

Assignment 4  
due Feb 17, 2014

**Exercise 1** (10 points).

Prove or disprove that every nonnegative integer can be written as the sum of three (not necessarily distinct) square numbers  $(0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots)$ .

**Exercise 2** (40 points).

Prove or disprove that an  $8 \times 8$  chessboard from which all 4 corner cells are removed can be covered by 15 so-called T-tetrominos, which are pieces of the following form:



As in the lecture, the pieces can be rotated.

**Exercise 3** (50 points).

We use  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  to denote the powerset of  $A$ . Prove or disprove the following propositions:

1.  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq \{\{\emptyset\}, \emptyset, \{\{\emptyset\}, \emptyset\}\}$
2.  $|\{\{\emptyset\}, \emptyset, \{\{\emptyset\}, \emptyset\}\} - \{\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}\}| = 2$ .
3.  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset\}) - \{\emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\}$
4.  $\{\emptyset\} \times \emptyset = \emptyset$
5. For every pair of sets  $(A, B)$  we have  $\mathcal{P}(A \times B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \times \mathcal{P}(B)$