

Sets and Logic  
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Individual OP-D

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This IOP is due **2PM, Thurs., 25Apr2024**, slid *completely* under my office door, 402 LITTLE HALL.

Print [this sheet](#), which is “Page 1/ $N$ ”, and number your write-up as “page 2/ $N$ ”, “page 3/ $N$ ” ... “Page  $N/N$ ”.

Your 4 essay(s) must be TYPED, and (if possible) Double spaced. Use the **Print/Revise** cycle to produce good, well thought out, essays. Start each essay on a **new** sheet of paper. Do **not** restate the problem; just solve it.

**D1:** Interval-of-integers  $\mathbf{J} := [201 .. 300]$  has 99 elements. A subset  $S \subset \mathbf{J}$  is **Big** if  $|S| = 51$ . Subset  $S \subset \mathbf{J}$  is **Perfect** if there exist *distinct* members  $x, y \in S$  st.  $x + y = 500$ .

Prove that **Big**  $\Rightarrow$  **Perfect**. [Hint: PHP. *Carefully* specify what your pigeon-holes are.]

**D2:** [For free: **Union Thm:** A countable union of countable-sets is countable. Also, **Finite-subset Thm:** The collection of **finite** subsets of a countable set, is countable. If needed, use  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Fin}}(S)$  for the collection of *finite* subsets of a set  $S$ , and use  $\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(S)$  for the collection of **infinite** subsets of  $S$ .] Below, a **blip** is an *infinite* set of natnums. A **family**,  $\mathcal{F}$ , is a set [not a multiset] of blips, i.e.,  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ .

**i** Suppose,  $\forall B, C \in \mathcal{F}$ , that  $[B \neq C] \Rightarrow [B \cap C = \emptyset]$ . Construct, with **proof**, an *injection*  $g: \mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , showing that each such family,  $\mathcal{F}$ , must only be countable. **ii** Weaken

the hypothesis on  $\mathcal{F}$  to:

$$\forall B, C \in \mathcal{F}: [B \neq C] \Rightarrow |B \cap C| \leq 1.$$

Prove that each such  $\mathcal{F}$  is tiny; only countable.

Weaken to  $[B \neq C] \Rightarrow |B \cap C| \leq 2$ , yet still prove  $\mathcal{F}$  countable. Weaken further to  $[B \neq C] \Rightarrow |B \cap C| \leq 3$  and prove  $|\mathcal{F}| \leq \aleph_0$  still holds. *Generalize!*

**iii** [Creative; A converse.] Construct a *specific uncountable* family  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ , so that:

For all distinct  $B, C \in \mathcal{U}$ : Intersection  $B \cap C$  is finite.

HONOR CODE: “I have neither requested nor received help on this exam other than from my professor.”

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**D3:** Consider  $\mathbf{S}$ , a set of 120 Students. Coincidentally, exactly 10 were born in **January**, exactly 10 in **February**, exactly 10 in **March**, ..., exactly 10 in **December**.

Astonishingly, *exactly* 10 were born in *each* of the twelve years 2001, 2002, ..., 2012.

**i** Prove that *there exists* a set,  $T$ , of twelve Students whose birth-months are *all* twelve months, and whose birth-years are *all* twelve years.

**ii** Some  $N$  many Students depart, leaving a smaller group  $\mathbf{S}'$  with only  $|\mathbf{S}'| = 120 - N$  many Students. With proof, what is the largest value of  $N$  where there still *must* exist a 12-set  $T' \subset \mathbf{S}'$  representing all twelve months and all twelve years? This  $N =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

**D4:** A polygamous community comprises 90 women and 91 men. Each man has at least one wife. Prove

†: There is a **married couple** such that the wife has more husbands than the husband has wives.

[The people are women and men, but the problem will use “girls” and “boys”, so that I can use letters  $W$  and  $H$  for wives and husbands.]

**Guided soln:** Use  $\mathbb{G}$  for set of 90 girls and  $\mathbb{B}$  for the set of 91 boys. For a  $g \in \mathbb{G}$ , let  $H_g$  be the number of husbands she has. So if *Ann* is married to *Tom*, *Sid* and *Abe*, then  $H_{\text{Ann}} = 3$ . For  $b \in \mathbb{B}$ , use  $W_b$  for the number of wives that boy  $b$  has.

Use a **double-colon** to indicate marriage, i.e.,  $\text{Ann}::\text{Tom}$  indicates that *Ann* and *Tom* are married to each other.

**Possible error:** You might think the “average girl” has  $\frac{91}{90}$  husbands, whereas the “average boy” has  $\frac{90}{91}$  wives. Even if true, this does *not* prove that there is a **married-to-each-other** couple  $g::b$  with  $H_g > W_b$ .

**Suggestion:** After any preliminary definitions, start your proof with: **FTSOContradiction**, suppose

†: each married couple  $g::b$  has  $H_g \leq W_b$ .

[A  $\times$  can be derived from Hall’s Matching Lemma, but a more direct argument exists. Consider small examples, e.g.,  $|\mathbb{G}| = 3$  and  $|\mathbb{B}| = 4$ . Is assumption that *each-boy-has-at-least-one-wife* necessary?]

DO SOMETHING EXTRA: E.g., with  $N$  women and  $N+2$  men, what can you conclude about the  $\exists$ ence of a married couple? What if there are  $2N - 1$  men?

Folks, I’ve had a wonderful time Problem-Solving with you. Stop by in future semesters for Math/chess/coffee.

Cheers, Coun-SELO-r King