

# Chapter 1 Exercises

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1.1 D and e are sets as they are in curly braces. The other examples have some items just listed by themselves.

- 1.2 (a)  $\{x \in S \mid x \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
(b)  $\{x \in S \mid x \geq 0\}$   
(c)  $\{x \in S \mid x < 0\}$   
(d)  $\{x \in S \mid |x| > 1\}$

- 1.3 (a)  $|A| = 5$   
(b)  $|B| = 21$   
(c)  $|C| = 50$   
(d)  $|D| = 2$   
(e)  $|E| = 1$   
(f)  $|E| = 2$

- 1.4 (a)  $A = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$   
(b)  $B = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$   
(c)  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$   
(d)  $D = \{0, 1\}$   
(e)  $E = \emptyset$

- 1.5 (a)  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x < 0\}$   
(b)  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x^2 < 10\}$   
(c)  $C = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 < x^2 < 5\}$

- 1.6 (a)  $A = \{2x + 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, \dots\}$   
 (b)  $B = \{4n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -16, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, 16, \dots\}$   
 (c)  $C = \{3q + 1 \mid q \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -7, -4, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$
- 1.7 (a)  $A = \{3x + 2 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 (b)  $B = \{5x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 (c)  $C = \{x^3 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
- 1.8 (a)  $A = \{-4, -3, -2, 2, 3, 4\}$   
 (b)  $\frac{9}{4}, \frac{10}{4}$ , and  $\frac{21}{8}$   
 (c)  $C = \{2, \sqrt{2}\}$   
 (d)  $D = \{2\}$   
 (e)  $|A| = 6, |C| = 2$ , and  $|D| = 1$
- 1.9  $B = \{5, 7, 8, 10, 13\}$  so  $C = \{5, 8\}$
- 1.10 (a)  $A = \{1\}, B = \{1\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 2\}$   
 (b)  $A = \{1\}, B = \{\{1\}, 2\}$ , and  $C = \{\{\{1\}, 2\}\}$   
 (c)  $A = \{1\}, B = \{\{1\}, 2\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 2\}$
- 1.11 The interval  $I$  can just be  $(a, b)$  since the two intervals would be equal and thus subsets. If we let  $c = \frac{b+a}{2}$  then the interval  $I$  would be centered at  $c$ ; as it would be the center of the original interval.
- 1.12  $A = B = C = D = E$
- 1.13 Skipping this because the problem is pretty straightforward and it's really complicated to draw Venn diagrams in LaTeX (aka the benefits are not worth the effort).
- 1.14 (a)  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$  and  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 4$   
 (b)  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{1\}, \{\emptyset, 1\}, \{\{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}\}, \{1, \{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, 1, \{a\}\}\}$   
 and  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 8$
- 1.15  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{\{0\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{0\}\}, \{0, \{0\}\}, \{\emptyset, 0, \{0\}\}\}$

- 1.16 Find  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\}))$  and its cardinality.  $\mathcal{P}(\{1\}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\})) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{1\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}\}$   
 $|\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\}))| = 4$
- 1.17  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{0, \emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{0, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{0, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$   
 $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 8$
- 1.18  $A = \{\emptyset, 0, \{\emptyset\}, \{0\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\{0\}\}, \{\emptyset, 0\},$   
 $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{0\}\}, \{\{0\}, \{\emptyset, 0, \{\emptyset\}\}\},$   
 $\{\emptyset, 0, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, 0, \{0\}\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$   
 // I am stopping here this is really tedious, I know I am missing a few sets, but it isn't valuable enough to spend more time on. May come back with pen and paper.
- 1.19 (a)  $S = \emptyset$   
 (b)  $S = \{1\}$   
 (c)  $\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}\}$   
 (d)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- 1.20 (a) This statement could be either true or false; we don't have enough information. Specifically, if the *only* element of  $A$  is 1, then it would be true. However if  $A = \{1, \{1\}\}$  then it would be false.
- (b) *Proof.* Since we know that  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(B) \subset C$  and that  $|A| = 2$  then we know that  $|\mathcal{P}(B)|$  must be less than  $|C|$ ; since a proper subset must have less elements than its proper superset. So we have the following inequality  $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(B)| < |C|$ .
- Since the cardinality of a set must be a nonzero positive integer we know that the smallest possible cardinality for  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  is 3. However, we also know that the cardinality of a power set  $\mathcal{P}(K)$  must be  $2^{|K|}$  for some set  $K$ . Thus, the cardinality of  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  cannot be 3 (the next largest integer after 2; which is  $|A|$ ) because  $\log_2 3$  is not an integer. However, it *can* be 4. So the smallest possible cardinality of  $\mathcal{P}(B) = 4$ . Since  $|\mathcal{P}(B)| < |C|$  the smallest possible cardinality of  $C = 5$ . Q.E.D.
- (c) *Proof.* We are given that  $|B| = |A| + 1$ . We also know that the cardinality of a power set of a set  $K$  must be  $2^{|K|}$ . So in this case,

$|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|}$  and  $|\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^{|B|} = 2^{|A+1|}$ . From this equation we can observe that regardless of the cardinality of  $B$  it must always be at least  $2^1$  or simply 2 more than the cardinality of  $A$ . Q.E.D.

- (d) *Proof.* We have four sets:  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  which are subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Furthermore, we know that  $|A| = |B| = |C| = |D| = 2$ . There are only 3 subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  with a cardinality of 2, namely  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\{1, 3\}$ , and  $\{2, 3\}$ . Since we have four sets all of which are subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  with a cardinality of 2 we must conclude that at least one of them are the same set. Q.E.D.

1.21 One approach we can take to find a solution that satisfies all of the conditions is attempting to minimize the sums of the elements in each set. We know from (a) that  $A$  must contain 1, from (b) that  $A$  and  $C$  must contain 2, and that  $A$  must contain 3 from (c). So we know that the minimum sum of  $A$  is 6. If we choose 3 to be in  $C$  from (c) then the difference in the sums of  $A$  and  $C$  is exactly 1 which satisfies (f). So we'd like to maintain that if we can. Observing that (d) requires 4 to be in an even number of any of the sets we can choose to add it to both  $A$  and  $C$ , thus maintaining the difference of 1 for their sums. If we then choose to satisfy (e) by adding 5 to  $B$  we have satisfied all of the conditions leaving us with  $B = \{1, 5\}$ .

1.22 (a)  $A \cup B = \{1, 5, 9, 13, 3, 15\}$

(b)  $A \cap B = \{9\}$

(c)  $A - B = \{1, 5, 13\}$

(d)  $B - A = \{3, 15\}$

(e)  $\overline{A} = \{3, 7, 11, 15\}$

(f)  $A \cap \overline{B} = \{1, 5, 13\}$

1.23 To solve this problem, first observe that since  $|A - B| = 3$ , there must be 3 elements in  $A$  that are not in  $B$ . Similarly, since  $|B - A| = 3$  there must be 3 elements in  $B$  that are not in  $A$ . Further, since  $|A \cap B| = 3$ , there must be 3 elements that they have in common.

We may choose any two sets that satisfy these conditions, so for the sake of simplicity let us choose  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . In this case we have that  $A - B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with a cardinality of 3 and

we have  $B - A = \{4, 5, 6\}$  with a cardinality of 3 and finally we have that  $A \cap B = \{7, 8, 9\}$  with a cardinality of 3. (I did draw Venn diagram, but it is on paper).

- 1.24 *Proof.* First observe that since  $B - A = C - A$  everything that is in  $B$  must be in  $C$  and vice versa except for whatever is in  $A$ . Further, since  $B \neq C$  the elements that are shared between  $A$  and  $B$  must be different than those shared between  $A$  and  $C$ . With these facts in hand we may choose any three sets that satisfy these conditions. For the sake of simplicity let us choose  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ , and  $C = \{2, 4, 5\}$ . In this case  $B - A = \{5\}$  and  $C - A = \{5\}$  thus  $B - A = C - A$  and  $B \neq C$ . Q.E.D.