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# Math 250

## Foundations of Mathematics

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**Duration** 75 minutes (This exam contains 5 questions).

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Give full reasons for your answer and State clearly any Theorem you use.

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<b>Total</b>	50

1. (10 pts.) Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on a nonempty set  $A$ . Show that  $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{R}^{-1}$  is a symmetric relation.

2. (10 pts.) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be two functions.

- (a) Show that if  $(x, y), (x, z) \in g \circ f$ , then  $y = z$ . **"Do not assume that  $g \circ f$  is a function!!"**
- (b) Show that if  $f^{-1}$  is a function, then  $f^{-1}$  is one-to-one.

**3. (10 pts.)** Prove or Disprove the following statements:

(a) For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $A \times B = \phi$ , then  $A$  or  $B$  is the emptyset.

(b) If  $\mathcal{R}$  is the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  given by  $m\mathcal{R}n \Leftrightarrow m$  divides  $n$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is an antisymmetric relation.

4. (10 pts.) Let  $f$  be a relation from  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose entries are real numbers, to  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(A) = |A|$ .

(a) Decide whether  $f : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function.

(b) If  $f$  is a function, then decide whether  $f$  is one-to-one and onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**5. (10 pts.)** Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be an onto function defined by  $f((m, n)) = 2^{m-1}(2n - 1)$ . Show that  $f$  is a bijection.

