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Problem Set: Set Theory I

- 1. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ and $C = \{6, 8\}$. Find following:
 - (a) $A \cup B$
 - (b) $A \cap B$
 - (c) $A \cap B^C$
 - (d) B A
 - (e) C B
 - (f) $A \cap C$
- 2. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $C = \{a, b, 1, 2\}$. Show that:
 - (a) Distributivity: $(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$
 - (b) Associativity: $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
 - (c) De Morgan Laws: $C (A \cup B) = (C A) \cap (C B)$
- 3. Determine which of the following formulas are true. If any formula is false, find a counterexample to demonstrate this using a Venn diagram.
 - (a) $A \setminus B = B \setminus A$
 - (b) $A \subseteq B \iff A \cap B = A$
 - (c) $A \cup B = A \cup C \Longrightarrow B = C$
 - (d) $A \subseteq B \iff A \cup B = B$
 - (e) $A \cap B = A \cap C \Longrightarrow B = C$
 - (f) $A \setminus (B \setminus C) = (A \setminus B) \setminus C$
- 4. Explain in words why it is true that for any sets A, B, C:
 - (a) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$
 - (b) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
 - (c) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

- (d) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
- 5. Find the interior point(s) and the boundary points(s) of the set $\{x : 1 \le x \le 5\}$.
- 6. Why does every set in \mathbb{R} that is nonempty, closed, and bounded have a greatest member?
- 7. Which of the following sets are open, closed, or neither?
 - (a) $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^1 : x = 2 \text{ or } 3 < x < 4\}$ (b) $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 \le y \le 1\}$ (c) $B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 < y < 1\}$ (d) $C = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 \le y < 1\}$
 - (e) universal set
- 8. Sketch the following functions:
 - (a) f(x) = 2(b) f(x) = 3x - 1(c) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$ (d) $f(x) = (x - 3)^{-1}$ (e) f(x) = |2x - 2|(f) $f(x) = e^{2x}$ (g) $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$
- 9. Which of the following functions is injective, bijective, or surjective?
 - (a) a(x) = 2x + 1(b) $b(x) = x^2$ (c) $c(x) = \ln x$ (d) $d(x) = e^x$