

WEEK 3 PRACTICE SOLUTIONS

1. (a) $\frac{x^0 x^{-3}}{x^2 x^0} = \frac{x^{0-3}}{x^{2+0}} = \frac{x^{-3}}{x^2} = x^{-3-2} = x^{-5}.$

(b)
$$\begin{aligned} x^1 x^1 y^{-1} \div (x^{-1} y^0) \times y^2 &= x^1 x^1 y^{-1} \times x^1 y^0 \times y^2 \\ &= x^{1+1+1} y^{-1+0+2} \\ &= x^3 y^1. \end{aligned}$$

(c)
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2 &< -3x - 1 \\ 3x + 2 - 2 &< -3x - 1 - 2 \\ 3x &< -3x - 3 \\ 3x + 3x &< -3x - 3 + 3x \\ 6x &< -3 \\ 6x \div 6 &< -3 \div 6 \\ x &< -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

In inequality form, the answer is $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}).$

(d) $\sum_{i=-2}^1 3ix = -6x - 3x + 0x + 3x = -6x.$

(e)
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=2}^5 (-1)^i i &= (-1)^2 \times 2 + (-1)^3 \times 3 + (-1)^4 \times 4 + (-1)^5 \times 5 \\ &= 2 - 3 + 4 - 5 = -2. \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) (1) $A = \{1, 2, 3\}.$

(2) $A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 8, 10\}.$

(3) $B \cap C = \{0, 8\}.$

(4) $A \setminus C = \{1, 3\}.$

(5) $A \setminus (B \cup C) = \{3\}.$

(6) $(A \cap B) \cap C = \{\}.$

(b) (1) $A \cap B = \{-1, 0, 4\} \cap \{-2, 0, 1\} = \{0\}$

(2) $B \cup \emptyset = \{-2, 0, 1\} \cup \{\} = \{-2, 0, 1\}$

(3)
$$\begin{aligned} C \cap (B \setminus A) &= C \cap (\{-2, 0, 1\} \setminus \{-1, 0, 4\}) \\ &= \{-1, 0, 5\} \cap \{-2, 1\} = \{\}. \end{aligned}$$

(4)
$$\begin{aligned} (B \cup A) \cup C &= (\{-2, 0, 1\} \cup \{-1, 0, 4\}) \cup C \\ &= \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 4\} \cup \{-1, 0, 5\} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 4, 5\} \end{aligned}$$

(5)
$$\begin{aligned} (C \cup \emptyset) \cap B &= (\{-1, 0, 5\} \cup \{\}) \cap B \\ &= \{-1, 0, 5\} \cap \{-2, 0, 1\} = \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

(6)
$$\begin{aligned} (B \cap C) \cap (B \cup C) &= (\{-2, 0, 1\} \cap \{-1, 0, 5\}) \cap (\{-2, 0, 1\} \cup \{-1, 0, 5\}) \\ &= \{0\} \cap \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 5\} = \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) (1) $p = 5/10 = 1/2.$

(2) $p = 6/10 = 3/5.$

(3) $p = 3/10.$

(4) $p = 8/10 = 4/5.$

(5) $p = 3/6 = 1/2.$

(6) Prob(r_1 is even) equals 5/10, and Prob(r_2 is even) equals 4/8. Now r_1 and r_2 are chosen independently, so Prob(both even) = Prob(r_1 is even) $\times$ Prob(r_2 is even).

Hence $p = \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{8} = \frac{20}{80} = \frac{1}{4}.$

(7) By the principle of inclusion/exclusion,

$$\text{Prob}(r_1 \text{ even or } r_2 \text{ even}) = \text{Prob}(r_1 \text{ even}) + \text{Prob}(r_2 \text{ even}) - \text{Prob}(r_1 \text{ and } r_2 \text{ are even}).$$

Hence $p = \frac{5}{10} + \frac{4}{8} - \frac{20}{80} = \frac{40 + 40 - 20}{80} = \frac{60}{80} = \frac{3}{4}.$

(8) Now r_1 and r_2 are chosen independently, so

$$\text{Prob}(r_1 \text{ is even given that } r_2 \text{ is even}) = \text{Prob}(r_1 \text{ is even}).$$

Hence $p = 5/10 = 1/2.$