

CSC165H1: Problem Set 1 Sample Solutions

Due October 2 before 4 p.m.

Note: solutions are incomplete, and meant to be used as guidelines only. We encourage you to ask follow-up questions on the course forum or during office hours.

1. [6 marks] Truth tables and formulas. Consider the following formula:

$$\neg r \Rightarrow (\neg p \Rightarrow q)$$

- (a) [2 marks] Write the truth table for the formula. (No need to show your calculations).

Solution

p	q	r	$\neg r \Rightarrow (\neg p \Rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T
F	F	F	F

- (b) [2 marks] Write a logically equivalent formula that doesn't use \Rightarrow or \Leftrightarrow , in other words it uses only \wedge , \vee , or \neg . Show how you derived the result.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \neg r \Rightarrow (\neg p \Rightarrow q) &\equiv r \vee (\neg p \Rightarrow q) && \# \text{ material implication} \\ &\equiv r \vee (p \vee q) && \# \text{ material implication again} \\ &\equiv r \vee p \vee q && \# \vee \text{ is associative} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) [2 marks] Write formula that is logically equivalent to the **converse** of the given formula, and that doesn't use \Rightarrow or \Leftrightarrow , in other words it uses only \wedge , \vee , or \neg . Show how you derived the result.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (\neg p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow \neg r &\equiv \neg(\neg p \Rightarrow q) \vee \neg r && \# \text{ material implication} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg r && \# \text{ De Morgan's} \end{aligned}$$

2. [6 marks] one-to-one and onto

Use the following definitions in the questions below.

Onto(f): $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, f(m) = n$, for $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

OneToOne(f): $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \neq n \Rightarrow f(m) \neq f(n)$, for $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

- (a) [1 mark] Suppose \neg **Onto**(g). Write this in predicate logic **without** using the predicate name **Onto**.

Solution

I simply negate the definition of **Onto**(g):

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, g(m) \neq n$$

- (b) [1 mark] Suppose \neg **OneToOne**(h). Write this in predicate logic **without** using the predicate name **OneToOne**.

Solution

Again, I negate the definition of **OneToOne**(h):

$$\exists m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \neq n \wedge h(m) = h(n)$$

- (c) [1 mark] Give an example of a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where **Onto**(f) and **OneToOne**(f).

Solution

This function always sends different inputs to different outputs (themselves!), and any element of the codomain is output from itself in the domain:

$$f(n) = n$$

- (d) [1 mark] Give an example of a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where \neg **Onto**(f) and **OneToOne**(f).

Solution

Every input produces output twice itself, so different inputs get sent to different outputs, but there are no inputs that produce any odd natural number as output:

$$f(n) = 2n$$

- (e) [1 mark] Give an example of a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where **Onto**(f) and \neg **OneToOne**(f).

Solution

Inputs 0 and 1 both produce output 0, and for every output n there is corresponding input $2n$:

$$f(n) = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$$

- (f) [1 mark] Give an example of a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where \neg **Onto**(f) and \neg **OneToOne**(f).

Solution

Inputs 0 and 1 both produce output 5, and there is no input that produces output 6:

$$f(n) = 5$$

3. [7 marks] modular arithmetic

- (a) [2 marks] Prove Example 2.19(1) from the course notes.

Solution

translation: Example 2.19(1) states:

$$\forall a, b, c, d, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \Rightarrow (a \equiv c \pmod{n} \wedge b \equiv d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a + b \equiv c + d \pmod{n})$$

discussion: Unpacking the definition of congruence modulo n tells us that $n \mid (a - c)$ and $n \mid (b - d)$. It looks as though adding $(a - c)$ and $(b - d)$ gives us what we want.

header: Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Assume $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv d \pmod{n}$, in other words $n \mid (a - c)$ and $n \mid (b - d)$. WTS $n \mid ((a + b) - (c + d))$.

body:

$$\begin{aligned} n \mid (a - c) \wedge n \mid (b - d) &\Rightarrow n \mid (1 \cdot (a - c) + 1 \cdot (b - d)) \\ &\quad \# \text{ by divisibility of linear combinations, proved in lecture} \\ &n \mid ((a + b) - (c + d)) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(b) [2 marks] Prove Example 2.19(3) from the course notes.

