

Discrete Math 2018

problem set 6

1. Let A and B be sets. Use rules to define set operations respectively for
 - A. the union of A and B ,
 - B. the intersection of A and B ,
 - C. the set difference of A and B ,
 - D. the symmetric difference of A and B .
2. Let $x_0 = \{\emptyset\}$ denote a set. Consider construction of following sets. If we relate \emptyset to 0 and x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots to $1, 2, \dots$, we have natural numbers.
 - A. Let $x_1 = x_0 \cup \{x_0\}$. $x_1 = ?$
 - B. Let $x_2 = x_1 \cup \{x_1\}$. $x_2 = ?$
 - C. Let $x_3 = x_2 \cup \{x_2\}$. $x_3 = ?$
 - D. $x_4 \cup x_2 = ?$
 - E. $x_4 \cap x_2 = ?$
 - F. $x_4 \setminus x_2 = ?$
 - G. $x_4 \triangle x_2 = ?$
 - H. Is $x_2 \in x_3$? Explain why.
 - I. Is $x_2 \subseteq x_3$? Explain why.
2. Let $\text{my_package} = \{\{\text{my_lunch}\}, \text{my_textbook}, \text{my_slingshot}\}$. Is $\text{my_lunch} \in \text{my_package}$? Is $\text{my_lunch} \subseteq \text{my_package}$?
3. Use rules to generate the following sets.
 - A. the even numbers
 - B. the odd numbers
 - C. the prime numbers
4. Prove that the following statements hold for all sets S and T .
 - A. $S \subseteq S \cup T$
 - B. $S = (S \cap T) \cup (S \setminus T)$