

Homework 3

Due: April 30th, 2020

1. Let A and B be sets with some universe U . Prove that $A \setminus B = A \cap \overline{B}$.
2. Let A , B , and C be sets. Prove that $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
3. Let A , B , and C be sets. Prove that $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ ¹
4. Let A and B be sets. Prove that $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$
5. Let A and B be sets. Prove that $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ ²
6. Let $m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that, if $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even, then $m + p$ is even.
7. Using the notion of “Without Loss of Generality”, prove $\min(x, y) = \frac{x + y - |x - y|}{2}$
8. Using the notion of “Without Loss of Generality”, prove $\max(x, y) = \frac{x + y + |x - y|}{2}$

Definition 1. Let a and b be integers. a **divides** b if there exists an integer k such that $ak = b$. This is written as $a \mid b$

Consider definition 1 for the following questions:

9. Give the truth value of each the following statements. If true, write what value of k you used. If false, write a short explanation why.
 - (a) “ $3 \mid 27$ ”
 - (b) “ $-2 \mid 8$ ”
 - (c) “ $4 \mid 1$ ”
 - (d) “ $-2 \mid 7$ ”
 - (e) “ $0 \mid -17$ ”
 - (f) “ $3 \mid -17$ ”
 - (g) “ $6 \mid 0$ ”
10. Let $D(x, y)$ be the statement “ x divides y ”. Give the truth values for the following statements:
 - (a) $D(2, 9)$
 - (b) $D(7, 49)$
 - (c) $D(26, -52)$
 - (d) $\forall x D(x, 0)$
 - (e) $\forall y D(1, y)$
 - (f) $\forall x \forall y D(x, y)$
 - (g) $\exists x \forall y D(x, y)$
11. Let a , b , and c be integers. Use a direct proof to show that, if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

¹Note: questions 3 and 4 are known as the **Distributive Laws for Sets**

²Note: questions 5 and 6 are known as **DeMorgan’s Laws for Sets**