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Due:

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Math 210: Homework 4 - Spring 2015

1. (Problem 4.36) Prove that for every positive real number  $x$  that  $1 + \frac{1}{x^4} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}$ .

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$$x^4(1 + \frac{1}{x^4} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3})$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + 1 \geq x^3 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + 1 - x^3 - x \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3(x + \frac{1}{x^3}) - (x^3 - x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 - 1)(x - 1) \geq 0$$

Since  $(x^3 - 1)(x - 1) \geq 0$ , it follows that  $x^4 + 1 - x^3 - x \geq 0$  and so  $x^4 + 1 - x^3 - x \geq 0$

Dividing this by  $x^4$  we get the desired result.

$$1 + \frac{1}{x^4} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}.$$

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2. (Problem 4.46) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that  $A \cup B = A \cap B$  if and only if  $A = B$ .

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( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Contrapositive

Assume  $A \neq B$

Let  $a \in A$  but  $a \notin B$

Then  $a \in A \cup B$

and  $a \notin A \cap B$

So  $A \cup B \neq A \cap B$

( $\Leftarrow$ )

Given  $A = B$

So for every  $a \in A$  then there is also  $a \in B$

Then  $A \cup B = A = B$

and  $A \cap B = A = B$

Therefore  $A \cup B = A \cap B$

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3. (Problem 4.56) Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove that  $(A - B) \cup (A - C) = A - (B \cap C)$ .

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$(\subseteq)$

Let  $x \in (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

wlog Assume  $x \in A - B$

By definition  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$

Similarly  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$

Therefore  $x \in (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

$(\supseteq)$

Let  $x \in A - (B \cap C)$

By definition  $x \notin B \cap C$

Then  $x \in A$  and either  $x \notin B$  and  $x \in C$ , or  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin C$ , or  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$

**Case 1:**  $x \notin B$  and  $x \in C$

Since  $x \notin B$

By definition  $x \notin B \cap C$

**Case 2:**  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin C$

Since  $x \notin C$

By definition  $x \notin B \cap C$

**Case 3:**  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$

Since  $x \notin C$  and  $x \notin C$

By definition  $x \notin B \cap C$

Therefore  $x \in A - (B \cup C)$

So  $(A - B) \cup (A - C) = A - (B \cup C)$

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4. (Problem 4.58) Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove that  $A \cap \overline{(B \cap C)} = \overline{(\overline{A} \cup B)} \cap \overline{(\overline{A} \cup C)}$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} & A \cap \overline{(B \cap C)} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{B} \cup \overline{C}) \\ &= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C}) \\ &= \overline{(\overline{A} \cup B)} \cap \overline{(\overline{A} \cup C)} \\ &= \overline{(\overline{A} \cup B)} \cap \overline{(\overline{A} \cup C)}. \end{aligned}$$

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5. (Problem 4.68) Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be sets. Prove that  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$ .

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( $\subseteq$ )

Let  $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D)$

Then  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  and  $(x, y) \in C \times D$

Thus  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  and  $(x, y) \in C \times D$

By definition  $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D)$

( $\supseteq$ )

Let  $(x, y) \in (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

thus  $x \in (A \cap C)$  and  $y \in (B \cap D)$

Then  $x \in A, x \in C$

Also  $y \in B$  and  $y \in D$

By definition  $(x, y) \in (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

So  $(A \times B) \cap (B \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

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