

Queen's University  
**CISC-203 Practice Midterm 2019**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- You have 40 minutes. Attempt all four questions.
- You may bring in one  $8.5 \times 11$  sheet of paper containing notes, and use it during the midterm.
- **Answer each question in the space provided** (on the question paper). There is an extra page at the end of the exam if more space is needed. **Please write legibly.**
- *Note:* In questions dealing with counting, combinatorics or probability it is not expected that you should compute large numerical values: it is fine to give the final answer in a form like " $\frac{56!}{29!}$ " or " $\binom{40}{21}$ " as long as you clearly explain how you arrived at the answer.
- **Please note:** You are asked to write your answers using a *non-erasable pen*. Answers written in pencil or erasable ink will be marked, but they will not be considered for remarking after the midterms are returned.

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**STUDENT NUMBER:**

One digit in each square, please!

**Student number (written in words):**

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**MARKS**

Problem 1	/X
Problem 2	/Y
Problem 3	/Z
Problem 4	/W
Total	/X + Y + Z + W

1. Consider relations  $R \subseteq A \times B$  and  $S \subseteq B \times C$ . Prove that

$$(R \odot S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \odot R^{-1}.$$

Here  $R \odot S$  denotes the composition of relations  $R$  and  $S$ .

**Solution.** First we note that both  $(R \odot S)^{-1}$  and  $S^{-1} \odot R^{-1}$  are relations from set  $C$  to set  $A$  (that is, subsets of  $C \times A$ ).

Consider any elements  $c \in C$  and  $a \in A$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} (c, a) \in (R \odot S)^{-1} &\text{ iff } (a, c) \in (R \odot S) \text{ iff } (\exists b \in B) : (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S \\ &\text{ iff } (\exists b \in B) : (b, a) \in R^{-1} \text{ and } (c, b) \in S^{-1} \text{ iff } (c, a) \in S^{-1} \odot R^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

2. A three-digit natural number is a number of the form  $d_1d_2d_3$ , where  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ , and  $d_3$  are elements from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$  and  $d_1 \neq 0$ . In other words, a three-digit natural number is any number between 100 and 999.

- (i) How many three-digit natural numbers can be formed if each digit must be distinct?

**Solution.** For the first digit  $d_1$  we have 9 choices (any of digits 1, 2,  $\dots$ , 9). When the first digit is fixed, there are 9 choices for the 2nd digit (any digit that is not  $d_1$ ). For the third digit there is then 8 choices (any digit that is not  $d_1$  or  $d_2$ ).

By the product rule the total number of choices is  $9 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 648$ .

- (ii) How many three-digit natural numbers can be formed if the number is even and digits may be repeated? (A number is even if the digit  $d_3$  is an element from the subset  $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .)

**Solution.** We can count the number of three-digit numbers that are even with possibly-repeated digits by determining the options we have for each digit. For the digit  $d_1$ , we have 9 options since the digit cannot be 0. For the digit  $d_2$ , we have 10 options since there are no restrictions on the digit. For the digit  $d_3$ , we have 5 options, since the digit must come from the aforementioned subset.

By the product rule there are  $9 \times 10 \times 5 = 450$  three-digit natural numbers that are even with possibly-repeated digits.

- (iii) How many three-digit natural numbers can be formed if the number is even, digits may be repeated, and the number contains the digit 5?

**Solution.** From part (b), we know that there are 450 three-digit natural numbers that are even with possibly-repeated digits. From this value, we subtract the number of three-digit natural numbers that are even with possibly-repeated digits where none of the digits are 5. There are a total of  $8 \times 9 \times 5 = 360$  such numbers, since neither  $d_1$  nor  $d_2$  may be 5 and  $d_3$  cannot be 5 by our definition of an even number.

Altogether, there are  $450 - 360 = 90$  three-digit natural numbers that are even, with possibly-repeated digits, and containing the digit 5.

3. How many functions from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) there exist
- (i) that are one-to-one?
  - (ii) that map both 1 and  $n$  to 0?
  - (iii) that map exactly one of the integers  $1, \dots, n - 1$  to 1?

Justify your answers!

*Note:* In some of the cases one may need to consider separately a few small value of  $n$ .

**Solution.**

- (i) 2 functions if  $n = 1$  (two possible values for 1)  
2 functions if  $n = 2$ : the identity map and the function that swaps the elements  
0 functions if  $n \geq 3$ : since the range has only two elements we cannot define a one-to-one function
- (ii) 1 function if  $n = 1$ : 1 must be mapped to 0  
 $2^{n-2}$  functions when  $n \geq 2$ : the values of 1 and  $n$  are fixed. The values of  $2, \dots, n-1$  can be chosen to be either 0 or 1. The product rule gives  $2^{n-2}$  choices.
- (iii)  $2(n - 1)$ . Justification: there are  $n - 1$  ways to choose the integer  $x \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$  that is mapped to 1. Additionally we can map  $n$  to either 0 or 1. The product rule give  $2(n - 1)$  as the total number.

4. A standard deck of playing cards contains 52 cards. Each card has a rank from the set  $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A\}$  and a suit from the set  $\{\clubsuit, \diamond, \heartsuit, \spadesuit\}$ .

Assume that the ranks J, Q, and K have numerical values of 10 and assume that the rank A has a numerical value of 11.

For the following questions, let  $X$  be a random variable corresponding to the numerical value of the first card drawn from a shuffled deck and let  $Y$  be a random variable corresponding to the numerical value of the second card drawn from the same shuffled deck.

Below  $P(e)$  stands for probability of event  $e$  and  $E(X)$  is the expected value of random variable  $X$ .

- (i) What is  $P(X \text{ is even})$ ?

**Solution.** The playing cards with an even numerical value are 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, J, Q, and K. There are four copies of each of these cards in the deck; that is, one for each suit. Therefore, there are 32 cards in the deck with an even numerical value, and  $P(X \text{ is even}) = 32/52 = 8/13$ .

- (ii) What is  $E(X)$ ?

**Solution.** Since the deck is shuffled, each numerical value appears with probability  $1/13$ . Therefore, the expectation of  $X$  is

$$E(X) = \frac{2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 11}{13} = \frac{95}{13}.$$

- (iii) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Explain why or why not.

**Solution.** No,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent. This is because the action of drawing the first card affects the outcome of the second card drawn: the second card cannot be the same as the first card (and probabilities of other occurrences also change).

- (iv) Using your answer from part (b), determine  $E(X + Y)$ .

**Solution.** The expectation of  $Y$  is equal to the expectation of  $X$  by the same reasoning given in the solution to part (b). By linearity of expectation, we have

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = \frac{95}{13} + \frac{95}{13} = \frac{190}{13}.$$

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