Solution

translation: Example 2.19(3) states:

$$\forall a, b, c, d, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \Rightarrow (a \equiv c \pmod{n} \wedge b \equiv d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow ab \equiv cd \pmod{n})$$

discussion: Unpacking the definition of congruence modulo n and using linear combination worked so well last time that I will try it again. Since I need to end up with an ab term, I multiply $(a - c)$ by b , but then I need to multiply $(b - d)$ by something to undo the damage... Multiplying by c seems to work!

header: Let $a, b, c, d, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume $n \neq 0$ and $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv d \pmod{n}$, in other words $n \mid (a - c)$ and $n \mid (b - d)$. WTS $n \mid (ab - cd)$.

body:

$$\begin{aligned} n \mid (a - c) \wedge n \mid (b - d) &\Rightarrow n \mid b \cdot (a - c) + c \cdot (b - d) \\ &\quad \# \text{ by divisibility of linear combinations, proved in lecture} \\ &n \mid (ab - cd) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(c) [3 marks] Use Example 2.19(3) to find the units digit of 257^{256} . Use Example 2.19(3) to prove your result — we will not accept the argument that you used a calculator or programming language to compute this with brute force.

Solution

translation:

$$257^{256} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

description: The translation says, in other words, $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, 257^{256} = 10k + 1$, or the units digit of 257^{256} is 1. I show by repeatedly multiplying pairs of numbers equivalent to each other modulo 10.

I will use a small lemma in the process:*

claim:

$$\forall a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \Rightarrow (a \equiv b \pmod{n} \wedge b \equiv c \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n})$$

header: Let $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume $n \neq 0 \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{n} \wedge b \equiv c \pmod{n}$. WTS $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$.

body:

$$n \mid (a - b) \wedge n \mid (b - c) \quad \# \text{ definition of congruence}$$

$$n \mid 1 \cdot (a - b) + 1 \cdot (b - c) \quad \# \text{ by divisibility of linear combinations}$$

$$n \mid (a - c)$$

$$a \equiv c \pmod{n} \quad \# \text{ definition of congruence} \quad \blacksquare$$

main header: WTS $257^{256} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$.

main body:

$$\begin{aligned} 257 &\equiv 7 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ since } 10 \mid 257 - 7 \\ 257^2 &\equiv 7^2 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 7^2 &\equiv 9 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ since } 10 \mid 49 - 9 \\ 257^2 &\equiv 9 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by lemma} \\ 257^4 &\equiv 9^2 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 9^2 &\equiv 1 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ since } 10 \mid 81 - 1 \\ 257^4 &\equiv 1 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by lemma} \\ 257^8 &\equiv 1^2 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{16} &\equiv 1^4 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{32} &\equiv 1^8 \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{64} &\equiv 1^{16} \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{128} &\equiv 1^{32} \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{256} &\equiv 1^{64} \pmod{10} && \# \text{ by 2.19(3)} \\ 257^{256} &\equiv 1 \pmod{10} && \# 1^{64} = 1 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

*Fairly obvious, so we won't require this for full marks.

4. [7 marks] remainders

(a) [1 mark] Prove:

$$\exists x \in [0, 34], x \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \wedge x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

Solution

discussion: I can just check the 35 integers 0, ..., 34 and find one that works.

header: Let $x = 33$. WTS $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \wedge x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$.

body:

$$5 \mid (33 - 3) \wedge 7 \mid (33 - 5)$$

$$33 \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \wedge 33 \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \# \text{ definition of congruence}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \wedge x \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \quad \blacksquare$$

(b) [1 mark] Prove:

$$\exists m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, (m_1 \times 7) + (m_2 \times 11) = 1$$

... by finding suitable values for m_1 and m_2 .

Solution

discussion: I experiment with multiples of 7 and 11 to find a pair that are within 1 of each other:
21 and 22 will do!

header: Let $m_1 = -3$ and let $m_2 = 2$. WTS $m_1 7 + m_2 11 = 1$.

body:

$$m_1 7 + m_2 11 = (-3)7 + (2)11 = -21 + 22 = 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

(c) [2 marks] Assume that m_1, m_2 are integers such that $(m_1 \times 7) + (m_2 \times 11) = 1$. Prove:

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, (a_2 \times m_1 \times 7) + (a_1 \times m_2 \times 11) \equiv a_2 \pmod{11}$$

Solution

translation:

$$\forall m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, m_1 7 + m_2 11 = 1 \Rightarrow \forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 \equiv a_2 \pmod{11}$$

discussion: Since the first term has a factor $m_1 7$, I will try to add and then subtract $m_2 11$, based on the assumed linear combination, to see if I can isolate a_2 .

header: Let $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume $m_1 7 + m_2 11 = 1$. Let $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. WTS $a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 \equiv a_2 \pmod{11}$.

body:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 &= a_2(m_1 7 + m_2 11 - m_2 11) + a_1 m_2 11 \\
 &\quad \# \text{ by assumption } m_1 7 + m_2 11 = 1 \\
 &= a_2 - a_2 m_2 11 + a_1 m_2 11 \\
 &= a_2 + (a_1 - a_2) m_2 11 \\
 a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 - a_2 &= (a_1 - a_2) m_2 11 \\
 &\quad 11 \mid (a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 - a_2) \\
 &\quad \# \text{ definition of divides} \\
 a_2 m_1 7 + a_1 m_2 11 &\equiv a_2 \pmod{11} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

- (d) [3 marks] Prove that if p_1, p_2 are any two distinct primes and a_1, a_2 are any two integers, then there is some integer x such that $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{p_1}$ and $x \equiv a_2 \pmod{p_2}$. **Hint:** Note that $\gcd(p_1, p_2) = 1$, read the material on gcd in the course notes, and read the previous part of this question.

Solution

translation:

$$\forall p_1, p_2, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{Prime}(p_1) \wedge \text{Prime}(p_2) \wedge p_1 \neq p_2 \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv a_1 \pmod{p_1} \wedge x \equiv a_2 \pmod{p_2}$$

discussion: The structure is identical to the previous question if I substitute p_1 for 7 and p_2 for 11.

I also know that, since $\gcd(p_1, p_2) = 1$ there are integers m_1 and m_2 so that $m_1 p_1 + m_2 p_2 = 1$.

header: Let $p_1, p_2, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume $\text{Prime}(p_1) \wedge \text{Prime}(p_2) \wedge p_1 \neq p_2$. WTS:

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv a_1 \pmod{p_1} \wedge x \equiv a_2 \pmod{p_2}$$

body:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 > 1 \wedge p_2 > 1 &\quad \# \text{ definition of } \text{Prime}(p_1), \text{Prime}(p_2) \\
 p_1 \nmid p_2 \wedge p_2 \nmid p_1 &\quad \# p_1 \neq 1 \neq p_2 \wedge p_1 \neq p_2 \\
 &\quad \wedge \text{ definition of } \text{Prime}(p_1), \text{Prime}(p_2) \\
 \gcd(p_1, p_2) = 1 &\quad \# \text{ only possible divisor left} \\
 \exists m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, m_1 p_1 + m_2 p_2 = 1 &\quad \# \text{ Course Notes, p. 56} \\
 \text{Let } x = a_2 m_1 p_1 + a_1 m_2 p_2 & \\
 x - a_2 &= a_2(m_1 p_1 + m_2 p_2 - m_2 p_2) + a_1 m_2 p_2 - a_2 \\
 &= a_2 - a_2 m_2 p_2 + a_1 m_2 p_2 - a_2 \quad \# m_1 p_1 + m_2 p_2 = 1 \\
 x - a_2 &= (a_1 - a_2) m_2 p_2 \\
 p_2 \mid x - a_2 &\quad \# \text{ there's a factor of } p_2 \\
 x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{p_2} \quad \# \text{ definition of congruence} \\
 x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{p_1} \quad \# \text{ swap roles of } a_1, p_1 \text{ with } a_2, p_2 \text{ in algebra above} \\
 &\quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$