

MAD2104

Suggested problems on Chapter 2 material  
(Sets)

1. List the members of these sets.

- a.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number such that } x^2 = 1\}$
- b.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer less than 12}\}$
- c.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is the square of an integer and } x < 100\}$
- d.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is an integer such that } x^2 = 2\}$

a.  $\{1, -1\}$

b.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$

c.  $\{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\}$

d. This set has no members

2. Determine whether each of these pairs of sets are equal.

a.  $\{1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5\}$  and  $\{5, 3, 1\}$

b.  $\{\{1\}\}$  and  $\{1, \{1\}\}$

c.  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$

a. Yes. Both are equal to  $\{1, 3, 5\}$ .  
(Order and repetition do not matter.)

b. No.  
The first has one element, namely  $\{1\}$   
The second has two elements, namely  $1$  and  $\{1\}$ .

c. No.  
The first has no elements.  
The second has one element, namely  $\emptyset$ .

3. For each of the following sets, determine whether 2 is an element of that set.

a.  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is an integer greater than } 1\}$

b.  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is the square of an integer}\}$

c.  $\{2, \{2\}\}$

d.  $\{\{2\}, \{\{2\}\}\}$

e.  $\{\{2\}, \{2, \{2\}\}\}$

f.  $\{\{\{2\}\}\}$

- a. Yes, because 2 is an integer greater than 1
- b. No, because 2 is not the square of an integer.
- c. Yes. The first of the two elements listed is the number 2.
- d. No. Neither element is the number 2.  
(  $\{2\}$  is not 2, and  $\{\{2\}\}$  is not 2.)
- e. No. Neither element is the number 2.  
(  $\{2\}$  is not 2, and  $\{2, \{2\}\}$  is not 2.)
- f. No. The set has one element,  
which is  $\{\{2\}\}$ , which is not the number 2.

4. For each of the sets in Question 3, determine whether  $\{2\}$  is an element of that set.

- a. No, because  $\{2\}$  is not an integer.
- b. No, because  $\{2\}$  is not an integer and therefore not the square of an integer.
- c. Yes. The second of the two elements listed is  $\{2\}$ .
- d. Yes. The first of the two elements listed is  $\{2\}$ .
- e. Yes. The first of the two elements listed is  $\{2\}$ .
- f. No. The set has one element, which is  $\{\{2\}\}$ , which is not  $\{2\}$ .

5. Determine whether these statements are true or false.

- a.  $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset\}$
- b.  $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$
- c.  $\{\emptyset\} \in \{\emptyset\}$
- d.  $\{\emptyset\} \in \{\{\emptyset\}\}$
- e.  $\{\emptyset\} \subset \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$
- f.  $\{\{\emptyset\}\} \subset \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$
- g.  $\{\{\emptyset\}\} \subset \{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\}$

- a. True.  $\emptyset$  is one of the elements of  $\{\emptyset\}$  (the only one).
- b. True.  $\emptyset$  is one of the two elements of  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ .
- c. False.  $\{\emptyset\}$  is not  $\emptyset$ , so  $\{\emptyset\}$  is not an element of  $\{\emptyset\}$ .
- d. True.  $\{\emptyset\}$  is an element of  $\{\{\emptyset\}\}$  (the only one).
- e. True.  $\{\emptyset\}$  has one element, namely  $\emptyset$ .
- $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$  has two elements, namely  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$ .
- Every element of the first set is an element of the second set, and the second has an element that's not in the first.
- f. True. First set has one element,  $\{\emptyset\}$   
Second set has two elements,  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$
- g. False. Not a proper subset because  $\{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\} = \{\{\emptyset\}\}$ .

6. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{y, z\}$ . Find  $A \times B$  and  $B \times A$ .

$$A \times B = \left\{ (a, y), (b, y), (c, y), (d, y), \right. \\ \left. (a, z), (b, z), (c, z), (d, z) \right\}$$

$$B \times A = \left\{ (y, a), (y, b), (y, c), (y, d), \right. \\ \left. (z, a), (z, b), (z, c), (z, d) \right\}$$

7. Translate each of these quantifications into English and determine its truth value.

- a.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 \neq -1)$
- b.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 = 2)$
- c.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 > 0)$
- d.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 = x)$
- e.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x^3 = -1)$
- f.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} (x + 1 > x)$
- g.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (x - 1 \in \mathbb{Z})$
- h.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 \in \mathbb{Z})$

a. For all real numbers  $x$ , we have  $x^2 \neq -1$ . TRUE.

b. There is an integer whose square is equal to 2. FALSE.

c. For all integers  $x$ , we have  $x^2 > 0$ .

FALSE because 0 is an integer whose square is not GREATER than 0.

d. There is a real number that's equal to its own square.

TRUE.  $x=0$  and  $x=1$  are two examples (although we only need one)

e. There is a real number whose cube is  $-1$ . TRUE.

$x = -1$  works.

f. There is at least one integer  $x$  such that  $x+1$  is greater than  $x$ . TRUE. In fact, true for all integers.

g. For every integer, if you subtract 1 you get an integer.

TRUE.

h. For every integer, if you square it you get an integer.

TRUE.

8. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{0, 3, 6\}$ . Find the following.

a.  $A \cup B$

b.  $A \cap B$

c.  $A - B$

d.  $B - A$

a.  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

b.  $\{3\}$

c.  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$

d.  $\{0, 6\}$



9. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Show the following.

a.  $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$

b.  $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B)$

c.  $(A - B) - C \subseteq A - C$

d.  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) = \emptyset$

e.  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$

a. Suppose  $x \in A \cup B$ . We must show  $x \in A \cup B \cup C$ .  
Since  $x \in A \cup B$ , that means  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  (or maybe both).  
But then, by logic, the statement " $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ " is true.  
So  $x \in A \cup B \cup C$  as required.

b. Suppose  $x \in A \cap B \cap C$ . We must show  $x \in A \cap B$ .  
Since  $x \in A \cap B \cap C$ , that means  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ .  
But then in particular, we have  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .  
So  $x \in A \cap B$  as required.

c. Suppose  $x \in (A - B) - C$ . We must show  $x \in A - C$ .  
Since  $x \in (A - B) - C$ , that means  $x \in A - B$  and  $x \notin C$ .  
Since  $x \in A - B$ , that means  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .  
In particular, it's true that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ .  
Thus  $x \in A - C$  as required.

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9d. We must show that there are no  $x$  that satisfy  $x \in (A-C) \cap (C-B)$ .

Suppose  $x \in (A-C) \cap (C-B)$ . Then  $x \in A-C$  and  $x \in C-B$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ , and  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin B$ .

In particular, we have  $x \notin C$  and  $x \in C$ .

This cannot happen. So there is no such  $x$ .

e. PART 1. Prove  $(B-A) \cup (C-A) \subseteq (B \cup C) - A$

PART 2. Prove  $(B \cup C) - A \subseteq (B-A) \cup (C-A)$

Part 1. Suppose  $x \in (B-A) \cup (C-A)$ .

Then either  $x \in B-A$  or  $x \in C-A$  (or possibly both).

So either " $x \in B$  and  $x \notin A$ ", or " $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A$ ".

Note that  $x \in B$  implies  $x \in B \cup C$ , and  $x \in C$  implies  $x \in B \cup C$ .

So either way we have  $x \in B \cup C$  and  $x \notin A$ ,

so  $x \in (B \cup C) - A$  as required.

Part 2. Suppose  $x \in (B \cup C) - A$ . Then  $x \in B \cup C$  and  $x \notin A$ .

Then either  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$  (or possibly both).

If  $x \in B$  then we have " $x \in B$  and  $x \notin A$ ", so  $x \in B-A$ .

If  $x \in C$  then we have " $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A$ ", so  $x \in C-A$ .

So we have " $x \in B-A$  or  $x \in C-A$ ", so  $x \in (B-A) \cup (C-A)$ .

10. Determine whether each of these functions from  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  to itself is one-to-one.

a.  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$

b.  $f(a) = b, f(b) = b, f(c) = d, f(d) = c$

c.  $f(a) = d, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$

- a. Yes, it's one-to-one, because we don't have  $x$  and  $y$  with  $x \neq y$  but  $f(x) = f(y)$ .
- b. No, it's not one-to-one, because  $f(a) = f(b)$ .
- c. No, it's not one-to-one, because  $f(a) = f(d)$ .

11. Determine whether each of these functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  is one-to-one.

a.  $f(n) = n - 1$

b.  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$

c.  $f(n) = n^3$

d.  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$

a. The function is one-to-one.

To verify this, suppose  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ .

That means  $n_1 - 1 = n_2 - 1$ . Then adding 1 to both sides gives  $n_1 = n_2$ .

That is,  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$  implies  $n_1 = n_2$ , so  $f$  is one-to-one.

b. The function is not one-to-one.

For example,  $f(5) = 5^2 + 1 = 25 + 1 = 26$

$$f(-5) = (-5)^2 + 1 = 25 + 1 = 26$$

c. The function is one-to-one.

Suppose  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ . That means  $n_1^3 = n_2^3$ .

Then taking cube roots tells us  $n_1 = n_2$ .

d. The function is not one-to-one.

For example,  $f(7) = \lceil 7/2 \rceil = \lceil 3.5 \rceil = 4$

and  $f(8) = \lceil 8/2 \rceil = \lceil 4 \rceil = 4$ .

12. Which functions in Question 11 are onto?

a. The function is onto.

To verify this, let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We must find  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  that satisfies  $f(n) = m$ . That is, we want  $n-1 = m$ . This is satisfied if we choose  $n = m+1$ .

b. The function is not onto.

For example, there is no  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $f(n) = 3$ . This is because the condition  $f(n) = 3$  is equivalent to  $n^2 + 1 = 3$ , that is,  $n^2 = 2$ , which has no integer solutions.

c. The function is not onto.

For example, there is no  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $f(n) = 2$  because this is equivalent to  $n^3 = 2$ , which has no integer solutions.

d. The function is onto. We can illustrate using a table:

$n$	...	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	...
$n/2$	...	-4	-3.5	-3	-2.5	-2	-1.5	-1	-0.5	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	...
$f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$	...	-4	-3	-3	-2	-2	-1	-1	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	...

Note also that  $f(2n) = \lceil 2n/2 \rceil = \lceil n \rceil = n$

13. Find the terms of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , where  $a_n = 2 \cdot (-3)^n + 5^n$ .

a.  $a_0$

b.  $a_1$

c.  $a_4$

d.  $a_5$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } a_0 &= 2 \cdot (-3)^0 + 5^0 \\ &= 2 \cdot 1 + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } a_1 &= 2 \cdot (-3)^1 + 5^1 \\ &= 2 \cdot (-3) + 5 = -6 + 5 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } a_4 &= 2 \cdot (-3)^4 + 5^4 \\ &= 2 \cdot 81 + 625 = 162 + 625 = 787 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } a_5 &= 2 \cdot (-3)^5 + 5^5 \\ &= 2 \cdot (-243) + 3125 = -486 + 3125 \\ &= 2639 \end{aligned}$$

14. Find the first five terms of the sequence defined by each of these recurrence relations and initial conditions.

a.  $a_n = 6a_{n-1}$ ,  $a_0 = 2$

b.  $a_n = a_{n-1}^2$ ,  $a_1 = 2$

c.  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$

d.  $a_n = na_{n-1} + n^2a_{n-2}$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1$

e.  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-3}$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = 0$

a.  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 6a_0 = 6 \cdot 2 = 12$ ,  $a_2 = 6a_1 = 6 \cdot 12 = 72$ ,  
 $a_3 = 6a_2 = 6 \cdot 72 = 432$ ,  $a_4 = 6a_3 = 6 \cdot 432 = 2592$

b.  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = a_1^2 = 2^2 = 4$ ,  $a_3 = a_2^2 = 4^2 = 16$ ,  
 $a_4 = a_3^2 = 16^2 = 256$ ,  $a_5 = a_4^2 = 256^2 = 65536$

c.  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = a_1 + 3a_0$   
 $= 2 + 3 \cdot 1 = 2 + 3 = 5$

$a_3 = a_2 + 3a_1$        $a_4 = a_3 + 3a_2$   
 $= 5 + 3 \cdot 2 = 5 + 6 = 11$        $= 11 + 3 \cdot 5 = 11 + 15 = 26$

d.  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 2a_1 + 2^2a_0$   
 $= 2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 1 = 2 + 4 = 6$

$a_3 = 3a_2 + 3^2a_1$        $a_4 = 4a_3 + 4^2a_2$   
 $= 3 \cdot 6 + 9 \cdot 1$        $= 4 \cdot 27 + 16 \cdot 6$   
 $= 18 + 9 = 27$        $= 108 + 96 = 204$

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$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 0$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + a_0$$

$$= 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + a_1$$

$$= 1 + 2$$

$$= 3$$

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15. Let  $a_n = 2^n + 5 \cdot 3^n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

a. Find  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$ .

b. Show that  $a_2 = 5a_1 - 6a_0$ ,  $a_3 = 5a_2 - 6a_1$ , and  $a_4 = 5a_3 - 6a_2$ .

c. Show that  $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2}$  for all integers  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } a_0 &= 2^0 + 5 \cdot 3^0 = 1 + 5 \cdot 1 = 1 + 5 = 6 \\ a_1 &= 2^1 + 5 \cdot 3^1 = 2 + 5 \cdot 3 = 2 + 15 = 17 \\ a_2 &= 2^2 + 5 \cdot 3^2 = 4 + 5 \cdot 9 = 4 + 45 = 49 \\ a_3 &= 2^3 + 5 \cdot 3^3 = 8 + 5 \cdot 27 = 8 + 135 = 143 \\ a_4 &= 2^4 + 5 \cdot 3^4 = 16 + 5 \cdot 81 = 16 + 405 = 421 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } 5a_1 - 6a_0 &= 5 \cdot 17 - 6 \cdot 6 = 85 - 36 = 49 = a_2 \\ 5a_2 - 6a_1 &= 5 \cdot 49 - 6 \cdot 17 = 245 - 102 = 143 = a_3 \\ 5a_3 - 6a_2 &= 5 \cdot 143 - 6 \cdot 49 = 715 - 294 = 421 = a_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} &= 5(2^{n-1} + 5 \cdot 3^{n-1}) - 6(2^{n-2} + 5 \cdot 3^{n-2}) \\ &= 5 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 25 \cdot 3^{n-1} - 6 \cdot 2^{n-2} - 30 \cdot 3^{n-2} \\ &= 10 \cdot 2^{n-2} + 75 \cdot 3^{n-2} - 6 \cdot 2^{n-2} - 30 \cdot 3^{n-2} \\ &= 4 \cdot 2^{n-2} + 45 \cdot 3^{n-2} = 2^2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + 5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^{n-2} \\ &= 2^n + 5 \cdot 3^n = a_n \end{aligned}$$

16. Determine whether each of these sets is finite, countably infinite, or uncountable. For those that are countably infinite, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of positive integers and that set.

- a. the negative integers
- b. the even integers
- c. the integers less than 100
- d. the real numbers between 0 and  $\frac{1}{2}$
- e. the positive integers less than 1,000,000,000
- f. the integers that are multiples of 7

a. Countably infinite.

1	2	3	4	5	
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	etc.
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	

b. Countably infinite.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	etc.
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
0	2	-2	4	-4	6	-6	

c. Countably infinite. ("Integers" includes negative integers.)

1	2	3	...	99	100	101	102	103	
↓	↓	↓		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	etc.
99	98	97		1	0	-1	-2	-3	

d. Uncountable. (We can do a diagonal argument.)

e. Finite.

f. Countably infinite.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	etc.
0	7	-7	14	-14	21	-21	28	-28	

17. Determine whether each of these sets is countable or uncountable. For those that are countably infinite, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of positive integers and that set.

- a. all bit strings not containing the bit 0
- b. all positive rational numbers that cannot be written with denominators less than 4
- c. the real numbers not containing 0 in their decimal representation
- d. the real numbers containing only a finite number of 1s in their decimal representation

a. Countable.

1	→	1
2	→	11
3	→	111
4	→	1111
		etc.

b. Countable. (It's a subset of the positive rational numbers).

Can form an infinite table

$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	...
$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	...
$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{2}{7}$	$\frac{3}{7}$	$\frac{4}{7}$	...
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	

and then traverse table, skipping the numbers that can be rewritten using denominators less than 4

c. Uncountable (can do variation of diagonal argument)

d. Uncountable (can do variation of diagonal argument)

18. Find AB if

a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

a.  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 3 \\ 3 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 1 & 8 + 3 \\ 0 + 2 & 12 + 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 11 \\ 2 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 1 & 1(-2) - 1 \cdot 0 & 1(-1) - 1 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 1 & 0(-2) + 1 \cdot 0 & 0(-1) + 1 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 1 & 2(-2) + 3 \cdot 0 & 2(-1) + 3 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 3 - 1 & -2 - 0 & -1 - 2 \\ 0 + 1 & 0 + 0 & 0 + 2 \\ 6 + 3 & -4 + 0 & -2 + 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 9 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

c. Similar to b, but takes longer