

1. **(15 points)** Let  $A = \{\emptyset, 3, 4, \{10, 12\}\}$  and let  $B = \{\{3\}, 4, \{10\}\}$ . Find sets matching the following descriptions or, where such a set does not exist, explain why.
  - (a)  $A \cap B$ .
  - (b) A set  $X \subset A$  such that  $|X| = 1$ .
  - (c) A set  $Y \in A$  such that  $|Y| = 1$ .
2. **(12 points)** Identify each of the following statements as a tautology, a contradiction, or neither. Show your work.
  - (a)  $P \Leftrightarrow (Q \vee \neg P)$ .
  - (b)  $P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow P)$ .
  - (c)  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q)$ .
3. **(8 points)** Prove or disprove: for any three sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , it is the case that  $(A - B) - C \subseteq A - (B - C)$ .
4. **(8 points)** Prove or disprove: for integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a^2 \nmid b^2$ , then  $a \nmid b$ .
5. **(9 points)** Prove that the identity  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  holds for all positive integers  $n$ .
6. **(15 points)** For each of the following relations  $R$  on given sets  $S$ , determine whether each of the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive properties hold. Briefly justify your claims.
  - (a)  $S = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ , with  $R$  given by the criterion that  $A R B$  if and only if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
  - (b)  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , with  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3)\}$ .
  - (c)  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , with  $R$  given by the criterion that  $a R b$  if and only if  $a \leq b^2$ .
7. **(18 points)** Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a function; let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$  such that for  $x, y \in A$ , the statement  $x R y$  is true if and only if  $f(x) = f(y)$ .
  - (a) Using no specific knowledge about  $f$  except that it is a function, prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.
  - (b) If  $f$  is injective, what can you say about the equivalence classes of  $R$ ?
  - (c) If  $f$  is constant (i.e. there is a  $b \in B$  such that for every  $a \in A$ ,  $f(a) = b$ ), what can you say about the equivalence classes of  $R$ ?
8. **(15 points)** Identify each of the following functions with the stated domains and codomains, as injective, surjective, bijective, or none of the above. Briefly justify your claim.
  - (a)  $f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow [0, 2]$  given by  $f(x) = |x|$ .
  - (b)  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by the rule that  $g(n)$  is equal to the largest prime factor of  $n$ , with the special case that for  $n < 2$ ,  $g(n) = n$ .
  - (c)  $h : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  given by  $h(n) = n$ .

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of attack  
prove their worth  
by hitting back.

—Piet Hein, “Problems”