



1. (4 pts) Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  and  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Give the cardinality of each of the following.

\_\_8\_\_  $A \cup B \cup C$

\_\_0\_\_  $A \cap B \cap C$

\_\_256\_\_ The set of all subsets of  $A \cup B \cup C$

\_\_1\_\_ The set of all subsets of  $A \cap B \cap C$

$A \cup B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ ,  $|A \cup B \cup C| = 8$ .

$A \cap B \cap C = \emptyset = \{ \}$ ,  $|\emptyset| = 0$ .

The set of all subsets of  $|A \cup B \cup C|$  has cardinality  $2^{|A \cup B \cup C|} = 2^8 = 256$

The set of all subsets of  $|A \cap B \cap C|$  has cardinality  $2^{|A \cap B \cap C|} = 2^0 = 1$

(In other words  $|\{\emptyset\}| = 1$ )

2. (4 pts) Let  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  be sets. Prove directly that  $X \cup (Y \cap Z) \subseteq (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $a \in X \cup (Y \cap Z)$ . Then  $a \in X$  or  $a \in Y \cap Z$ .

If  $a \in X$ , then  $a \in X \cup Y$  and  $a \in X \cup Z$ , so  $a \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ .

On the other hand, if  $a \in Y \cap Z$ , then  $a \in Y$  and  $a \in Z$ . Since  $a \in Y$  then  $a \in X \cup Y$ .

Since  $a \in Z$ ,  $a \in X \cup Z$ . So  $x \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ .

So, in either case  $a \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$  as required.

Note: A correct “Venn diagram proof” would require an explanation of how and why your shaded diagrams are arrived at, and what they indicate.

3. (2 pts) Let  $D = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $E$  be the set of all subsets of  $D$ , and  $F$  be the set of all subsets of  $E$ . What is  $E \cap F$ ?

**Solution:** The elements of  $E$  are sets of integers:  $E = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ .

The elements of  $F$  are sets of sets of integers  $F = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{1\}\}, \{\{2\}\}, \{\{1, 2\}\},$

$\{\emptyset, \{1\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{2\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}\},$

$\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}\}$ .

The only element they have in common is the empty set, so  $E \cap F = \{\emptyset\}$ .

(Note: This is not the same as  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ , which is false.)