

# Set Theory Midterm

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**I.** Let  $G = \{f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)\}$ .

1. For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  define the function  $f_a : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by the formula  $f_a(x) = ax$ . Show that  $f_a \in G$ .
2. Show that  $f_a + f_b = f_{a+b}$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
3. Show that  $f_a \circ f_b = f_{ab}$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
4. Let  $f \in G$ . Show that  $f(0) = 0$ .
5. Let  $f \in G$ . Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(-n) = -f(n)$ .
6. Let  $f \in G$ . Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n) = nf(1)$ .
7. Let  $f \in G$ . Show that if  $a = f(1)$ , then  $f = f_a$ .
8. For what integers  $a$ , is  $f_a$  a bijection of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

**II.** Let  $G = \{f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} : \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)\}$ . As in the previous question, for  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$  the function  $f_a : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  defined by the formula  $f_a(x) = ax$  is in  $G$ .

1. For what rational numbers  $a$ , is  $f_a$  a bijection of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ?
2. Let  $f \in G$ . Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $f(nq) = nf(q)$ .
3. Show that if  $f \in G$  and  $a = f(1)$  then  $f = f_a$ .

**III.** Let  $X$  be a set. We will show that there is no surjection from  $X$  into its set of subsets  $\wp(X)$ . In order to get a contradiction, we assume that there is such an  $f$ . Let

$$A = \{x \in X : x \notin f(x)\}.$$

Let  $a \in X$  such that  $f(a) = A$ . By thinking about the question whether or not  $a$  is an element of  $A$  arrive at a contradiction.

**IV.** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be four sets. Suppose  $\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} = \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\}$ . Show that  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .

**V.** Let  $X$  be a set and  $\equiv$  an equivalence relation defined on  $X$ . Show that the equivalence classes are disjoint.

**VI.** Let the relation  $\equiv$  be defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$x \equiv y \Leftrightarrow x - y \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

1. Show that  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2. Find a set of representatives of  $\mathbb{R}/\equiv$ .
3. Show that if  $x \equiv x'$  and  $y \equiv y'$  then  $x + y \equiv x' + y'$ .
4. Is it true that if  $x \equiv x'$  and  $y \equiv y'$  then  $xy \equiv x'y'$  holds for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ?