Introduction to Abstract Mathematics MATH 310 Homework 1 Due Friday 29 January

**Exercise 1.** Which of the following are sets?

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b)  $\{1,2\},3$ 

(c)  $\{\{1\}, 2\}, 3$ 

(d)  $\{1, \{2\}, 3\}$ 

(e)  $\{1, 2, a, b\}$ .

Exercise 2. Determine the cardinality of each of the following sets:

(a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ (b)  $B = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 20\}$ (c)  $C = \{25, 26, 27, \dots, 75\}$ (d)  $D = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$ (e)  $E = \{\emptyset\}$ (f)  $F = \{2, \{2, 3, 4\}\}.$ 

**Exercise 3.** Write each set in the form  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid p(x)\}$ , where p(x) is a property concerning x.

(a) 
$$A = \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$$
  
(b)  $B = \{-3, -2, \dots, 3\}$   
(c)  $C = \{-2, -1, 1, 2\}.$ 

**Exercise 4.** The set  $E = \{2x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  can be described by listing its elements, namely  $E = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4\dots\}$ . List the elements of the following sets in a similar manner.

(a)  $A = \{2x + 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ (b)  $B = \{4n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ (c)  $C = \{3q + 1 \mid q \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$ 

**Exercise 5.** For  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13\}$ , let

$$B = \{x \in A \mid x = y + z, \text{ where } y, z \in A\} \text{ and } C = \{r \in B \mid r + s \in B \text{ for some } s \in B\}.$$

Determine C.

**Exercise 6.** For each of the following give examples of three sets A, B and C such that

(a)  $A \subseteq B \subset C$ 

(b)  $A \in B, B \in C$ , and  $A \notin C$ (c)  $A \in B$  and  $A \subset C$ .

**Exercise 7.** Which of the following sets are equal?

$$A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid |n| < 2\}, \ B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n^3 = n\}, \ C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n^2 \le n\},$$
$$D = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n^2 \le 1\}, \ E = \{-1, 0, 1\}.$$

**Exercise 8.** Find  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})|$  for  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ .

**Exercise 9.** Let  $U = \{1, 3, ..., 15\}$  be the universal set,  $A = \{1, 5, 9, 13\}$ , and  $B = \{3, 9, 15\}$ . Determine the following:

(a)  $A \cup B$ 

- (b)  $A \cap B$
- (c)  $A \setminus B$
- (d)  $\underline{B} \setminus A$
- (e)  $\overline{A}$ (f)  $A \cap \overline{B}$ .

(1) A + D.

**Exercise 10.** Give examples of three sets A, B, and C such that  $B \neq C$  but  $B \setminus A = C \setminus A$ .