



Final exam answer key (replacement)

Course questions (6 pts)

(1) Can a binary relation be both symmetric and antisymmetric?

Let \mathfrak{R} be a binary relation defined on a set E which is both symmetric and antisymmetric.

Let $x, y \in E$ be such that $x\mathfrak{R}y$. By symmetry, we have $y\mathfrak{R}x$ (0,5)

So by antisymmetry, we have $x = y$. (0,5)

So: $\forall x, y \in E, x\mathfrak{R}y \Rightarrow x = y$.

Conclusion: The only binary relation that is both symmetric and antisymmetric is equality. (0,5)

(2) Let \mathfrak{R} be a reflexive binary relation defined on a set E such that :

$$\forall x, y, z \in E : x\mathfrak{R}y \text{ and } y\mathfrak{R}z \Rightarrow z\mathfrak{R}x.$$

Such a relation is called circular.

- Verify that \mathfrak{R} is an equivalence relation.

\mathfrak{R} is reflexive. (0,5)

Let $x, y \in E$, such that $x\mathfrak{R}y$.

We have $\forall x, y, z \in E : x\mathfrak{R}y \text{ and } y\mathfrak{R}z \Rightarrow z\mathfrak{R}x$.

For $z = y$, we have $x\mathfrak{R}y$ and $y\mathfrak{R}y \Rightarrow y\mathfrak{R}x$. (0,5)

So, \mathfrak{R} is symmetric.

Let $x, y, z \in E$ such that $x\mathfrak{R}y$ and $y\mathfrak{R}z$.

$x\mathfrak{R}y$ and $y\mathfrak{R}z \Rightarrow z\mathfrak{R}x \Rightarrow x\mathfrak{R}z$ because \mathfrak{R} is symmetric. (0,5)

Therefore \mathfrak{R} is transitive.

Conclusion : \mathfrak{R} is an equivalence relation. (0,5)

(3) Let S be a reflexive and transitive relation defined in a set E and Δ another relation defined in E by :

$$\forall x, y \in E, x\Delta y \Leftrightarrow xSy \text{ and } ySx.$$

- Check that Δ is an equivalence relation.

We have $\forall x, y \in E, x\Delta y \Leftrightarrow xSy$ and ySx

For $y = x$, $x\Delta x \Leftrightarrow xSx$ and xSx , then Δ is reflexive because S is reflexive. (0,5)

We have $\forall x, y \in E, x\Delta y \Leftrightarrow xSy$ and $ySx \Leftrightarrow y\Delta x$

Then Δ is symmetric.

Let $x, y, z \in E$ such that $x\Delta y$ and $y\Delta z$.

(0,75)

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x\Delta y \\ y\Delta z \end{array} \right. &\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} xSy \wedge ySx \\ ySz \wedge zSy \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} xSy \wedge ySz \\ ySx \wedge zSy \end{array} \right. \\
&\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} xSy \wedge ySz \\ zSy \wedge ySx \end{array} \right. \\
&\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} xSz \\ zSx \end{array} \right. \text{ because } S \text{ is transitive.} \\
&\Rightarrow x\Delta z
\end{aligned} \tag{0,75}$$

So, Δ is transitive.

Conclusion : Δ is an equivalence relation. (0,5)

Exercise 1 (8 pts)

We notice $J =]1, +\infty[$. Let f and $g : J \rightarrow J$ be two maps defined by :

$$\forall x \in J, f(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \text{ and } g(x) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \right)^2.$$

(1) Determine $f([2, 4[)$ and $g^{-1}(\{9\})$.

$$f([2, 4[) = \{f(x), x \in [2, 4[\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in [2, 4[&\Rightarrow 2 \leq x < 4 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \leq \sqrt{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} - 1 \leq \sqrt{x} - 1 < 1 \\
&\Rightarrow 2 < \frac{2}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \tag{0,5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow 3 < 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \leq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \\
&\Rightarrow 3 < f(x) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \tag{0,5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 < f(x) \leq 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Then } f([2, 4[) = [3, 3 + 2\sqrt{2}[. \tag{0,5}$$

$$g^{-1}(\{9\}) = \{x \in J, g(x) = 9\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g(x) = 9 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \right)^2 = 9 \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1} = 3 \tag{0,5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x} + 1 = 3\sqrt{x} - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$\text{So, } g^{-1}(\{9\}) = \{4\}. \tag{0,5}$$

(2) Show that f is a bijection from J into J and determine its inverse map.

