

## DISCRETE MATH MIDTERM 2

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You have 50 minutes for this exam. If you have a question, raise your hand and remain seated. In order to receive full credit your answer must be **complete**, **legible** and **correct**.

1. What is the definition of the italicized word or phrase?

(i)  $\langle A; \leq \rangle$  is a *partially ordered set*.

$\langle A; \leq \rangle$  is a *partially ordered set* if  $\leq$  is a binary relation on  $A$  that is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

(ii)  $\langle B; \sqsubseteq \rangle$  is a *lattice*.

$\langle B; \sqsubseteq \rangle$  is a *lattice* if it is a partially ordered set in which every pair of elements has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound.

2. Give an example of an infinite partially ordered set that is a lattice, and another that is not a lattice. (Justify your claims about both examples.)

Example 1. The natural numbers under the usual order,  $\langle \mathbb{N}; \leq \rangle$ , is an infinite lattice. The lattice operations are  $\text{glb}(m, n) = \min(m, n)$  and  $\text{lub}(m, n) = \max(m, n)$ .

Example 2. The natural numbers under the equality relation,  $\langle \mathbb{N}; = \rangle$ , is an infinite partially ordered set that is not a lattice. The elements 0 and 1 do not have a glb or lub since no element of  $\mathbb{N}$  is comparable to both of them in this order.

3. How many partitions of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  have exactly two cells?

Every partition of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  into exactly two cells is uniquely determined by specifying the set  $U$  of elements which are not in the same cell as the number  $n$ .  $U$  can be any nonempty subset of  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$ , so the number of choices for  $U$  is  $|\mathcal{P}(n-1)| - 1 = 2^{n-1} - 1$ .

4.

(i) Use the Euclidean algorithm to show that  $\gcd(21, 100) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 100 &= q_1 * 21 + r_1 = 4 * 21 + 16 \\ 21 &= q_2 * 16 + r_2 = 1 * 16 + 5 \\ 16 &= q_3 * 5 + r_3 = 3 * 5 + 1 \\ 5 &= q_4 * 1 + r_4 = 5 * 1 + 0, \end{aligned}$$

so the remainder sequence is  $(100, 21, 16, 5, 1, 0)$ . The last nonzero term is  $1 = \gcd(100, 21)$ .

(ii) Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $21a + 100b = 1$ .

Using equations from (i) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 16 - 3 * (5) \\ &= 16 - 3 * (21 - 1 * 16) = -3 * 21 + 4 * (16) \\ &= -3 * 21 + 4 * (100 - 4 * 21) = -19 * 21 + 4 * 100, \end{aligned}$$

so  $a = -19$  and  $b = 4$ .

(iii) Find the inverse of  $\overline{21}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{100}$  and the inverse of  $\overline{100}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{21}$ . (The answer to the first question should be in the form  $\overline{k}$  for some  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 99\}$ , and the answer to the second question should be in the form  $\overline{k}$  for some  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 20\}$ .)

Since  $-19 * 21 + 4 * 100 = 1$ , we get  $\overline{1} = -\overline{19} * \overline{21} + \overline{4} * \overline{100} = \overline{4} * \overline{100}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{21}$ . Thus  $\overline{100}^{-1} = \overline{4}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{21}$ .

Since  $\overline{1} = -\overline{19} * \overline{21} + \overline{4} * \overline{100} = -\overline{19} * \overline{21} = \overline{81} * \overline{21}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{100}$ , we get  $\overline{21}^{-1} = \overline{81}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{100}$ .