

Math 2B: Applied Linear Algebra

True/False For the problems below, circle T if the answer is true and circle F if the answer is false. After you've chosen your answer, mark the appropriate space on your Scantron form. Notice that letter A corresponds to true while letter B corresponds to false.

1. ☒ T F $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$

2. T ☒ F $0 \in \mathbb{N}$

3. ☒ T F $\mathbb{R} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

4. ☒ T F $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

5. ☒ T F $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

6. T ☒ F The set of nonnegative integers is equal to the set of positive integers.

7. T ☒ F $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

Multiple Choice For the problems below, circle the correct response for each question.

1. Let A and B be sets. What does it mean if we say that A is a subset of B ?

- A. Some element x in A is also an element of B .
 - B. A is an element of B .
 - C. Every element x in A is contained in some element y of B .
 - D. Every element x in A is also an element of B .**
 - E. Every element y in B is also an element of A .
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2. For sets A and B , the statement “If $x \in A$, then $x \in B$ ” is written using which of the following?

- A. $A \leq B$ B. $B \subseteq A$ C. $A = B$ **D. $A \subseteq B$** E. $A \neq B$

Free Response

1. Let $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n - 4 < 10\}$ and $B = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m^2 \leq 169\}$. Prove that $A = B$.

Solution: Recall that for a direct proof that $A = B$, we must show that:

I. $A \subseteq B$

II. $B \subseteq A$

Moreover, we recall from lesson 1 that in order to verify the subset relation, we can use the following direct proof method:

Direct Proof of $A \subseteq B$

Proof:

Suppose $x \in A$.

\vdots

Therefore, $x \in B$.

By definition, $A \subseteq B$.

Part I: We begin our formal proof by showing $A \subseteq B$:

Proof. Suppose $x \in A$. Then, we can immediately conclude

$$\begin{array}{lll} x \in A & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x - 4 < 10 \\ & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x < 14 \\ & \implies & x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 < x < 14 \\ & \implies & x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 13\} \\ & \implies & x^2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 1 < x^2 \leq 169 \\ & \implies & x \in B \end{array}$$

Thus, we've shown that if $x \in A$, then $x \in B$ and we conclude that $A \subseteq B$ as desired. \square

Part II: We continue our formal proof by showing $B \subseteq A$:

Proof. Suppose $x \in B$. Then,

$$\begin{array}{lll} x \in B & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x^2 \leq 169 \\ & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \leq 13 \\ & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x < 14 \\ & \implies & x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x - 4 < 10 \\ & \implies & x \in A \end{array}$$

We conclude that $B \subseteq A$ since every element of B is also an element of A . \square

Given parts I and II above, we know that $A = B$.