

1. **(12 points)** Let  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . For each of the following descriptions, either produce a set matching the description or explain briefly why such a set doesn't exist.

(a) A set  $A$  of 3 elements, such that  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}(S)$ .

There are actually 56 different correct answers to this question; since  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  contains subsets of  $S$ , any set containing three subsets of  $S$  will suffice. One such example is  $A = \{\emptyset, \{1, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$ .

(b) A set  $B$  of 3 elements, such that  $B \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ .

There are 4 different correct answers to this question; an element of  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ , as mentioned above, is a subset of  $S$ , so  $B$  can be any 3-element subset of  $S$ , so for instance  $B = \{0, 1, 3\}$  is a satisfactory answer.

(c) A set  $C$  of 3 elements, such that  $C \subseteq S$ .

The condition  $C \subseteq S$  is identical to the condition  $C \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ , so this question has the same answer (or, as the case may be, 4 possible answers), as the previous question.  $C = \{0, 1, 2\}$  is an example of such an answer.

(d) A set  $D$  of 3 elements, such that  $D \in S$ .

Such a set does not exist: the elements of  $S$  are numbers, not sets, so the condition that a set  $D$  is an element of  $S$  is a nonstarter even without the size requirement.

2. **(12 points)** For each positive number  $i$ , let  $A_i$  be the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 + \frac{1}{i} \leq x < 2 + \frac{1}{i}\}$ , often simply referred to as the half-open interval  $[1 + \frac{1}{i}, 2 + \frac{1}{i})$ . Calculate the following sets:

(a)  $\bigcap_{i=1}^3 A_i$ .

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^3 A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 = [2, 3) \cap \left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right) \cap \left[\frac{4}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

The intersection of a finite number of intervals is the interval between the largest lower endpoint and the largest upper endpoint (that is, the place where all three intervals overlap): in this case that overlap is  $[2, \frac{7}{3})$ .

(b)  $\bigcup_{i=1}^3 A_i$ .

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^3 A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = [2, 3) \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right) \cup \left[\frac{4}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

The union of a finite number of overlapping intervals is the interval between the smallest lower endpoint and the largest upper endpoint (that is, any point lying in any of the intervals): in this case that overlap is  $[\frac{4}{3}, 3)$ .

(c)  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ .

We are taking a union of overlapping intervals, so we would expect to get an answer which is itself an interval. The upper edge of the union is easy:  $A_1$  contains values arbitrarily close to and smaller than 3, while none of the subsequent  $A_i$  are anywhere near this value, so  $A_1$  will contribute the open upper bound 3. The lower bounds, on the other hand incorporate a new section of the number line for each subsequent value of  $i$ :

$A_1$  has a lower endpoint of 2, but  $A_2$  has a significantly lower bottom edge of  $\frac{3}{2}$ , while  $A_3$  goes lower still to  $\frac{4}{3}$ . In fact, numbers arbitrarily close to 1 will lie within some  $A_i$ : 1.01 lies in  $A_{100}$ , and 1.001 lies in  $A_{1000}$ , and so forth. However, 1 itself is not in any  $A_i$ , so it will be excluded from the union. Thus this union is  $(1, 3)$ .

3. **(12 points)** Write out truth tables for each of the following statements (you may write them all in one truth table, if you wish):

(a)  $(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow Q$ .

| $P$ | $Q$ | $P \vee Q$ | $(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow Q$ |
|-----|-----|------------|--------------------------------|
| T   | T   | T          | T                              |
| T   | F   | T          | F                              |
| F   | T   | T          | T                              |
| F   | F   | F          | T                              |

(b)  $P \Rightarrow (P \wedge Q)$ .

| $P$ | $Q$ | $P \wedge Q$ | $P \Rightarrow (P \wedge Q)$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|------------------------------|
| T   | T   | T            | T                            |
| T   | F   | F            | F                            |
| F   | T   | F            | T                            |
| F   | F   | F            | T                            |

(c)  $P \vee (\neg P \wedge Q)$ .

| $P$ | $Q$ | $\neg P$ | $(\neg P) \wedge Q$ | $P \vee (\neg P \wedge Q)$ |
|-----|-----|----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| T   | T   | F        | F                   | T                          |
| T   | F   | F        | F                   | T                          |
| F   | T   | T        | T                   | T                          |
| F   | F   | T        | F                   | F                          |

4. **(6 points)** Write out the contrapositive of the statement “If  $x$  and  $y$  are even, then  $xy$  is even.”

We reverse the order of implication and negate each phrase, saying “if  $xy$  is not even, then it is not the case that both  $x$  and  $y$  are even”. The latter phrase can be rephrased with DeMorgan’s Law: “if  $xy$  is not even, then either  $x$  is not even or  $y$  is not even.” If we use the (unstated) assumption that  $x$  and  $y$  are integers, and thus that anything which is not even is odd, we may further rephrase this statement as “if  $xy$  is odd, then either  $x$  or  $y$  is odd.”

5. **(6 points)** Write the negation of “For all  $x \in S$ ,  $f(x) = 0$ .” as a quantified statement (using a universal or existential quantifier, either in words or in symbols).

The statement given is symbolically  $\forall x \in S, f(x) = 0$ . Its negation, by the rule governing negation of quantifiers, can be written symbolically as  $\exists x \in S : f(x) \neq 0$ , or “there is an  $x \in S$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$ .”

6. **(12 points)** Prove the following: for integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a \mid b$ , then  $a^2 \mid b^2$ .

*Proof.* From our premise we may assume  $a \mid b$ , so  $b = ka$  for some integer  $k$ . Then  $b^2 = (ka)^2 = k^2a^2$ . Since  $k^2$  is an integer, it follows that  $a^2 \mid b^2$ .  $\square$

7. **(12 points)** *Prove the following: for an integer  $n$ , if  $5n - 11$  is even, then  $n$  is odd.*

*Proof.* It is far easier to prove the contrapositive statement: “If  $n$  is even, then  $5n - 11$  is odd.” From our premise we assume  $n$  is even, so  $n = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ . Then  $5n - 11 = 5(2k) - 11 = 10k - 11 = 2(5k - 12) + 1$ . Since  $5k - 12$  is an integer, it follows that  $5n - 11$  is odd.  $\square$

A mathematician, like a painter or poet, is a maker of patterns. If his patterns are more permanent than theirs, it is because they are made with ideas.

—G. H. Hardy, *A Mathematician's Apology*