

## DISCRETE STRUCTURES, SPRING 2017 - PROBLEM SET

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**Problem 1.** Use your intuition to make a guess as to whether the following statements are true or false. In each case, argue why it is true, or give a counter example if you think the statement is false.

- (1) Whenever  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ .
- (2) Whenever  $A \subseteq B$  and  $C \subseteq B$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ .
- (3) Whenever  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_n$  and also  $A_n \subseteq A_1$ , then  $A_i = A_j$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

**Problem 2.** If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are nonempty sets, draw the Venn diagrams for each of the following sets:

- (1)  $(A \cup B \cup C) - (A \cap B \cap C)$ .
- (2)  $(A \cup B \cup C) - [(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)]$ .
- (3) If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , draw  $(B \cap A') - C$ .

**Problem 3.** Show the following relations for nonempty  $A$  and  $B$ :

- (1)  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ .
- (2) Let  $X$  be a set such that  $X \subseteq A$  and  $X \subseteq B$ , show  $X \subseteq A \cap B$
- (3)  $A \cap A = A$ .

**Problem 4.** Show the following relations for sets  $A$  and  $B$ :

- (1)  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- (2)  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- (3)  $A \cup A = A$ .
- (4)  $A + B \subseteq A \cup B$ .

**Problem 5.** Given the following diagrams of sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , identify the shaded regions symbolically with sets operations:

