

(1) Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 3, 4, 6\}$ .

(a) Compute the intersections:

$\cap$	$A$	$B$	$C$
$A$			
$B$			
$C$			

(b) Compute the unions:

$\cup$	$A$	$B$	$C$
$A$			
$B$			
$C$			

(c) Prove that if  $X, Y, Z$  are arbitrary sets and  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $X \cap Z \subseteq Y \cap Z$ .

(d) Is it true that if  $X \cap Z \subseteq Y \cap Z$ , then  $X \subseteq Y$ ? Prove or give a counterexample.

- (2) Prove or find a counterexample: If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

- (3) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the function defined by the table

$x$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$f(x)$	4	1	2	4

- (a) Complete the table by computing the appropriate sets for each subset  $A \subseteq X$ :

$A$	$f(A)$	$f^{-1}(f(A))$
$\{a\}$		
$\{b\}$		
$\{a, b\}$		
$\{c\}$		
$\{a, b, c\}$		
$\{d\}$		
$X$		

(b) Complete the table by computing the appropriate sets for each subset  $B \subseteq Y$

$B$	$f^{-1}(B)$	$f(f^{-1}(B))$
$\{1\}$		
$\{2, 4\}$		
$\{3, 5\}$		
$\{2, 4, 5\}$		
$Y$		

(4) Prove or find a counterexample:

(a) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function and  $A, A' \subseteq X$  are two subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(A \cup A') = f(A) \cup f(A')$ .

(b) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function and  $A, A' \subseteq X$  are two subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(A \cap A') = f(A) \cap f(A')$ .

- (5) Find and fix the problem in the following proof:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 1 - x$ . Then  $f$  is a surjective function.*

*Proof.* In order to show that  $f$  is surjective, we need to show that any element of the codomain has a pre-image. Let  $1 - y \in \mathbb{R}$  be any element. Let  $x = y$ . Then  $f(x) = 1 - x = 1 - y$ , so the element  $1 - y$  is hit by  $x$ . This shows that every element of  $\mathbb{R}$  has a pre-image, so  $f$  is surjective.  $\square$

- (6) Define an operation  $+$  on sets by  $A + B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ .

(a) Sketch a Venn diagram of  $A + B$ . Conclude that  $A + B = B + A$  for all sets  $A, B$ .

(b) If  $A$  is any set, what is  $A + A$ ? What about  $A + \emptyset$ ?

(c) Prove that for any sets  $A, B, C$ , we have  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$ . (A Venn diagram computation is fine.)

(d) Prove that for any sets  $A, B, C$ , we have  $A \cap (B + C) = (A \cap B) + (A \cap C)$ .

(e) Does it make sense to define a sum of sets  $\sum_{i \in I} A_i$  in this way for an arbitrary (possibly infinite) collection of sets  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ ?

- (7) Given a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , we can think of the operation of taking pre-images as defining a function between the powersets of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$f^{-1} : \mathcal{P}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$$

$$B \mapsto f^{-1}(B).$$

- (a) Show that if  $\text{id}_X : X \rightarrow X$  is the identity function (defined by  $\text{id}_X(x) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ ), then

$$(\text{id}_X)^{-1} = \text{id}_{\mathcal{P}(X)} : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$$

is the identity function on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

- (b) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are functions, we have associated functions

$$g^{-1} : \mathcal{P}(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y),$$

$$f^{-1} : \mathcal{P}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X),$$

$$\text{and } (g \circ f)^{-1} : \mathcal{P}(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X).$$

Show that

$$f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} = (g \circ f)^{-1}.$$

**Remark 2.** The last exercise shows that taking powersets extends to what is known as a “contravariant functor.” We should think this means that taking powersets is a very orderly, structure-preserving thing to do.