

2004 Paper 10 Question 8

Mathematics for Computation Theory

Let A, B, C be sets. Define the *Cartesian product* ($A \times B$) and the *disjoint union* ($A + B$). [3 marks]

Let $f \subseteq (A \times B), g \subseteq (B \times C)$ be relations between A and B , B and C respectively. Define the *inverse relation* f^{-1} between B and A and the *product relation* ($f \circ g$) between A and C . [3 marks]

What conditions must be satisfied for the relation f to be a function $f : A \rightarrow B$? [2 marks]

Write $(A \rightarrow B)$ for the set of all functions from A to B . If A, B are both *finite*, $|A| = a, |B| = b$, how many elements are there in $(A \times B)$, $(A + B)$, $(A \rightarrow B)$? [2 marks]

If f and f^{-1} are both functions, we say that f is a *bijection*, and we write $A \cong B$. If A, B are both finite and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection, prove that $a = b$. (\star) [2 marks]

Establish explicit bijections between the following pairs of sets:

(a) $A \rightarrow (B \times C)$, $(A \rightarrow B) \times (A \rightarrow C)$; [3 marks]

(b) $(A + B) \rightarrow C$, $(A \rightarrow C) \times (B \rightarrow C)$. [4 marks]

If A, B, C are all finite, verify that the cardinality condition (\star) above is satisfied in each case. [1 mark]