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(a) is false, because  $B \subseteq \mathbf{Z}$  by definition, so  $\frac{1}{2} \notin B$ , so  $\frac{1}{2} \notin A \cap B$ .

(b) is true, because  $\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $(\frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4} < 3$ , so  $\frac{1}{2} \in A$  and hence  $\frac{1}{2} \in A \cup B$ .

(c) is false, because  $x = \frac{3}{2} \in \mathbf{R}$  satisfies  $x^2 = 9/4 < 3$  and  $x^3 = 27/8 > 3$ , so  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin C$ , which means  $A \not\subseteq C$ .

(d) is true. In fact if  $x \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $|x| \geq 2$  then  $x^2 \geq 4$ , meaning  $x \notin B$ . On the other hand  $\pm 1$  and  $0 \in B$ , meaning  $B = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . All of these elements are easily checked to be in  $C$ .

(e) is not true, because  $-100 \in C$  (as its cube is less than zero) but  $(-100)^2 = 10^4 > 3$  so  $-100 \notin A$  and  $-100 \notin B$ .

(f) is not true. To check that these sets are not equal, all we need to do is to find a real number which is in one but not the other. Again I claim  $x = -100$  will work. For we've just seen it's in  $C$ , so it's definitely in  $(A \cap B) \cup C$ . However we've also just seen it's not in  $A \cup B$ , so it's also not in  $(A \cup B) \cap C$ .