

SELECTED HOMEWORK SOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER 1

Section 2

3. (b) First we show that  $f^{-1}(\cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B) \subset \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ . If  $x \in f^{-1}(\cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B)$ , then  $f(x) \in \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$ , so  $f(x) \in B_0$  for some  $B_0 \in \mathcal{B}$ , so  $x \in f^{-1}(B_0) \subset \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ .

Next we show that  $f^{-1}(\cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B) \supset \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ . If  $x \in \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ , then there is a  $B_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $f(x) \in B_0 \subset \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$ , and hence  $x \in f^{-1}(\cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B)$ .

(c) If  $x \in f^{-1}(\cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B)$ , then  $f(x) \in \cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$ , so  $f(x) \in B$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and hence  $x \in f^{-1}(B)$  for all  $B$ , so  $x \in \cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ .

Conversely, if  $x \in \cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$ , then, for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , we have  $f(x) \in B$ , so  $f(x) \in \cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(\cap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B)$ .

(f) If  $y \in f(\cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)$ , then there is  $x \in \cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ , so  $f(x) \in f(A_0)$  for some  $A_0 \in \mathcal{A}$ , and therefore  $f(x) \in \cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f(A)$ .

If  $y \in \cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f(A)$ , then there is some  $A_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $y \in f(A_0)$ . Then  $y \in f(\cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)$ .

(g) If  $y \in f(\cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)$ , then  $y = f(x)$  for some  $x \in \cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$ . Hence  $x \in A$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  so  $y \in f(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and therefore  $y \in \cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f(A)$ .

If  $y \in \cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f(A)$  and  $f$  is injective, then, for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , there is an  $x_A \in A$  such that  $f(x_A) = y$ . Because  $f$  is injective, there is only one  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$  and this  $x$  is in every  $A$ , so  $x \in \cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$  and  $y \in f(\cap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)$ .

Section 3

3. The flaw in this argument is that  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are not quantified. The variable  $a$  should be described as “for every  $a \in A$ ” but  $b$  is “there exists  $b \in A$ ”. For some symmetric and transitive relations, it is true that for any  $a \in A$ , there is  $b \in A$  such that  $aCb$  but this situation does not always occur.

Section 7

5. (a) This set is countable. For each  $f \in A$ , define  $g(f) = (f(0), f(1))$ . Then  $g$  is a bijection onto  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ , which is countable.

(e) This set is uncountable. We'll show that given any sequence  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  of functions in  $E$ , there is a function  $f \in E$  which is not in the sequence. Specifically, we define  $f$  by

$$f(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f_i(i) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } f_i(i) = 0. \end{cases}$$

(f) This set is countable. For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{0\}$ , define the set

$$F_n = \{f \in F \mid f(m) = 0 \text{ if } m \geq n\}.$$

Then each  $F_n$  is finite; in fact it has exactly  $2^n$  elements. In addition  $F = \cup_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n$ , so  $F$  is a countable union of finite sets and therefore it's countable.

## Section 9

4. Theorem 7.5 used the Axiom of Choice to choose the  $f_n$ s. In fact, the proof uses the phrase “we can choose, for each  $n$ , a surjective function  $f_n$ ”. Rather than use the Axiom of Choice directly, I will use the version from class, which is Lemma 9.2. We define  $B_n$  to be the set of all surjective functions from  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  onto  $A_n$  and then  $\mathcal{B}$  is the collection of all the  $B_n$ s. Then there is a choice function  $c: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \cup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} B_n$  such that  $c(B_n) \in B_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . We now set  $f_n = c(B_n)$ . A similar argument gives a surjective function  $g: \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow J$ . With this construction for  $f_n$  and  $g$ , the proof continues as in the book.

## Section 10

3. They do not have the same order type. As I mentioned in class, the set

$$\{x \in \{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid x < 2 \times 1\}$$

is infinite, but, for any  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \{1, 2\}$ , the set

$$\{x \in \{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid x < b\}$$

is finite. Therefore there cannot be a bijection  $f: \{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \{1, 2\}$  which preserves order.

7. We prove the theorem by contradiction. If  $J_0$  is an inductive subset of  $J$  which is not all of  $J$ , then  $J - J_0$  has a least element  $\alpha$ . But then  $\beta < \alpha$  implies  $\beta \in J_0$ , so  $S_\alpha \subset J_0$ . Because  $J_0$  is inductive, it follows that  $\alpha \in J_0$ , which contradicts our assertion that  $\alpha \in J - J_0$ .