

MATH1564-K1/K2/K3 – Linear Algebra with Abstract Vector Spaces  
Homework 1

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $C = \{2, 4, 5\}$ .
  - i. Find the following sets:  
 $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B \cap C$ ,  $(A \cap C) \cup B$ .
  - ii. Assume that  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  all belong to the universal set  $U = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \leq 6\}$ . Find the following sets:  
 $(B \cup C)^c$ ,  $A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c$ ,  $U^c$ .
  - iii. Find how many elements are in each one of the following sets (these are called the *cardinalities* of the sets):  
 $(B \cap C)^c$ ,  $(B \cup C)^c$ ,  $\{X : X \subseteq B\}$ ,  
 $\{X : X \subseteq A \text{ and } X \text{ has at most two elements}\}$ .
2. Draw a sketch of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :
  - i.  $\{(x, y) : x \leq 2y + 1\}$ .
  - ii.  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}^c$ .
  - iii.  $\{(x, f(x)) : f(x) = e^x\}$ .
  - iv.  $\{t(1, 2) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - v.  $\{(-1, 1) + t(1, 2) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - vi.  $\{s(1, 2) + t(-1, 1) : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - vii.  $\{s(1, 2) + t(2, 4) : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - viii.  $\{t(1, 2) : 0 < t\}$ .
3. Express the following sets without the use of 'three dots' nor the use of  $\cap$ ,  $\cup$ , or complement.
  - i.  $\{4, 16, 36, 64, 100, \dots\}$
  - ii.  $\{\dots, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{2}{3}, 2, 6, 18, \dots\}$
  - iii.  $\{3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cap \{2n + 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
4. In each of the following parts you are given a basic definition regarding operations on sets. Use this definition to solve the questions that follow it.
  - i. Given two sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , the *difference between  $A$  and  $B$*  is the set

$$A - B = \{x \in A : x \notin B\}.$$

- a. For the sets  $A, B$  and  $C$  given in Q1, find the following:  $B - C$ ,  $C - B$ ,  $A - (B \cup C)$ .
- b. Draw a sketch in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the set

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\} - \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x - 2)^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

- ii. Given two sets,  $A$  and  $B$ , the *Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$*  is the set

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}.$$

- a. For the sets  $A, B$  and  $C$  given in Q1, find the following:  $C \times B$ ,  $B \times C$ ,  $A \times \emptyset$ .
  - b. Draw a sketch in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the set  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .  
(Recall that  $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$ ).
  - c. Draw a sketch in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the set  $([0, 4] \times [0, 4]) - ([1, 2] \times [2, 5])$
5. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  all be sets with a universal set  $U$ . In each of the following parts, a statement is written about these sets (or some of them). We consider such a statement **true** if it is true for every possible sets  $A, B, C$  and  $U$ . We consider it **false** if there is at least one example of sets  $A, B, C$  and  $U$  for which the statement does not hold. Determine for each one of the following statements if it is **true or false**. If you claim that it is **false** then provide an example for which the statement fails ("counterexample"). If you claim that the statement is **true** then **prove your claim as best you can**.
- i.  $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$ .
  - ii.  $(A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$ .
  - iii.  $B = A \cup B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ .
  - iv.  $(A - B) \cup (B - A) = A \cup B$ .
  - v. If  $B \subseteq C$  then  $(A \times B) \subseteq (A \times C)$ .
  - vi.  $(A \cap B) \times C = (A \times C) \cap (B \times C)$ .
  - vii.  $B - A = B \cap A^c$ .
  - viii.  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ .
  - ix.  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ .