

WAT IS WISKUNDE RE-EXAM A, 21/12/2009, ENGLISH

Voor de Nederlandse tekst van dit tentamen zie ommezijde.

- On each sheet of paper you hand in write your name and student number
- Each problem counts for 20 points, leading to a maximum of 100 points
- Do not provide just final answers. Prove and motivate your arguments!
- The use of computer, calculator, lecture notes, or books is not allowed

**Problem A)** Determine which of the following three expressions are logically equivalent

$$1: (P \wedge (\neg Q)) \Rightarrow (R \vee Q) \quad 2: (\neg P) \vee Q \vee R \quad 3: (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q) \vee R$$

**Problem B)** Prove by induction that for every integer  $n > 0$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

**Problem C)**

- (1) Prove that for every three sets  $A, B$  and  $C$  holds

$$((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C = ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$$

- (2) Show that the equality

$$A - (B - (C - D)) = ((A - B) - C) - D$$

does not necessarily hold for all sets  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ .

**Problem D)**

- (1) Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers and the relation  $R$  given by: for  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  holds  $xRy$  precisely when the number  $|x - y| + 1$  is either 1 or a prime number. Prove that  $R$  is not an equivalence relation.
- (2) Consider the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of pairs of real numbers and the relation  $S$  given by: for  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  holds  $(x_1, x_2)S(y_1, y_2)$  exactly when  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$ . Prove that  $S$  is an equivalence relation.
- (3) Consider the same relation  $S$  as in (2) and the equivalence classes  $A_1 = [(0, 0)]$ ,  $A_2 = [(0, 2)]$ ,  $A_3 = [(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})]$ . Which of  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are equal? Which of  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are finite sets.

**Problem E)** For each of the following statements decide if it is true or false. Give a short argument to support your answer.

- (1) If  $R$  is an equivalence relation on a finite set  $A$  then the number of distinct equivalence classes is either 1 or a prime number.
- (2) Let  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  be three sets. If  $B_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_1 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  then  $B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$ .
- (3) Let  $A$  be a set. There exists at least one equivalence relation  $R$  on  $A$ .

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- Schrijf op elk blad dat je inlevert je naam en studentnummer.
- Elk van de vijf opgaven telt voor 20 punten.
- Geef niet alleen eindantwoorden, maar laat ook duidelijk zien hoe je tot je antwoord komt.
- Gebruik van een computer, rekenmachine, aantekeningen of boeken tijdens dit tentamen is niet toegestaan

**Opgave A)** Bepaal welke van de volgende drie beweringen logisch equivalent zijn

$$1: (P \wedge (\neg Q)) \Rightarrow (R \vee Q) \quad 2: (\neg P) \vee Q \vee R \quad 3: (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q) \vee R$$

**Opgave B)** Bewijs met inductie dat voor elk geheel getal  $n > 0$  geldt

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

**Opgave C)**

(1) Bewijs dat voor elk drietal verzamelingen  $A, B, C$  geldt

$$((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C = ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$$

(2) Bewijs dat de gelijkheid

$$A - (B - (C - D)) = ((A - B) - C) - D$$

niet hoeft te gelden voor elk viertal verzamelingen  $A, B, C, D$ .

**Opgave D)**

(1) Neem op de verzameling  $\mathbb{Z}$  van de gehele getallen de relatie  $R$  gegeven door: voor  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  geldt  $xRy$  precies dan als  $|x - y| + 1$  gelijk is aan 1 of een priem getal. Bewijs dat  $R$  niet een equivalentie relatie is.

(2) We beschouwen op de verzameling  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  van paren van reële getallen de relatie  $S$  gegeven door: voor  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  geldt  $(x_1, x_2)S(y_1, y_2)$  precies dan als  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$ . Bewijs dat  $S$  een equivalentie relatie is.

(3) Neem dezelfde relatie  $S$  als in (2) en beschouw de equivalentieklassen  $A_1 = [(0, 0)]$ ,  $A_2 = [(0, 2)]$ ,  $A_3 = [(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})]$ . Welke van de equivalentieklassen  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  zijn gelijk? Welke van de equivalentieklassen  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  is een eindige verzameling?

**Opgave E)** Geef voor elk van de onderstaande beweringen aan of hij juist of onjuist is. Geef een kort argument ter ondersteuning van je antwoord.

- (1) Als  $R$  een equivalentie relatie op een eindige verzameling  $A$  is dan is het aantal verschillende equivalentieklassen gelijk aan 1 of een priemgetal.
- (2) Zij  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  een drietal verzamelingen. Als  $B_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset$  en  $B_1 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  en  $B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  dan geldt  $B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$ .
- (3) Zij  $A$  een verzameling. Er bestaat minstens 1 equivalentie relatie op  $A$ .

WAT IS WISKUNDE RE-EXAM A - SOLUTIONS

**Problem A)** Determine which of the following three expressions are logically equivalent

$$1 : (P \wedge (\neg Q)) \Rightarrow (R \vee Q) \qquad 2 : (\neg P) \vee Q \vee R \qquad 3 : (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q) \vee R$$

Solution: By calculating and inspecting the truth tables for each of the three expressions one verifies that only expressions 1 and 2 are equivalent.

**Problem B)** Prove by induction that for every integer  $n > 0$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

Solution: By induction on  $n$ . The induction basis is the case  $n = 1$  in which case the left hand side becomes  $1^3 = 1$  and the right hand side is equal to  $\frac{1^2(1+1)^2}{4} = 1$ . This establishes the induction basis. For the induction step assume the equality holds for  $n = k$  and we now set out to prove that it also holds for  $k + 1$ . The left hand side is in this case equal to

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3$$

which by grouping together the first  $k$  summands and using the induction hypothesis is seen to be equal to

$$\frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3.$$

We wish to show that this is equal to the right hand side of the original equation where  $n = k + 1$ . That right hand side is:

$$\frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4}$$

and we thus need to establish that

$$\frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4}.$$

Simplifying the left hand side we have

$$\frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} = \frac{(k^2 + 4k + 1)(k+1)^2}{4} = \frac{(k+2)^2(k+1)^2}{4}$$

as desired. This proves the induction step and thus the equality for all natural numbers  $n > 0$  by the induction principal.

**Problem C)**

(1) Prove that for every three sets  $A, B$  and  $C$  holds

$$((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C = ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$$

(2) Show that the equality

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does not necessarily hold for all sets  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ .

Solution: 1) Let  $x \in ((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C$ . Then  $x \in (A - B) \cup (B - A)$  and  $x \in C$ . It thus follows that either  $x \in A - B$  or  $x \in B - A$ . Due to symmetry considerations we may assume without loss of generality that  $x \in A - B$ . Thus we have that  $x \in A - B$  and  $x \in C$  which means that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \in C$ . Since  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$  it follows that  $x \in A \cap C$  and thus also that  $x \in ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C))$ . Since  $x \notin B$  it follows also that  $x \notin A \cap B$  and thus we conclude that  $x \in ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C))$  and  $x \notin A \cap B$  which means that  $x \in ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$ . This argument proves that  $((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C \subseteq ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$ . For the other direction let  $y \in ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B)$ . Then  $y \in ((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C))$  and  $y \notin A \cap B$ . Thus either  $y \in A \cap C$  or  $y \in B \cap C$ . Again due to symmetry we may, without loss of generality, assume that  $y \in A \cap C$ . We thus have that  $y \in A \cap C$  and  $y \notin A \cap B$ . This means that  $y \in A$  and  $y \in C$  and either  $y \notin A$  or  $y \notin B$ . Since  $y \in A$  we conclude that  $y \notin B$ . We thus have that  $y \in A$  and  $y \in C$  and  $y \notin B$ . Since  $y \in A$  and  $y \notin B$  it follows that  $y \in A - B$  and thus also that  $y \in ((A - B) \cup (B - A))$ . Since  $y \in C$  we conclude that  $y \in ((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C$ . This argument now established that  $((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) - (A \cap B) \subseteq ((A - B) \cup (B - A)) \cap C$ . The two arguments established the required equality.

2) We provide the counter example:  $A = \{1\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{1, 2\}, D = \emptyset$ . Then

$$A - (B - (C - D)) = A - (B - C) = A - \emptyset = A$$

while

$$((A - B) - C) - D = (\emptyset - C) - D = \emptyset - D = \emptyset$$

and since  $A \neq \emptyset$  our counter example is valid.

