

**Quiz 1** A *family of sets over  $\mathbb{Z}$*  is a set of sets of integers.

In other words a family of sets over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\text{ints})$ .

For example,  $F_1 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 4, 5\}, \{6\}\}$  and  $F_2 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 4, 5\}, \{2\}\}$  are both families of sets over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

1. A *cover* for a set of integers  $S$  is a family  $F$  of sets over  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that each element of  $S$  belongs to at least one set in  $F$ .

For example  $F_1$  is a cover for  $\{1, 6\}$ , but  $F_2$  is not. Express the predicate

$\text{COVER}(S, F) = \text{“family } F \text{ is a cover for set } S\text{”}$

using only the predicate MEMBER, quantifiers, and logical connectives, where for any integer  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$  and any subset of integers  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$\text{MEMBER}(e, S) = \text{“}e \text{ is an element of } S\text{”}$ . **Solution:**

$$\forall e \in S, \exists f_i \in F, \text{MEMBER}(e, f_i)$$

2. A family of sets  $F$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is *cover-free* if, for each set  $S \in F$ , the family of other sets in  $F$  is not a cover for  $S$ . For example,  $F_1$  is cover-free, but  $F_2$  is not. Express “ $F$  is cover-free” as a predicate using only the predicates = and MEMBER, quantifiers, and logical connectives. **Solution:**

$$\forall S \in F, \exists e \in S, \forall f_i \in F, (e \neq f_i) \vee (S = f_i)$$

Use the notation from the course slides and MIT book. Use parentheses to eliminate any possible ambiguities.