

DISTANCE EDUCATION
M.C.A. (N.S) DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2011.
DISCRETE MATHEMATICS
(2001 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.
All questions carry equal marks.

(5 × 20 = 100)

1. (a) Show that $\neg(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (\neg P \vee (\neg P \vee Q)) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$.
(10)
- (b) Obtain the principal disjunctive normal form of $P \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg P))$.
(10)
2. (a) Show that SVR is tautologically implied by $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \rightarrow S)$.
(10)
- (b) Show that $(x)(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow (x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x)$. (10)
3. (a) Show by means of an example that $A \times B \neq B \times A$ and $(A \times B) \times C \neq A \times (B \times C)$. (10)
- (b) If $M_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $M_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are the rational matrices, find $M_{R \circ S}, M_{\tilde{R}}, M_{\tilde{S}}, M_{R \circ \tilde{S}}$ and show that $M_{R \circ \tilde{S}} = M_{\tilde{S} \circ \tilde{R}}$. (10)
4. (a) If $f(x) = x + 2, g(x) = x - 2$ and $h(x) = 3x$ for $x \in R$, where R is the set of real numbers. Find $g \circ f; f \circ g; f \circ f; g \circ g; f \circ h; h \circ g; h \circ f$ and $f \circ h \circ g$. (10)
- (b) Show that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is one-to-one iff any proper subsets of X are mapped into proper subsets of Y ; that is if $A \subset B \subseteq X$, then $f(A) \subset f(B) \subseteq Y$. (10)
5. (a) Given the algebraic system $\langle N, + \rangle$ and $\langle Z_4, +4 \rangle$, where N is the set of natural numbers and $+$ is the operation of addition on N , Show that there exists a homomorphism from $\langle N, + \rangle$ to $\langle Z_4, +4 \rangle$. (10)
- (b) For any commutative monoid $\langle M, * \rangle$, prove that the set of idempotent elements of M , forms a submonoid. (5)
- (c) Show that the set of all invertible elements of a monoid form a group under the same operation as that of the monoid. (5)
6. (a) Show that in a group $\langle G, * \rangle$, if for any $a, b \in G$, $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$, then $\langle G, * \rangle$ must be abelian. (6)
- (b) Show that the set of all elements a of a group $\langle G, * \rangle$ such that $a * x = x * a$ for every $x \in G$ is a subgroup of G . (7)
- (c) Prove that, the order of a subgroup of a finite group divides the order of the group. (7)
7. (a) State and prove the fundamental theorem of group homomorphism. (9)
- (b) Define field. (3)

- (c) Prove that the ring homomorphism preserves the distributive property. (8)
8. (a) Define the length of the path. (3)
- (b) Show by means of an example that a simple digraph in which exactly one node has indegree '0' and every other node has indegree '1' is not necessarily a directed tree. (10)
- (c) In a simple digraph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, prove that, every node of the digraph lies in exactly one strong component. (7)
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