

Please follow the instructions and guidelines detailed at the beginning of the first assignment.

This homework is out of 100pts.

(1) [20 pts] If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, we define  $B \setminus A$  (“ $B$  minus  $A$ ”) to be the set  $\{x \in B \mid x \notin A\}$ . Prove these identities:

(a) If  $A_1, A_2$  and  $B$  are sets then  $B \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2) = (B \setminus A_1) \cap (B \setminus A_2)$ .

(b) If  $A_1, A_2$  and  $B$  are sets then  $B \setminus (A_1 \cap A_2) = (B \setminus A_1) \cup (B \setminus A_2)$ .

(c) If  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an indexed family of sets and  $B$  is a set then  $B \setminus (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (B \setminus A_i)$ .

(d) If  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an indexed family of sets and  $B$  is a set then  $B \setminus (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (B \setminus A_i)$ .

What do these identities remind you of?

(2) [10 pts] Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , we define the *symmetric difference* of  $A$  and  $B$  (denoted  $A \Delta B$ ) to be the set  $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ . Prove that we can also compute  $A \Delta B$  as  $(A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$ . Next, prove that  $(A \Delta B) \Delta A = B$

(3) [10 pts] Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an indexed family of sets. Let  $B$  be a set. For each of the following, explain in words how you would go about proving a statement of that form.

(a)  $B \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

(b)  $B \subsetneq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

(c)  $B \not\subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

(d)  $B = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

(4) [10 pts] Given a set  $X$ , the *power set* of  $X$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , is the set of all subsets of  $X$ . In other words,  $Y \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  iff  $Y \subseteq X$ .

For example,  $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$ .

Compute the following:

(a)  $\mathcal{P}(\{0\})$

(b)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{0\}))$

(c)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{0\})) \cap \mathcal{P}(\{0\})$

(d)  $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)$

(5) [20pts] Prove that  $X \subseteq Y$  iff  $\mathcal{P}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y)$ .

(6) [20 pts] For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $[n]$  denote the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ . Which one of the following statements is the true one? Prove your answer. (Think about this one carefully!)

(a)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \supsetneq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}([n])$

(b)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \subsetneq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}([n])$

(c)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}([n])$

(7) [10pts] If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, prove that

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \cup B).$$

Give an example of  $A$  and  $B$  such that

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) \subsetneq \mathcal{P}(A \cup B).$$