



Paper Code: 715189  
**Algebra and Discrete Mathematics**  
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Assignment 1  
Due 4:00pm, Friday, 15 August 2014

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Question	Marks Possible	Marks Given
1	8	
2	12	
3	10	
4	10	
5	9	
6	10	
7	16	
<b>Total</b>	75	

## Instructions:

**Please attach this sheet to the front of your assignment.**

The assignment must be handed in before 4.00 p.m. on **Friday 15 August 2014**. For the students in AUT South Campus, you need to submit the assignment answers to Kate Lee. For the students in City Campus, you need to put the assignment answers in the assignment box which is in the reception area for the School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. The address for WT building is 2-14 Wakefield St on level 1.

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**Question 1 (8 marks)** Using Euclid's algorithm, determine if the following rational numbers are in reduced form. If not, write down their reduced forms. Show your working.

1.  $\frac{179}{78}$
2.  $\frac{288}{468}$

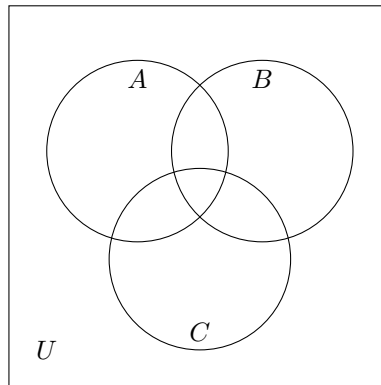
**Question 2 (12 marks)** Argue why the following statements hold.

1.  $n(2n + 1)(4n + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
2.  $\sqrt{3}$  is not a rational number.

**Question 3 (10 marks)** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Show the following sets by enumeration:

1.  $\{x \mid x \notin A, x \in B \text{ and } x|25\}$
2.  $\mathcal{P}(A - B)$
3.  $\{X \mid X \subseteq A \text{ and } |X| = 2\}$
4.  $\{X \mid X \subseteq A \text{ and } 1 \in X\}$
5.  $\{X \mid X \subseteq A \text{ and } X \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$

**Question 4 (10 marks)** Let  $U, A, B, C$  be as indicated in the diagram below:



We've shown a proof of the first distributive law  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  in Lecture 4. Here is the second distributive law:

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

1. Shade the area of  $A \cup (B \cap C)$  in the Venn diagram.
2. Give a proof using the similar arguments in Lecture 4.

**Question 5 (9 marks)** Let  $A = \{0, 1, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ ,  $B = \emptyset$ ,  $C = \{1, 5\}$ ,  $D = C \times \mathbb{N}$ . Which of the following are true and which are false?

- $|A \cup C| = |A| + |C| - |A \cap C|$ .
- $A \cap C = C - \{5, 2\}$ .
- $\mathbb{N} \subseteq D$ .
- $A \cap C - C = \emptyset$ .
- $A \cap C = C$ .

What are the cardinalities of the following sets?

- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(B))$ .
- $A \times C$ .
- $A \times D$ .
- $C^5$ .

**Question 6 (10 marks)** Let  $A, B$  be sets. Show the following is true

$$\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \cup B).$$

**Question 7 (16 marks)** For each of the following binary relations, determine whether they are reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric or transitive. Show your arguments.

- $R_1 = \{(x, y) \in P^2 \mid x \text{ is an ancestor of } y\}$ , where  $P$  is a set of people.
- $R_2 = \{(X, Y) \in \mathcal{P}(A)^2 \mid X \subseteq Y \text{ and } X \neq Y\}$ , where  $A$  is a non-empty set.