

**P1**

$$\mathcal{P1.a} \quad \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \{x, x + 1, x + 2\}$$

The resultant set will be  $\mathbb{Z}$  because of the range of the indexing set, which is also  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\mathcal{P1.b} \quad \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-n, n)$$

As  $n$  approaches infinity, the interval described also expands to infinity. The union of all of these intervals is therefore  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathcal{P1.c} \quad \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-n, n)$$

As  $n$  increases, the width of each interval also increases, but all of them are centered at 0. The smallest interval is the original interval:  $(-1, 1)$ .

$$\mathcal{P1.d} \quad \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} [0, 1 - 1/n)$$

As the value of  $n$  increases, the right endpoint gets closer and closer to 1, but never reaches. Indeed,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1$$

This means that the union of all of these intervals also won't include 1. The answer is therefore  $[0, 1)$ .

$$\mathcal{P1.e} \quad \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} [x, x + 1 - 1/n) \right)$$

Using the results of the last subproblem, the inner union is  $[x, x + 1)$ . The outer union then takes this interval and repeats it across all integers  $x$ . This gives  $\mathbb{R}$  as the result.

**P2**

$$\mathcal{P2.a} \quad \left( \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \{x, x + 1, x + 2\} \right)^C$$

Taking the complement results in removing the integers from the reals, or in shorter form,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\mathcal{P2.b} \quad \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-n, n) \right)^C$$

The complement of  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to  $\mathbb{R}$  is the empty set,  $\{\}$ .

$$\mathcal{P}2.c \quad \left( \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} [0, 1 - 1/n) \right)^C$$

The complement is the result of simply removing  $[0, 1)$  from the reals. Doing so yields  $\text{pars} - \infty, 0 \cup [1, \infty)$ .

$$\mathcal{P}2.d \quad \left( \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} [x, x + 1 - 1/n) \right) \right)^C$$

The complement of the reals is just the empty set,  $\{\}$ .

### $\mathcal{P}3$

$$\mathcal{P}3.a \quad |A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

We can use the  $A$  as the outer indexing collection and  $B$  as the inner indexing collection. To carry out the cartesian product, we traverse through the entirety of  $B$   $|A|$  times. This results in a set with cardinality  $|A| \cdot |B|$ .

$$\mathcal{P}3.b \quad |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset))))|$$

We won't take each powerset function, since that would be very cumbersome. The initial set is the empty set, therefore it has 0 elements. For an initial set with cardinality  $n$ , the powerset produces a set with cardinality  $2^n$ . This makes sense because for each element, there are two choices: include them in the subset or don't. We can then compute,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)| &= 1 \\ |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset))| &= 2 \\ |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)))| &= 4 \\ |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset))))| &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

In general, define  $\mathcal{P}_n(\emptyset)$  as the set produced by applying the powerset  $n$  times to the empty set. We see that  $|\mathcal{P}_n(\emptyset)| = 2^{|\mathcal{P}_{n-1}(\emptyset)|}$ .

### $\mathcal{P}4$

$$\mathcal{P}4.a \quad (A \setminus B) \subseteq A$$

Define  $C := A \setminus B$ . We wish to prove that  $C \subseteq A$ . By definition,  $C$  is made up of all the elements of  $A$  that don't appear in  $B$ . Therefore all the elements of  $C$  will be in  $A$ , proving that it is a subset.

$$\mathcal{P}4.b \quad (A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$$

Define an arbitrary member  $x$  such that  $x \in (A \cup B)^C$ . By definition,  $(x \notin A) \wedge (x \notin B)$ . Therefore, by the definition of the complement of a set,  $(x \in A^C) \wedge (x \in B^C)$ . Since this works for an arbitrary  $x$ ,  $(A \cup B)^C \subseteq A^C \cap B^C$ .

Similarly, define an arbitrary member  $y$  such that  $y \in A^C \cap B^C$ . Therefore, by the definition of the intersection,  $(y \in A^C) \wedge (y \in B^C)$ . By the definition of the complement  $(y \notin A) \wedge (y \notin B)$ . We can replace the conjunction operator with a set union using the definition of a union to write  $y \notin (A \cup B)$ . Using the definition of a complement again,  $y \in (A \cup B)^C$ . Since this works for an arbitrary  $y$ ,  $A^C \cap B^C \subseteq (A \cup B)^C$ .

Putting these two arguments together shows that  $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$ .

$$\mathcal{P}5 \quad A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$

Since we are already given a definition of the symmetric difference, it is sufficient to prove

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$

The symmetric difference only retains elements in  $A$  and  $B$  that are unique to them, relative to each other.

Consider an element  $x$  that is an arbitrary member of  $A \Delta B$ . That element, by definition is a member of exactly one set. If it is only a member of one set, then it is not in the intersection of the two sets. And is therefore also a member of  $(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ . Therefore,  $A \Delta B \subseteq (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ . We can repeat the same exact argument for a member of  $(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$  to see that  $A \Delta B \supseteq (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ . Therefore,  $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ .