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MATH 307

Spring 2023

HW 1: Due 02/13 (14)

*"In learning you will teach, and in  
teaching you will learn."*

*–Phil Collins*

**Problem 1.** (10pt) Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{-10, -9, \dots, 9, 10\}$ . Define the following subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$ :

$$A = \{-2, 0, 5, 10\}$$

$$B = \text{even numbers in } \mathcal{U}$$

$$C = \{-9, -7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$$

$$D = \text{positive prime numbers in } \mathcal{U}$$

$$E = \{-5, -4, \dots, 4, 5\}$$

Using the sets defined above, answer the following:

(a)  $A \cap B$

(b)  $B \cup E$

(c)  $E - A$

(d)  $B^c$

(e)  $|D|$

**Problem 2.** (10pt) Define the following sets:

$A$  = set of multiples of 3

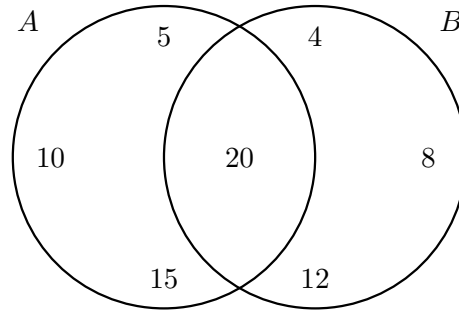
$B$  = set of divisors of 30

$C$  = set of even numbers less than 10

Using the sets defined above, answer the following:

- (a) List the elements of  $B$ .
- (b) Give the largest element of  $A$  less than 50 and the largest negative element of  $A$ .
- (c) What are the elements of  $B - A$ ?
- (d) What are the elements of  $A \cap B$ ?
- (e) Are  $B$  and  $C$  disjoint? Explain.

**Problem 3.** (10pt) Look at the Venn diagram given below:



Use this diagram to answer the following:

- (a) Assuming only a few of the elements of  $A$  and  $B$  are given in the diagram above, describe what the sets  $A$  and  $B$  likely represent.
- (b) Place the numbers 25, 16, and 40 in appropriate places in the given Venn diagram.
- (c) Using words, explain what numbers go in the same region of the Venn diagram in which 20 is found.
- (d) Using words, explain what numbers go in the same region of the Venn diagram in which 4, 8, and 12 are found.
- (e) What numbers would be placed outside of both the regions  $A$  and  $B$ ? Give an example.

**Problem 4.** (10pt) You are working with a student named Lucy. You give her the following sets:  $A = \{a, b, c, d, a\}$  and  $B = \{c, d, e, f\}$ .

- (a) Lucy states that the cardinality of  $A$  is 5. Explain why Lucy is wrong. How might you correct her?
- (b) You ask Lucy to find  $A \cup B$  and she states that this is  $\{c, d\}$ . What has Lucy done wrong?
- (c) Cameron overhears Lucy's answer in (b) and shouts that the answer is  $\{a, b, e, f\}$ . How has Cameron misunderstood the mathematical word *or* in this context?
- (d) Both Lucy and Cameron state that you cannot find  $A - B$  because they are filled with letters and you cannot subtract letters. Explain what they have misunderstood about sets.