

Homework 9+10

Math 2100/2105/2350

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HW9

1) Prove that there exists a positive integer n such that

$$\frac{1}{n \ln(n)} < 0.0001.$$

Proof by contradiction:

Assume that $\frac{1}{n \ln(n)} \geq 0.0001$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Note that $0.0001 = \frac{1}{10000}$.

If $\frac{1}{n \ln(n)} \geq \frac{1}{10000}$, then by cross-multiplying,

$$10000 \geq n \ln(n).$$

But $\ln(n) > 1$ for all $n \geq 3$, so when $n = 10000$

$$10000 \cdot \ln(10000) \geq 10000,$$

but our assumption says

$$10000 \cdot \ln(10000) < 10000.$$

This is a contradiction. So, our assumption was wrong, and there does exist a positive integer n such that

$$\frac{1}{n \ln(n)} < 0.0001.$$



2) [graded question]

3) Prove that if $a+b+c+d \geq 26$, then either $a \geq 3$, $b \geq 7$, $c \geq 7$, or $d \geq 9$.

Proof by contradiction:

Suppose by way of contradiction that $a+b+c+d \geq 26$
but not $(a \geq 3, b \geq 7, c \geq 7, \text{ or } d \geq 9)$.

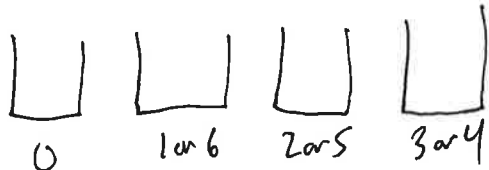
The negation of this is
 $a < 3, b < 7, c < 7, \text{ and } d < 9$.

This would imply $a+b+c+d < 26$, a contradiction. \square

4) Use the PHP to prove that given any five integers, there will be two that have a sum or difference divisible by 7.

Proof:

Define four buckets depending on the remainder of the # when divided by 7.



By the PHP, given any five integers, at least two of them, say k and l , are in the same bucket. k and l either have the same remainder mod 7, or different. If they have the same, then $k = 7M+c$ and $l = 7N+c$ for some $M, N \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $k-l = 7(M-N)$, so their difference is div. by 7. If they have different remainders, then by the construction of the buckets, the remainders add up to 7. So, k has the form $k = 7M+c$, and $l = 7N+d$. Thus $k+l = 7(M+N) + (c+d) = 7(M+N) + 7 = 7(M+N+1)$, and so their sum is div. by 7. \square

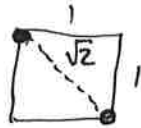
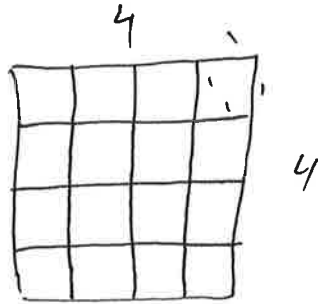
5) [graded question]

6) Show that if you pick 17 points from a square with side length 4, then there must be 2 of those points that are within $\sqrt{2}$ of each other.

Proof:

Split the square into 16 parts.

By the PHP, one of these squares will have at least two points.



The furthest distance between two points in this square is $\sqrt{2}$. □

HW 10

1) [graded question]

2) Prove or disprove: For any two sets A and B, $A \setminus B = A \cap \overline{B}$.

Proof:

Part 1: $A \setminus B \subseteq A \cap \overline{B}$.

Let $x \in A \setminus B$. This implies that $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$.

Since $x \notin B$, we know $x \in \overline{B}$. Thus $x \in A \cap \overline{B}$.
Hence $A \setminus B \subseteq A \cap \overline{B}$.

Part 2: $A \cap \overline{B} \subseteq A \setminus B$

Let $x \in A \cap \overline{B}$. Then $x \in A$ and $x \in \overline{B}$. Since $x \in \overline{B}$, we have $x \notin B$. Thus $x \in A \setminus B$. □

3) [graded question]

4) Prove that

$$\left(\{6k+1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{6m-1 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \right) \subseteq \{2n+1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Let $l \in \text{LHS of } \uparrow$. Then either $l \in \{6k+1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ or $l \in \{6m-1 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ (or both).

Case 1: $l \in \{6k+1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Then, $l = 6k+1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

So, $l = 2(3k) + 1$. Since $3k \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 $l \in \{2n+1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Case 2: $l \in \{6m-1 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Then, $l = 6m-1$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

So, $l = 2(3m-1) + 1$.

Since $3m-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have
 $l \in \{2n+1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. □

5) Use induction to prove that $|P(A)| = 2^{|A|}$.

$P(n)$ = "If $|A|=n$, then $|P(A)|=2^n$."

Base case, $n=0$. If $|A|=0$, then $A = \emptyset$ and $P(A) = \{\emptyset\}$,

$$\text{so } |P(A)| = 1 \\ 2^{|A|} = 2^0 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Induction Case:


Assume that $P(n-1) = "If |A|=n-1 then |P(A)|=2^{n-1}"$ is true.

Let S be a set of size n . Pick one special element $x \in S$.

Let $T = S - \{x\}$. Then $|T|=n-1$. By the induction hypothesis, There are 2^{n-1} subsets of T .

Every subset of S either has x , or doesn't.

The subsets of S that don't have x are the subsets of T .
The subsets of S that do have x are exactly the subsets of T plus x

So, the total # of subsets is $2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^n$. 

- | subsets of $\{1,2,3\}$ | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| don't have 3 | have 3 |
| $\{\}$ | $\{3\}$ |
| $\{1\}$ | $\{13\}$ |
| $\{2\}$ | $\{23\}$ |
| $\{1,2\}$ | $\{1,2,3\}$ |