

Practice Final

Discrete Structures

9th day of May of the year of our Lord 2026

1 Answer each of the following questions by marking True or False but not both.

1. If a and b are odd, then $(\forall c \in \mathbb{Z})(c^2 = a^2 + b^2)$.

True

False

2. If this statement has a truth value, then every countable set is finite.

True

False

3. Every graph must contain an even number of even-degree vertices.

True

False

4. There exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $5 \mid x$ and $5 \mid y$ and $\gcd(x, y) < 5$.

True

False

5. $\forall x \forall y (x \subseteq y \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(X) \subseteq \mathbb{P}(y))$.

True

False

6. For any set A , there exists $B \subseteq A$ such that $|A \setminus B| = |A|$.

True

False

7. There are as many propositions as there are natural numbers.

True

False

8. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and a graph G has n nodes and $n - 1$ edges, then G is connected.

True

False

9. There exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $16x \equiv 50 \pmod{7}$.

True

False

10. There is a tree T such that $|V(T)|$ and $|E(T)|$ are both prime numbers greater than 2.

True

False

2 Answer each of the following questions without proof.

1. Let $T := \{t \mid (\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(t : n \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\})\}$. Provide an explicit bijection $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

2. Give an example of an \in -transitive set that is not a natural number.

3. Give an example of an uncountable set X such that $\forall Y (X \neq \mathbb{P}(Y))$.

4. Given a positive natural number $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$, what is the *minimum* number of edges a connected graph on n nodes can have?

5. Give an example of a connected graph G for which 3 is the *minimum* number of edges whose removal would disconnect G .

- 3 *The axioms, rules of inference, and theorems of the zeroth-order and first-order logic **must** be explicitly cited (by name, if possible) when used.*

Prove the statement below for any propositions p and q .

$$\vdash (\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$$

- 4 *You may assume all axioms and theorems we have discussed so far, including any basic arithmetic and algebraic properties of \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , and \mathbb{R} .*

Use induction to prove that $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(n \geq 4 \Rightarrow (\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z})(2x + 5y = n))$.

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Prove that there are infinitely many finite binary strings.

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Use induction to prove that any connected graph contains a spanning tree.