

We begin with some definitions. We say that A is a neighbor of B if $A \oplus B$ consists of exactly one element.

A list of sets is a *neighborly list* of sets if each set is a neighbor of the set following it in the list, and the last set is a neighbor of the first set.

Here is an interesting theorem: For all positive integers n , there is a list consisting of subsets of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ such that (1) every subset of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ appears precisely once on the list and (2) the list is neighborly.

Prove the special cases of the theorem with $n = 1, n = 2, n = 3$ and $n = 4$. (We'll prove the theorem for all n later, but if you feel ambitious you can try it now.)

1. $n = 1$:

$\{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$

2. $n = 2$:

$\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2\}\}$

3. $n = 3$:

$\{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}\}$

4. $n = 4$:

$\{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{4\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$