

Quiz 5, 2019

1. Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $6 = \text{hcf}(a, b)$. Is it true or false that there could be $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $au + bv = 1$?

[Answer: false. We have $6|a$ and $6|b$, so for any $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $6|au + bv$. Thus $au + bv$ cannot equal 1, as 6 does not divide 1.]

2. Suppose that $a, b, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $as + bt = 1$. Is it true or false that $5as \equiv 5 \pmod{b}$?

[Answer: true: Since $as + bt = 1$, we have $as \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$. Thus $5as \equiv 5 \cdot 1 \pmod{b}$.]

3. Suppose X and Y are sets and $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ with $|X| = m$ and $|Y| = n$. Then the number of functions from X to Y is

- (a) mn
- (b) $m + n$
- (c) n^m
- (d) m^n

[Answer: (c). To define $f : X \rightarrow Y$, for each element of X , we need to associate exactly one element of Y . So for each element of X , there are n choices for $f(x)$. So the number of choices for defining f is the product of n , m times.]

4. Suppose X is a countable set and $A \subseteq X$ with A an infinite set. Choose all of the following that are true.

- (a) The set $X \setminus A$ is a finite set.
- (b) The set A is a countable set.
- (c) There is an injective map $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$ that is not surjective.
- (d) There is a surjective map $g : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow A$.

[Answers: (b), (c), (d). Suggestion: review the definitions and results in Section 8. Recall that a bijective function has an inverse, which is also bijective. Also, if $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$ is bijective, the map $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$ defined by $g(x) = f(x) + 1$ is injective but not surjective (and proving this is a good exercise!).]

5. Is it true or false that there are sets X and Y with $X \in Y$?

[Answer: true. Suggestion: review the definition of the power set of a set X .]

6. Given any infinite set X , is it true or false that there is a set Y with $|X| < |Y|$?

[Answer: true. Suggestion: review the results in Section 9.]

7. Identify which of the following sets are countable. (Here $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ denotes the power set of \mathbb{Z} .)

- (a) \mathbb{Z}
- (b) $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$
- (c) $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$
- (d) $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

(e) $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

[Answers: (a), (b), (c). Suggestion: review the results of Sections 8 and 9.]

8. Suppose X is a set with $|X| = 3$. Identify which of the following is correct.

(a) $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 3$.

(b) $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 4$.

(c) $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 6$.

(d) $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 8$.

(e) $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 10$.

[Answer: (d). Suggestion: review Theorem 9.3.]