

**Study items for PSet 1:**

- Proof by contradiction that  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
- Related irrationality proofs, e.g.  $\sqrt{2} + 1 \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
- Sets and related notation, including  $\in$ ,  $\subseteq$  and  $\emptyset$ .
- Set-builder notation.
- How to work with sets of sets, e.g. indexed collections.
- Set operations:  $\cap$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $\setminus$ ,  $^c$ , and  $\times$ .
- Visualizing set operations using Venn diagrams.
- Unions and intersections of indexed collections; the notation  $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} S_i$ .
- Statement and proof of de Morgan's laws for sets.
- Be aware that set complement notation is only defined when a "universe"  $U$  has been chosen.
- Definition and properties of the "power set"  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

**Study items for PSet 2:**

- Definition of a "partition."
- Logical symbols:  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\sim$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$ .
- Standard translations, e.g. " $P \Rightarrow Q$ " = " $\sim P \vee Q$ " and " $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ " = " $(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$ ".
- Quantifiers  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$  and their meaning.
- Be able to *fluently* translate mathematical statements from English to logic notation and vice versa.
- Negating statements; syntax for "moving a negation through" quantifiers and logical symbols. Make sure you understand *why* these rules hold!
- Terms: "converse" and "contrapositive." The contrapositive is equivalent to the original statement, while the converse is not.
- Direct proofs of universal statements ("Let  $x$  be any element of  $S$ ...")
- Direct proofs of existential statements ("Let  $x =$  [something specific]...")
- Direct proofs of implications ("Assume  $P$ ... therefore  $Q$ ")
- Definitions of "even" and "odd" in terms of existence of an integer  $k$ .

**Study items for PSet 3:**

- Truth tables, and their use in proving tautologies or that logical expressions are equivalent.
- Proving biconditionals in two parts (" $\Rightarrow$ " ... " $\Leftarrow$ ")
- Direct proofs

- Indirect proofs: the distinction between proofs by contradiction and proof by contrapositive.

**Study items for PSet 4:**

- Know the statement of the “principle of mathematical induction.”
- Proof by induction (ordinary form)
- Proof by strong induction
- Proving formulas or inequalities for sums via induction.
- Vocabulary: “base case,” “inductive hypothesis,” “inductive step.”
- How to recognize when a problem is well-suited to an inductive approach.

**Study items for PSet 5:**

- Statement of the pigeonhole principle.
- Understanding pigeonhole arguments as “worst-case” arguments.
- The “sums of contiguous subsets” trick (from the worksheet and examples in the text).
- Be comfortable explaining the pigeonhole arguments from the worksheet and from class.
- Definition of  $a \mid b$ .
- Basic divisibility facts and their proofs (e.g. Lemmas 1 and 2 from Friday 2/28).
- The division algorithm and its proof.
- General structure of existence and uniqueness proofs.
- Using the Euclidean algorithm to compute  $\gcd(a, b)$  and express it as  $au + bv$ .
- Statement of the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, and proof of the “existence” part.
- Statement of Euclid’s lemma.

**Study items for PSet 6:**

- Know how to prove:  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  if and only if  $\exists u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $au + bv = 1$ .
- Know the two formulations of “Euclid’s lemma” (for relatively prime integers, and for prime integers), and why one implies the other.
- The proof of the “uniqueness” half of the fundamental theorem of arithmetic.
- Some ways to use the fundamental theorem of arithmetic: divisibility in terms of prime factorization; greatest common divisors; least common multiples.
- Definition of *binomial coefficients*  $\binom{n}{k}$ .

**Study items for PSet 7:**

- Statement and proof of the binomial theorem.

- Statement and examples of the fundamental counting principle.
- Various examples of dividing counting problems into “tasks” to count with FCP.
- Permutations and factorials, and counting problems where they arise.
- The formula  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  and its proof via FCP.
- Understand when to add and when to multiply in counting problems.
- Definitions: experiment, sample space, outcome, event, probability.

**Study items for PSet 8:**

- Computing probabilities of various poker hands.
- Set-theoretic definition of “function.”
- Definitions: domain, target set, image/range.
- Definitions: injective (one-to-one), surjective (onto), bijective.
- Proof organization for a typical proof of injectivity and/or surjectivity.
- Definition of function composition.

**Study items for PSet 9:**

- What it means for two functions to be equal.
- Relationship between function composition and injective/surjective/bijective.
- Inverse functions in terms of graphs (and examples).
- Inverse functions, definition in terms of function composition.
- Definition: the identity functions  $\text{id}_S$  on a set  $S$ .
- Know how to prove: a function has an inverse iff it is bijective.
- Uniqueness of inverse functions.

**Study items for PSet 10:**

- Definitions: image and inverse image of a set.
- How image and inverse image relate to set containment, intersection, and union.
- Examples of a set that is in bijection with a subset of itself.
- Hilbert Hotel (various versions: two or three hotels, or infinitely many).
- Definition of  $|A| = |B|$  (“same cardinality”) for arbitrary sets (not necessarily finite).
- Bijections  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .
- Definition: countable and uncountable. Examples of both.

- Proof that  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable.
- Bijections  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow (a, b)$ .

**Study items for content not on PSet 10 but possibly on midterm:**

- Definition of  $|A| \leq |B|$  for arbitrary sets (not necessarily finite). Examples.
- Statement of the Cantor-Schröder-Bernstein Theorem (but not the proof!), and some applications.