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Set Theory

Q.1. Define cardinality of a set and cardinal numbers.
Construct an arithmetic of cardinal numbers. Point out the distinction between the cardinal arithmetic and the arithmetic of the natural numbers.

Soln. Cardinality of a set: $\rightarrow$

Let X and Y are two sets and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function which is one-one and onto then we call X and Y equipotent or of the same power or equinumerous or cardinally equivalent. We also say that X and Y are sets having equal or same cardinal or are sets of the same or equal cardinality. In such a case we express this by writing $X \approx Y$.

Cardinal numbers: $\rightarrow$ If κ is an ordinal and for each equipotent ordinal α , $\kappa \leq \alpha$ then we call κ a Cardinal Number.

Let λ, μ are two cardinals and X, Y are two sets where $\text{Card } X = \lambda$, $\text{Card } Y = \mu$ and $X \cap Y = \emptyset$. We define
 $\lambda + \mu = \text{Card}(X \cup Y)$

We call $\lambda + \mu$ the sum of λ and μ .

Here it is possible to take two disjoint sets. In fact, if X_1 and Y_1 are two sets and $\text{Card } X_1 = \lambda$, $\text{Card } Y_1 = \mu$ then by taking

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$$

$$\text{We get } X \cap Y = \emptyset$$

Every natural number n is an ordinal. Also, for each equinumerous ordinal α (i.e. $n \sim \alpha$) we have, $n \geq \alpha$, since n being finite, α is also finite and at the same time $n \neq \alpha$ is not possible.

Q.2. State and prove well-ordering theorem and deduce axiom of choice from well-ordering theorem.

Soln: Statement: $\rightarrow$ A partially ordered set X is said to be well ordered if every subset of X contains a first element.

For example; the set N of natural numbers with the natural order is well-ordered since every subset of N has a first element.

Proof: Let X be any set and non-empty. Since, the empty set $\emptyset$ can obviously be looked upon as a well ordered set.

We have to find that a well-ordering on X . Let F be the family of all well-ordered subsets of X . Then an element $W \in F$ is a pair $W = (A, \leq)$ where $A \subseteq X$ and $\leq$ defines a well-ordering in A . If a set $A \subseteq X$ can be well-ordered in several ways, then A with each of these well-orderings appears as a distinct element in F . The family F is obviously non-empty since every singleton $\{x\}$ with $x \in X$ can be looked upon as a well-ordered subset of X .

Let X be a non-empty set the members of which are non-empty sets disjoint two by two, then a set C can be obtained such that its formation is done by taking one and only one element out of each member of X .

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Differential Calculus

Q.1. If $u = \log(x^2 + y^2)$, show that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

Soln: We have, $u = \log(x^2 + y^2)$
 Differentiating ~~partially~~ partially w.r.t. x ,
 we get $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}$

Again, differentiating partially w.r.t. x , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2[(x^2 + y^2) - 2x \cdot x]}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2[x^2 + y^2 - x^2]}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \text{--- I}$$

Similarly, diff. partially w.r.t. y , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}$$
 Again, differentiating partially w.r.t. y , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2[(x^2 + y^2) - 2y \cdot y]}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2[x^2 + y^2 - y^2]}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \text{--- II}$$

Adding I and II

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2y^2 - 2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{2x^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2y^2 - 2x^2 + 2x^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 0$$
 proved

Q.2. If $u = t^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}}$, prove that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)$$

Soln: We have, $u = t^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} \quad \text{--- (I)}$
Differentiating (I) partially w.r. to t (keeping r constants), we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{3}{2} t^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} + t^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} \left(-\frac{r^2}{4k} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{t^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{3}{2} t^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} + \frac{r^2}{4k} t^{-\frac{7}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Differentiating I partially w.r. to r (keeping t as constant), we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = t^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} \left(-\frac{2r}{4kt} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = -\frac{t^{-\frac{3}{2}}}{2k} (r e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}}) \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

Differentiating III w.r. to r (keeping t as constant), we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = -\frac{t^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{2k} \left(e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} - \frac{2r^2}{4kt} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} \right) \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} + \frac{r^2}{4k} t^{-\frac{7}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} - t^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2} t^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}} + \frac{r^2}{4k} t^{-\frac{7}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4kt}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \text{L.H.S} \quad \text{proved}$$

Q.2. If $y = f(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)$, show that
$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

Soln: we have $y = f(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)$ — (I)

Differentiating partially with respect to t , we get

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = f'(x+ct) \cdot c + \phi'(x-ct) \cdot (-c)$$

Again, differentiating this partially w.r. to t , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} &= f''(x+ct) c^2 + \phi''(x-ct) (-c)^2 \\ &= c^2 [f''(x+ct) + \phi''(x-ct)] \text{ — (II)} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (I) partially with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = f'(x+ct) \cdot 1 + \phi'(x-ct) \cdot 1$$

Again, differentiating this partially with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = f''(x+ct) + \phi''(x-ct) \text{ — (III)}$$

From II and III, we find that

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

Proved

Q.4. If ∇^2 stands for the operator.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \text{ prove that } \nabla^2 r = 0.$$

where $\frac{1}{r} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

Soln. We have, $\frac{1}{r} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ — (I)

Differentiating (I) partially w.r. to x (keeping y and z as constants), we get

$$-\frac{2}{r^3} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = -x \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Again, differentiating (II) partially w.r. to x (keeping y and z as constants) we get

$$-\frac{3}{r^4} \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{3}{r^4} (-xr^2)^2 + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = -1 \quad \text{[from II]}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3xr^2 + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = -1 \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

Similarly, $-3yr^2 + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} = -1$ — (IV)

and $-3zr^2 + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial z^2} = -1$ — (V)

Adding (III), (IV) and (V), we get

$$-3r^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \frac{1}{r^3} \left(\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial z^2} \right) = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow -3r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^3} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) r = -3 \quad \text{[from I]}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 + \frac{1}{r^3} \nabla^2 r = -3$$

Hence, $\nabla^2 r = 0$ proved