Let's show that f is injective.

Let $x_1, x_2 \in J$.

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x_1} - 1} = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x_2} - 1} \tag{0,5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{x_1} - 1 = \sqrt{x_2} - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{x_1} = \sqrt{x_2} \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \\ &\Rightarrow f \text{ is injective.} \end{aligned} \quad (0,5)$$

Let's show that f is surjective.

Let $y \in J$, let's look for $x \in J$, such that $y = f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} y = f(x) &\Rightarrow y = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \Rightarrow \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} - 1} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{y-1} + 1 = \sqrt{x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{y+1}{y-1} = \sqrt{x} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (0,5)$$

We have

$$\left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)^2 - 1 = \frac{(y+1)^2 - (y-1)^2}{(y-1)^2} = \frac{4y}{(y-1)^2} > 0, \text{ because } y > 1 \quad (0,5)$$

Then

$$\forall y \in J, \exists x = \left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)^2 \in J, \text{ such that } y = f(x) \quad (0,5)$$

That is f is surjective.

Consequently, f is bijective.

$$\forall y \in J, \forall x \in J, y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = f^{-1}(y) \quad (0,5)$$

$f^{-1} : J \rightarrow J$ defined by :

$$\forall y \in J, f^{-1}(y) = \left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)^2 \quad (0,5)$$

(3) Check that : $\forall x \in J, g(x) = (f(x))^2$.

Let $x \in J$.

$$(f(x))^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x} - 1}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} - 1 + 2}{\sqrt{x} - 1}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1}\right)^2 = g(x). \quad (1)$$

(4) Deduce that g is a bijection from J into J and determine its inverse map.

We have $\forall x \in J, g(x) = (f(x))^2 = (h \circ f)(x)$, where $h(x) = x^2$ (0,5)

As f and h are bijective from J into J , then g is bijective from J into J , and we have :

$$g^{-1}(x) = (h \circ f)^{-1}(x) = f^{-1} \circ h^{-1}(x) \quad (0,5)$$

We have $h^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)^2$

$$\text{then, } g^{-1}(x) = (h \circ f)^{-1}(x) = f^{-1} \circ h^{-1}(x) = f^{-1}(h^{-1}(x)) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1}\right)^2 = g(x).$$

$$g^{-1} = g. \quad (0,5)$$

Exercise 2 (6 pts)

(1) Show that the following proposition is false :

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the integer $n^2 + n + 11$ is prime.

For $n = 10$, we have $10^2 + 10 + 11 = 121 = 11^2 = 11 \times 11$ (1)

That is the integer $10^2 + 10 + 11$ is not prime.

$\exists n = 10 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that the integer $10^2 + 10 + 11 = 121$ is not prime. (1)

That is the proposition : $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the integer $n^2 + n + 11$ is prime, is false.

(2) Show by induction that :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

1st step: (Initialization) for $n = 1$, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} = 1 \leq 1 = 2 - \frac{1}{1}. \quad (0,5)$$

So the property is true for $n = 1$.

2nd step: (heredity)

Assume that $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ and show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad (0,5)$$

We have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \quad (0,5)$$

therefore

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \quad (\text{induction hypothesis}) \quad (0,5)$$

$$\leq 2 - \frac{(n+1)^2 - n}{(n+1)^2} \quad (0,5)$$

$$\leq 2 - \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$\leq 2 - \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^2} \quad \text{because } -(n^2 + n + 1) \leq -(n+1) \quad (0,5)$$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad (0,5)$$

That is to say that the property is true for $n + 1$.

3rd step : (Conclusion) By the principle of induction, we deduce that :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}. \quad (0,5)$$

Good luck