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HOMEWORK SETS AND EXAMS

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There are four (4) problems in each homework set. Math 6441 students need to do all 4 problems while Math 4441 students need to do any three (3) problems out the four. If a Math 4441 student submits all 4 problems, then one of the lowest score(s) is dropped. There is a bonus point for Math 4441 students solving all 4 problems correctly/perfectly.

When solving homework problems, make sure that your arguments and computations are rigorous, accurate, and complete. Present your step-by-step work in your solutions/proofs.

There are three (3) PDF files for the homework sets and exams, one with the problems only, one with hints, and one with solutions. Links are available below.

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**Problem 1.1.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $C = \{3, 6, 7, 8\}$  be sets.

- (1) Compute  $(A \setminus B) \cap C$  and  $A \setminus (B \cap C)$ . Are they equal?
- (2) Compute  $(A \cap B) \cup C$  and  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ . Are they equal?

**Problem 1.2.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove  $A \setminus (B \cup C) = (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$ .

**Problem 1.3.** For each function  $f_i$ , determine whether it is injective but not surjective, surjective but not injective, bijective, or neither injective nor surjective. Explain why.

- (1)  $f_1: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f_1(x) = x^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} = [0, \infty)$ .
- (2)  $f_2: \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  with  $f_2(x) = x^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .
- (3)  $f_3: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  with  $f_3(x) = x^4$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (4)  $f_4: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f_4(x) = 10^{x^2}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . (Here  $10^{x^2}$  stands for  $10^{(x^2)}$ , not  $(10^x)^2$ .)

**Problem 1.4.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be sets.

- (1) Find a concrete example of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  such that  $(A \cup B) \cap C \subsetneq A \cup (B \cap C)$ .
- (2) Prove  $(A \cup B) \cap C \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

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