

1. Use mathematical induction to show that when  $n$  circles divide the plane into regions, these regions can be colored with two different colors such that no two regions with a common boundary get the same color.
2. Show that if  $A, B, C$  are three sets, then
$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - |A \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|.$$
3. The symmetric difference of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \oplus B$ , and defines the set which contains those elements which are either in  $A$  or  $B$ , but not both.
  - Show that  $A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$
  - Suppose  $A, B, C$  are three sets such that  $A \oplus (B \oplus C) = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$ . Does it follow that  $A = B$  ?
  - Suppose  $A, B, C, D$  are four sets. Does it follow that  $(A \oplus B) \oplus (C \oplus D) = (A \oplus D) \oplus (B \oplus C)$  ?
4. If  $f$  and  $f \circ g$  are 1-1 functions, does it follow that  $g$  is also 1-1 ? If  $f$  and  $f \circ g$  are onto, does it follow that  $g$  is onto ?
5. Show that a set  $S$  is infinite if and only if there is a proper subset  $A$  of  $S$  such that there is a 1-1 correspondence between  $A$  and  $S$ .
6. Pick's theorem says that the area of a simple polygon  $P$  in the plane with vertices that are all lattice points (i.e., points with integer coordinates) equals  $I(P) + B(P)/2 - 1$ , where  $I(P)$  and  $B(P)$  are the number of lattice points in the interior of  $P$  and on the boundary of  $P$ . Use strong induction on the number of vertices of  $P$  to prove this theorem. [ Hint : for the base case, first prove the theorem for rectangles, then right triangles and then for arbitrary triangles by noticing that the area of a triangle is the area of a larger rectangle containing it minus areas of at most three triangles subtracted].
7. Consider the following game: the game begins with  $n$  match sticks. Two players take turns removing match sticks one, two or three at a time. The player removing the last match stick loses. Use strong induction to prove that if each player plays the best strategy then the first player wins if the remainder of  $n$  when divided by 4 is 0, 2, or 3, and the second player wins otherwise.