

Here are some extra practice problems for you to enjoy.

1. Let  $A, B$  be sets. Show that  $A \cup (B \cap A) = A$  and  $A \cap (B \cup A) = A$ .
2. Let  $A, B$  be sets. Show that if  $A \subseteq B$  then  $A \setminus B \subseteq B \setminus A$ .
3. If  $A, B$  are sets, define  $A \triangle B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ .  
Show that  $A \triangle B$  and  $A \cap B$  are disjoint.
4. If  $A, B$  are sets, show that  $A \cup B = (A \triangle B) \cup (A \cap B)$ .
5. If  $A, B$  are sets, show that  $A \triangle B = \emptyset$  iff  $A = B$ .
6. Let  $a, b$  be integers and  $a \neq 0$ . Show that if  $a \mid b$  then  $a^{10} \mid b^{10}$ .
7. Let  $a$  be an integer. Show that if  $6 \mid 5a$  then  $6 \mid a$ .
8. Let  $x, y$  be integers. Show that  $x$  and  $y$  have opposite parities iff  $(x - y + 3)^3$  is even.
9. Let  $x$  be an integer. Show that  $2 \mid (x^4 + 1)$  iff  $4 \mid (x^2 - 1)$ .
10. Let  $x$  be an integer. Show that if  $x^2 - 1$  is even then it is divisible by 8. Give a counterexample to disprove the same claim about  $x^2 - 5$ .
11. If  $a, b, c$  are integers and  $c \neq 0$  define  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$  if  $c \mid (a - b)$ .  
Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$  and  $d \equiv e \pmod{c}$  then  $(a + d) \equiv (b + e) \pmod{c}$ .
12. Show that there is no integer  $x$  such that  $x^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ .
13. Show that two integers  $x, y$  have the same parity iff  $x \equiv y \pmod{2}$ .
14. Let  $a$  be an integer and  $n \geq 2$  a natural number. Show that if  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  then  $a^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n^2}$ . Give a counterexample (i.e. values for  $a, b, n$ ) to show that if  $a, b$  are integers then  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  does not imply that  $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n^2}$ .
15. Let  $a$  be an integer. Show that  $a^4 \equiv (5 - a)^4 \pmod{5}$ .
16. Show that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  is irrational.
17. Show that  $\log_6 7$  is irrational.
18. Let  $a_n$  be the terms of the Fibonacci sequence (i.e.  $a_0 = a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1}$ ).  
Prove Cassini's identity:  $a_{n-1}a_{n+1} - a_n^2 = (-1)^n$ .
19. Define a sequence by  $a_1 = -3, a_2 = 0$  and  $a_{n+1} = 7a_n - 10a_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Show that  $a_n = 2 \cdot 5^{n-1} - 5 \cdot 2^{n-1}$  for all positive natural  $n$ .
20. Let  $x > -1$  be a real number and  $n$  a natural number. Prove Bernoulli's inequality:  $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$ .
21. Let  $0 < x < 1$  be a real number. Show that  $(1 + x)^n < 1 + 2^n x$  for all natural  $n$ .
22. Define a sequence by  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 3$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 8a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Show that  $a_n \leq 4^n$  for all natural  $n$ .