

CISC-102

HOMEWORK 1

Please work on these problems and your solutions ready by next week. Assignments will **not** be collected for grading. I will go over the solutions to the problems in class and after class I will post them on the course web page.

READINGS

Read sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 of *Schaum's Outline of Discrete Mathematics*.

Read sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of *Discrete Mathematics Elementary and Beyond*.

PROBLEMS

- (1) Rewrite the following statements using set notation, and then give an example by listing members of sets that match the description. For example: A is a subset of C. Answer: $A \subseteq C$. $A = \{1, 2\}$, $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$.
 - (a) The element 1 is not a member of (the set) A.
 - (b) The element 5 is a member of B.
 - (c) A is not a subset of D
 - (d) E and F contain the same elements.
 - (e) A is the set of integers larger than three and less than 12.
 - (f) B is the set of even natural numbers less than 15.
 - (g) C is the set of natural numbers x such that $4 + x = 3$.
- (2) $A = \{x : 3x = 6\}$. $A = 2$, true or false?
- (3) Which of the following sets are equal $\{r, s, t\}$, $\{t, s, r\}$, $\{s, r, t\}$, $\{t, r, s\}$.
- (4) Consider the sets $\{4, 2\}$, $\{x : x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0\}$, $\{x : x \in \mathbb{N}, x \text{ is even}, 1 < x < 5\}$. Which one of these sets is equal to $\{4, 2\}$
- (5) Which of the following sets are equal: \emptyset , $\{\emptyset\}$, $\{0\}$.
- (6) Explain the difference between $A \subseteq B$, and $A \subset B$, and give example sets that satisfy the two statements.
- (7) Consider the following sets $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$, $C = \{3, 4\}$, $D = \{4, 5, 6\}$, $E = \{3\}$.
 - (a) Let X be a set such that $X \subseteq A$ and $X \subseteq B$. Which of the sets could be X? For example X could be C , or X could be E. Are there any other sets that could be X ?
 - (b) Let $X \not\subseteq D$ and $X \not\subseteq B$. Which of the the sets could be X?
 - (c) Find the smallest set M that contains all five sets.
 - (d) Find the largest set N that is a subset of all five sets.
- (8) Is an “element of a set”, a special case of a “subset of a set”?

- (9) Phrase the handshake counting problem using set theory notation.
- (10) List all of the subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$.
- (11) Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$.
 - (a) List all the subsets of A containing a .
 - (b) List all the subsets of A not containing b .
 - (c) Is it a coincidence that the previous two answers have exactly the same number of subsets? Explain.
 - (d) List all the subsets of A containing both a and b .
 - (e) List all the subsets of A containing a but not containing b .
 - (f) Define an *even subset* of a set, as any subset that has an even number of elements. List all even subsets of A .
 - (g) Define an *odd subset* of a set, as any subset that has an odd number of elements. List all odd subsets of A .
 - (h) Is it a coincidence that A has the same number of even as odd subsets? Explain.