

PROBLEM 1 *Products and Powers*

Write out the following in full.

1. $\{1, 2\} \times \{3\} \times \{1, 4\} =$ _____

2. $\{56\}^3 =$ _____

3. $\{1, 2\} \times \mathcal{D}(\{1\}) =$ _____

4. $\{(1, 2)\} \times \mathcal{D}(\{(1, 2, 3, 4)\}) =$ _____

5. $\{a, b\}^2 =$ _____

6. $\{4, 1\} \times \{1, 2\} =$ _____

7. $\{4\} \times \{1, 2\} \times \{3\}^3 =$ _____

8. $\mathcal{D}(\{\})^2 =$ _____

PROBLEM 2 *Members of Products and Powers*

Give two different example members of each of the following sets. Make them different from one another: different lengths, different internal patterns, etc., is the set allows that. If there are not enough elements of the set to give two different elements, leave some blanks blank.

9. $\{a, b, c\}^4$ contains _____ and _____

10. $\{a, b, c\}^1$ contains _____ and _____

11. $\{a, b, c\}^0$ contains _____ and _____

12. $\{a, b, c\}^*$ contains _____ and _____

13. {"good", "fun"}² contains _____ and _____

Give two strings of length 3 belonging to

14. {"a", "ok"}*: _____ and _____

15. {"a", "bb", "ccc"}*: _____ and _____

PROBLEM 3 *Subsequences*

Definition 1 A *subsequence* is a sequence that can be derived from another sequence by deleting zero or more elements without changing the order of the remaining elements.

What are the subsequences of the string "OK"? _____

What is the longest subsequence shared by "MATHEMATICS" and "COMPUTERS"? _____

PROBLEM 4 *Summation proofs*

Prove the following theorems by induction.

16. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} . \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$

Proof.

$$17. \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n}$$

Proof.

18. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} . \sum_{x=n}^{2n} x = \frac{3(n+1)n}{2}$

Proof.

19. $\forall x \in \{a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge a \geq -1\}$. $\sum_{k=-1}^x 12 - 2k = 26 + 11x - x^2$

Proof.

You might also try doing inductive proofs with other summation formulae, such as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(n)}{6} \\
 \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 &= \frac{(n+2)(2n+3)(n+1)}{6} \\
 \sum_{i=2}^{n+2} i^2 &= \frac{(n+3)(2n+5)(n+2)}{6} \\
 6 \sum_{i=0}^n i^3 - i &= \binom{n+2}{4} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} &= \frac{(n+1)(n-1)}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^n x^3 - x^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(3n+2)(n)(n-1)}{12} \\
 \sum_{i=0}^n 3i^2 + 2i &= \frac{(2n+3)(n+1)(n)}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=n}^{n^2} x &= \frac{n + n^4}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^{2n} (-1)^x x &= n \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2^i} &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \\
 \sum_{k=-n}^0 k &= \frac{(n+1)n}{-2} \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{3^i} &= \frac{3^n - 1}{3^n - 3} \\
 \forall k \neq 1. \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k^i} &= \frac{k^n - 1}{k^n(k-1)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: at least one of the above formulae is false. In the process of proving it you should find the normal methods not working, revealing the non-truth.