

**IGEE-UMBB**  
**EE 174 : Recitations set 1**

1. Given the sets  $A, B$  show that  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$
2. Consider the set  $S = \{x/ax^2 + bx + c = 0\}$  where  $x$  is a real variable and  $a, b, c$  are real constants; What is the cardinality of  $S$ ?
3. Consider the set  $\mathcal{R}$  of real numbers
  - (a) Is  $\{\mathcal{R}, +\}$  a group where  $(+)$  is the usual addition?
  - b) Repeat for  $\{\mathcal{R}, \times\}$  where  $(\times)$  is the usual multiplication?
4. Let  $\{G, *\}$  be an Abelian group, show that for all  $a, b, x \in G$  we have
  - a)  $a * x = b * x \Rightarrow a = b$
  - b)  $a * x = b \Rightarrow x = a^{-1} * b$
  - c)  $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$
5. Consider  $\{\mathcal{R}^2, +, \circ\}$  where the binary operations  $(+)$  and  $(\circ)$  are defined as follows:  
 $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$  and  $(x_1, y_1) \circ (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2)$ .  
Is  $\{\mathcal{R}^2, +, \circ\}$  a ring? Is it commutative? Does it have a unit element?
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Is  $\{\mathcal{R}^2, +, \circ\}$  a field?