### Problem D)

- (1) Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers and the relation  $R$  given by: for  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  holds  $xRy$  precisely when the number  $|x - y| + 1$  is either 1 or a prime number. Prove that  $R$  is not an equivalence relation.
- (2) Consider the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of pairs of real numbers and the relation  $S$  given by: for  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  holds  $(x_1, x_2)S(y_1, y_2)$  exactly when  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$ . Prove that  $S$  is an equivalence relation.
- (3) Consider the same relation  $S$  as in (2) and the equivalence classes  $A_1 = [(0, 0)], A_2 = [(0, 2)], A_3 = [(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})]$ . Which of  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are equal? Which of  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are finite sets.

Solution: 1) To show that  $R$  is not an equivalence relation we show it is not transitive. Let  $x = 5, y = 3, z = 2$ .  $xRy$  since  $|x - y| + 1 = 3$  is prime.  $yRz$  also holds since

$|y - z| + 1 = 2$ , a prime number. But  $xRz$  does not hold since  $|x - z| + 1 = 4$  is not prime and not equal to 1.

2) We need to show that  $S$  is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(x, y)S(x, y)$  holds since  $x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + y^2$ . Thus  $S$  is reflexive. Now let  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and assume  $(x_1, x_2)S(y_1, y_2)$ . That means that  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$ . Clearly then  $y_1^2 + y_2^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  which implies  $(y_1, y_2)S(x_1, x_2)$  and thus that  $S$  is symmetric. Now let  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2), (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(x_1, x_2)S(y_1, y_2)$  and  $(y_1, y_2)S(z_1, z_2)$ . That means that  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$  and  $y_1^2 + y_2^2 = z_1^2 + z_2^2$  which clearly implies that  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = z_1^2 + z_2^2$ . That is:  $(x_1, x_2)S(z_1, z_2)$  holds which means  $S$  is transitive. We have thus shown that  $S$  is an equivalence relation.

3) A property of equivalence classes is that two such,  $[x]$  and  $[y]$  are equal as sets if, and only if,  $xSy$ . Thus to see which of the three classes given are equal we need to check when the representatives are related in  $S$ . Now since  $0^2 + 2^2 = 4 = \sqrt{2}^2 + \sqrt{2}^2$  it follows that  $(0, 2)S(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$  and thus that  $A_2 = A_3$ . And since  $0^2 + 0^2 = 0 \neq 4$  it follows that  $(0, 0)$  is not related to  $(0, 2)$  nor to  $(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$  and thus that  $A_1 \neq A_2$  and  $A_1 \neq A_3$ . To see which are finite sets we look at the definition of the equivalence class:  $A_1 = [(0, 0)] = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 + y^2 = 0^2 + 0^2 = 0\}$ . The only solution to this equation is  $x = y = 0$  and thus  $[(0, 0)] = \{(0, 0)\}$  which is a finite set. Since  $A_2 = A_3$  we just need to determine one of the two. We have  $A_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 + y^2 = 0^2 + 2^2 = 4\}$ . The solutions to this equation are all the points in the plane that lie on the circle of radius 2 about the origin. Thus  $A_2$  (and  $A_3$ ) is infinite.

**Problem E)** For each of the following statements decide if it is true or false. Give a short argument to support your answer.

- (1) If  $R$  is an equivalence relation on a finite set  $A$  then the number of distinct equivalence classes is either 1 or a prime number.
- (2) Let  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  be three sets. If  $B_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_1 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$  then  $B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3 \neq \emptyset$ .
- (3) Let  $A$  be a set. There exists at least one equivalence relation  $R$  on  $A$ .

Solution: 1) This is not true. In fact the number of equivalence classes can be any number at all. For example let  $A$  be a set with  $n$  elements for some natural number  $n$ . The relation  $R$  on  $A$  in which for  $a, b \in A$  holds  $aRb$  if, and only if,  $a = b$  is easily seen to be an equivalence relation and the number of equivalence classes is equal to  $n$ . For a more concrete counter example: We know that equality modulo 4 is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  and we know that there are then 4 equivalence relations.

2) This is not true. Let  $B_1 = \{2, 3\}, B_2 = \{1, 2\}, B_3 = \{1, 3\}$ . Then  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \{2\}$  and  $B_1 \cap B_3 = \{3\}$  and  $B_2 \cap B_3 = \{1\}$ . However,  $B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3 = \emptyset$ .

3) This is true. For example we can choose for  $A$  the relation  $S = A \times A$ , that is for any  $a, b \in A$  holds  $aSb$ . It is then trivial that  $S$  is an equivalence relation. (one can also take the construction of part 1) of this problem.