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First Homework:

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1. Write each of the following sets by listing its elements within braces.

(a)  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : -4 \leq n \leq 4\}$

(b)  $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \leq 7\}$

(c)  $C = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n^3 < 100\}$

(d)  $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^3 - x = 0\}$

(e)  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + 1 = 0\}$

2. Let  $S = \{-10, -9, -8, \dots, 8, 9, 10\}$ . Describe each of the following sets as  $\{x \in S : p(x)\}$ , where  $p(x)$  is some condition on  $x$ .

(a)  $A = \{-10, -9, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, 9, 10\}$

(b)  $B = \{-10, -9, \dots, -1, 0\}$

(c)  $C = \{-5, -4, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, 7\}$

(d)  $D = \{-10, -9, -8, \dots, 4, 6, 7, \dots, 10\}$

3. Give examples of three sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  such that

(a)  $A \subseteq B \subsetneq C$

(b)  $A \in B$ ,  $B \in C$ , and  $A \notin C$

(c)  $A \in B$  and  $A \subsetneq C$

(The sets may be different in each of (a), (b), and (c).)

4. Which of the following sets are equal?

$$A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : |n| < 2\} \qquad B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \leq 1\}$$

$$C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^3 = n\} \qquad D = \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

$$E = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \leq n\}$$

5. Let  $A = \{\emptyset, \spadesuit, \Psi\}$ . Determine which of the following are true or false.

(a)  $\spadesuit \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(e)  $\emptyset \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(i)  $\{\emptyset, \{\spadesuit\}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(b)  $\Psi \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

(f)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

(j)  $\{\emptyset, \{\spadesuit\}\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

(c)  $\{\Psi\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(g)  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(k)  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$

(d)  $\{\spadesuit\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

(h)  $\{\emptyset\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

(l)  $A \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

6. Let  $U$  be some universal set that contains sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  as subsets. Investigate the two sets  $A - (B - C)$  and  $(A - B) - C$ . Are they the same? different? Is one a subset of the other?

Make a conjecture about their relation, and explain why it holds.

7. Determine whether the following statements are true or false.

- (a) If  $\{1\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , then  $1 \in A$  but  $\{1\} \notin A$ .
- (b) If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are sets such that  $A \subsetneq \mathcal{P}(B) \subsetneq C$  and  $|A| = 2$ , then  $|C|$  can be 5, but it cannot be 4.
- (c) If a set  $B$  has one more element than a set  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  has at least two more elements than  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ .
- (d) If four sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $|A| = |B| = |C| = |D| = 2$ , then at least two of these sets are equal.

8. Determine the cardinality of each of the following sets.

- (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \{1, 2, 3\}, 4, \{4\}\}$
- (b)  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| = -\pi\}$
- (c)  $C = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : 2 < m \leq 5\}$
- (d)  $D = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n < 0\}$
- (e)  $E = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq k^2 \leq 100\}$
- (f)  $F = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : 1 \leq k^2 \leq 100\}$

9. Given examples of three sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  such that  $B \neq C$  but  $B - A = C - A$ .

10. Given an example of two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  such that all of the following sets are different:  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cup \overline{B}$ ,  $\overline{A} \cup B$ ,  $\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cap \overline{B}$ ,  $\overline{A} \cap B$ , and  $\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ .