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1. Give examples of sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  such that  $A, B, C$  are all non-empty (i.e., not equal to  $\emptyset$ ) and the following hold or state that no such values of  $A, B, C$  are possible to satisfy:

- $A \cup B = C$   
Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{3\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
Then  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\} = C$
- $A \cup B = A$   
Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{1\}$   
Then  $A \cup B = \{1, 2\} = A$
- $A \setminus A = B$   
No such values of  $A, B, C$  are possible to satisfy this condition. Since  $A \setminus A = \emptyset$ .
- $A \cap B = B \setminus (C \cup A)$   
Let  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{2\}$ ,  $C = \{2\}$   
Then  $A \cap B = \{1\} \cap \{2\} = \emptyset$ ,  $B \setminus (C \cup A) = \{2\} \setminus \{\{2\} \cup \{1\}\} = \emptyset$
- $A \cap B = C$   
Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $C = \{2\}$   
Then  $A \cap B = \{2\} = C$

2. Write out the following sets:

- $S_1 = \{x | x \subseteq \{a, b, c\}\}$   
 $S_1 = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \emptyset\}$
- $S_2 = \{x | x \subset \{a, b, c\}\}$   
 $S_2 = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \emptyset\}$
- $S_3 = \{x | x \subseteq \{a, b, c, d\} \wedge |x| = 2\}$   
 $S_3 = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}\}$

3. Convert the following descriptions of sets into a set theoretic mathematical representation (i.e., like what is typed out for question 2):

- $S_1$ : The set of subsets of the set containing  $a, b, c$  such that no set has more than one element.  
 $S_1 = \{x | x \subseteq \{a, b, c\} \wedge \neg(|x| > 1)\}$
- $S_2$ : The set containing natural numbers that are divisible by four.  
 $S_2 = \{x | x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)\}$
- $S_3$ : The set containing all pairs of natural numbers, i.e., 2-tuples like  $(a, b)$ , such that the second element of the pair is twice the first.  
 $S_3 = \{(a, b) | a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge b = 2a\}$

- Let  $U$  be the set of all possible sets.  $S_4$ : The set of all sets that contain themselves.  
 $S_4 = \{x | x \in U \wedge x \in x\}$
  - Let  $U$  be the set of all possible sets.  $S_5$ : The set of all sets that don't contain themselves.  
 $S_5 = \{x | x \in U \wedge x \notin x\}$
4. Bonus: In question 3, the set  $S_5$  was the set of all sets that don't contain themselves. Question: is  $S_5 \in S_5$ ? Why or why not?

Let's look at 2 cases:

Suppose  $S_5 \in S_5$ . By definition of  $S_5$ : the set of all sets that don't contain themselves, which means  $S_5 \notin S_5$ . This contradicts what we suppose.

Suppose  $S_5 \notin S_5$ . Since  $S_5$  is the set of sets that does not contain themselves,  $S_5 \in S_5$ .

Therefore, this is a paradox which contradicts itself.