

## 1. IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

## 1.1. Sets.

(1) Compute the following:

- $\mathcal{P}(\{0, \emptyset, \{1, 2\}\})$
- $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$

(2) Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ .  
Is this still true if we replace  $\cap$  with  $\cup$ ?

(3) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $A_n = [-n-1, -1] \cup [1, n+1] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -n-1 \leq x \leq 1\} \cup \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 \leq x \leq n+1\}$ .  
Compute

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\mathbb{R} \setminus A_n).$$

## 1.2. Induction.

(1) Show for each natural number  $n$  that  $\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

(2) Show that  $3n \leq 2^n$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 4$ .

(3) ~~Show that for every natural number  $n$ ,  $7^{n+1} + 8^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 57.~~

(4) Show that if  $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  is the sequence satisfying  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 13$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .  
Show that

$$a_n = (-2)^n + 3^n.$$

## 2. EXTRA PROBLEMS

(1) For a given set  $X$ , what are the following?

- $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} A$
- $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} A$

(2) Give an example of sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $\mathcal{P}(A) \Delta \mathcal{P}(B) \not\subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \Delta B)$ .

(3) Show that the sum of angles of a convex  $n$ -gon is  $(n-2)180$  degrees. A polygon is *convex* if there is no straight line segment between two points on the boundary ever goes outside the polygon.

(4) Prove that for all  $n, k > 0$ ,  $F_{n+k} = F_{n+1}F_k + F_nF_{k-1}$  where  $F_n$  are the Fibonacci numbers defined by  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for  $n > 2$ .