 1] \cup \{2\}. \\ \mathbb{Q} & \text{Neither.} & \mathbb{R}. \\ \emptyset & \text{Both.} & \emptyset \\ \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z} & \text{Open.} & \mathbb{R}. \end{array}$$

3. Give the definitions:

(a) A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is **injective** (same as “one-to-one”) when:

$$f(a_1) = f(a_2) \implies a_1 = a_2 \text{ (for all } a_1, a_2 \in A)$$

(b) Sets A and B have the **same cardinality** when:

When there exists a bijection from A to B .

(Note: this is item (1) in List of facts for Chapter 2).

4. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are both **injective** (exercise 3a) then prove that the composition $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is also **injective**.

Let $a_1, a_2 \in A$ and assume $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$. To prove: $a_1 = a_2$.

Given: g is injective so $g(b_1) = g(b_2) \implies b_1 = b_2$ for any $b_1, b_2 \in B$.

Applying that to $b_1 = f(a_1)$, $b_2 = f(a_2)$ gives $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$.

Then the statement in Exercise 3(a) gives $a_1 = a_2$.

5. Using **only** the definition from exercise 3b, show that $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $\mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ have the **same cardinality**.

To prove: there exists a bijection from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N}^* .

Proof: take the function $f(n) := n + 1$.

6. Let A, B be sets and let $C = A \times B$. Show that **at least one** of these must be true:

(1) C is a **finite** set.

or (2) There exists a **bijection** from A to C .

or (3) There exists a **bijection** from B to C .

If not (1), then C is infinite and $o(C) = o(A)o(B) = \max(o(A), o(B))$ by item 22. Then $o(C)$ equals $o(A)$ or $o(B)$, hence (2) or (3).

7. Let M be a metric space and A be a subset of M . We say that p is an **interior point** of A if there exists an open set U such that $p \in U$ and $U \subseteq A$. Let A_{int} be the set of all interior points of A . Show that A_{int} is an open set (partial credit if you prove: A open $\implies A_{\text{int}} = A$).

Let $p \in A_{\text{int}}$.

To prove (see items 6 and 5(c)): A_{int} contains a neighborhood of p .

The exercise tells us that A contains an open subset U with $p \in U$.

This U is a neighborhood of p (see item 9(b)). Remains to prove:

$U \subseteq A_{\text{int}}$. Let $x \in U \subseteq A$. To prove: $x \in A_{\text{int}}$. Since U is open, x meets the definition of “interior point” and so $x \in A_{\text{int}}$.

8. Given:

(a) $1' = 0$

(b) $x' = 1$

(c) and the product rule: $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$.

Statement $P(n)$ says $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$. Prove $P(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Watch video ”Proofs by Induction” at time 34:00, it says we have to do two things

- Step 1: Verify $P(0)$: $(x^0)' = 0x^{0-1}$.
True, the left-hand-side $(x^0)' = 1'$ is 0 by (a).
- Step 2: Prove $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$ for all n .
Assume $P(n)$. To prove: $P(n+1)$, which says $(x^{n+1})' = (n+1)x^n$.
Proof: $(x^{n+1})' = (x^n x)' =$ [use (c)]
 $= (x^n)'x + x^n x' =$ [use $P(n)$] $= nx^{n-1}x + x^n x' =$ [use (b)]
 $= nx^{n-1}x + x^n = nx^n + x^n = (n+1)x^n$.