

# Math 111

## Resit

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**Important Note.** Write either in English or in Turkish, but in any event make full sentences. Use proper punctuation. Do not use symbols such as  $\Leftrightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\exists$ ,  $\forall$ . For each use of these symbols I will take away 1 pt. Explain all your answers, but grades will be taken away for unnecessary text. Any unexplained answer will get 0 point, whether the answer is correct or not.

**I. Transitive Relations.** Let  $X$  be a set. A **binary relation** on  $X$  is just a subset of  $X \times X$ .

A binary relation  $R$  on  $X$  is called **transitive** if, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$  implies  $(x, z) \in R$ .

- i. Which of the following a transitive binary relation on any set  $X$ ? Explain. (0 or 4 pts.)
  - i.  $X \times X$ .
  - ii.  $\emptyset$ .
  - iii.  $\{(x, x) : x \in X\}$ .
  - iv.  $\{(x, y) \in X^2 : x \neq y\}$ .
- ii. Which of the following a transitive binary relation on  $\mathbb{N}$ ? Explain. (0 or 4 pts.)
  - i.  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 5 \text{ divides } x - y\}$ .
  - ii.  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 5 \text{ divides } x + y\}$ .
  - iii.  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 5 > x - y\}$ .
  - iv.  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 12 < x - y\}$ .
- iii. Show that the intersection of a set of transitive relations on  $X$  is a transitive relation on  $X$ . (4 pts.)
- iv. Show that for any binary relation  $R$  on  $X$  the intersection  $R^t$  of all the transitive relations that contain  $R$  is the unique smallest transitive relation on  $X$  that contains  $R$ . (10 pts.)

v. Show that if  $R$  and  $S$  are two binary relations then  $(R \cap S)^t \subseteq R^t \cap S^t$ . (8 pts.)

vi. Let  $R$  be a binary relation. Show that the subset

$$\{S := (x, y) \in X^2 : \exists x = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n = y \in X \text{ such that} \\ (y_i, y_{i+1}) \in R \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

is a transitive relation that contains  $R$ . Conclude that  $R^t = S$ . (10 pts.)

vii. Show that in general  $(R \cap S)^t \neq R^t \cap S^t$ . (5 pts.)

**II. Partial Orders.** A binary relation  $<$  on a set  $X$  is called a **partial order** on  $X$  if (writing  $x < y$  instead of  $(x, y) \in <$ ),

**PO1. Irreflexivity.** For every  $x \in X$ ,  $x \not< x$ .

and

**PO2. Transitivity.** For every  $x, y, z \in X$ , if  $x < y$  and  $y < z$  then  $x < z$ .

We write  $x \leq y$  if either  $x < y$  or  $x = y$ .

Let  $(X, <)$  be a partially ordered set and  $A \subseteq X$ . An element  $u \in X$  is called an **upper bound** of  $A$  if  $a \leq u$  for all  $a \in A$ . An element  $v \in X$  is called a **least upper bound** of  $A$  if i)  $v$  is an upper bound for  $A$  and ii) for any upper bound  $u$  of  $A$ , if  $u \leq v$  then  $u = v$ .

- i. Give an example of a partially ordered set  $(X, <)$  and a subset  $A$  of  $X$  which
  - i. has a least upper bound which is not in  $A$ .
  - ii. has exactly two least upper bounds.
  - iii. does not have a least upper bound.
  - iv. has a least upper bound which is in  $A$ . (4 pts.)
- ii. Let  $(X, <)$  be a partially ordered set and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $A$  has a least upper bound which is in  $A$ . Show that this is the only upper bound of  $A$ . (2 pts.)
- iii. Let  $(X, <)$  be a partially ordered set. Show that any element of  $X$  is an upper bound of  $\emptyset$ . (2 pts.)
- iv. Let  $(X, <)$  be a partially ordered set. What can you say about  $(X, <)$  if  $\emptyset$  has a least upper bound? (2 pts.)
- v. Let  $U$  be a set and let  $X = \wp(U)$ . Order  $X$  by inclusion. Show that this is a partial order on  $X$ . (2 pts.) Show that any subset of  $X$  has a unique least upper bound. (5 pts.)

- vi. Let  $(X, <)$  be a partial order. Suppose that for any  $a, b \in X$ , the set  $\{a, b\}$  has a unique least upper bound. Let  $a \vee b$  denote this least upper bound.
  - i. Give an infinite example of such a partially ordered set. (2 pts.)
  - ii. Prove or disprove:  $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee (b \vee c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in X$ . (10 pts.)

**III. Total Orders.** If in addition to PO1 and PO2 stated above,

**O3** For every  $x, y \in X$ , either  $x < y$  or  $x = y$  or  $y < x$ ,

then the partial order is called a **total order**.

- i. Show that in a totally ordered set  $(X, <)$  if a subset  $A$  of  $X$  has a least upper bound then this least upper bound is the only upper bound of  $A$ . (4 pts.)

**IV. Well-Ordered Sets.** We say that a totally ordered set  $(X, <)$  is a **well-ordered set** (or that  $<$  well-orders  $X$ ) if every nonempty subset of  $X$  contains a minimal element for that order, i.e. if for every nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there is an  $m \in A$  such that  $m \leq a$  for all  $a$  in  $A$ . (Note that the element  $m$  must be in  $A$ ).

- i. Give an example of a finite and an infinite well-ordered set. (2 pts.)
- ii. Let  $X = \mathbb{N} \times \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N} \times \{1\}$ . On  $X$  define the relation  $<$  as follows: For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, 0) < (y, 0) & \text{ if and only if } x < y \\ (x, 1) < (y, 1) & \text{ if and only if } x < y \\ (x, 0) < (y, 1) & \text{ always} \end{aligned}$$

- i. Is  $(X, <)$  a totally ordered set? (2 pts.)
- ii. Is  $(X, <)$  a well-ordered set? (2 pts.)
- iii. Is the set  $\{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\}$  together with the natural order a well-ordered set? (2 pts.)
- iv. Is the set  $\{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\} \cup \{0\}$  together with the natural order a well-ordered set? (2 pts.)
- v. Find an infinite well-ordered set with a maximal element. (4 pts.)
- vi. Show that in a well-ordered set  $X$ , the minimal element of any nonempty subset is unique. (2 pts.)
- vii. Show that every nonempty well-ordered set has a unique minimal element. (2 pts.)

- viii. Let  $(X, <)$  be a well-ordered set. Show that all the elements of  $X$  except possibly one of them satisfies the following property: “There exists a  $y$  such that  $x < y$  and for all  $z$  if  $x < z$  then  $y < z$ ”. (5 pts.) Show that such a  $y$ , when exists, is unique (3 pts.)