

Name: Solutions**Directions:** Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. [4 parts, 1 point each] Let
- $A = \{(2, 4), \{4, 2\}, 3\}$
- ,
- $B = \{3, (4, 2)\}$
- , and
- $C = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{3, 4\}$
- .

(a) Determine the sizes of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

$$|A| = 3 \quad (\text{one ordered pair, one set, one integer})$$

$$|B| = 2 \quad (\text{one integer, one ordered pair})$$

$$|C| = 3 \cdot 2 = 6 \quad (6 \text{ ordered pairs})$$

(b) Find  $A \cap B$ .

$$A \cap B = \boxed{\{3\}}. \quad (\text{Note that } (4, 2) \neq (2, 4) \text{ and } (4, 2) \neq \{4, 2\})$$

(c) Find  $B^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} B^2 &= \{(b_1, b_2) : b_1 \in B \text{ and } b_2 \in B\} \\ &= \{(3, 3), (3, (4, 2)), ((4, 2), 3), ((4, 2), (4, 2))\} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Find  $C^0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C^0 &= \{\text{lists of length 0, all members in } C\} \\ &= \boxed{\{()\}} \end{aligned}$$

2. [2 points] Is it true or false that for all sets
- $A, B, C$
- , we have that
- $(A \times B) \times C = A \times (B \times C)$
- ? If true, then explain why this is true, and if false, then give an example of sets
- $A, B, C$
- where
- $(A \times B) \times C \neq A \times (B \times C)$
- .

Although these sets are closely related, they are not generally equal, so this is false. For example: let  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{2\}$ ,  $C = \{3\}$ .

$$\text{Now } (A \times B) \times C = \{(1, 2)\} \times \{3\} = \{((1, 2), 3)\}$$

$$A \times (B \times C) = \{1\} \times \{(2, 3)\} = \{(1, (2, 3))\}$$

3. [2 points] Is the set  $\mathbb{N}^5$  countable or not? Justify your answer. Note: Multiple Solus Possible.

Yes,  $\mathbb{N}^5$  is countable. We can enumerate  $\mathbb{N}^5$  in blocks

where for  $n \geq 0$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  block contains all 5-tuples

$(x_1, \dots, x_5)$  with entries summing to  $n$ :

$$\underbrace{(0,0,0,0,0)}_{\text{block 0}}, \quad \underbrace{(1,0,0,0,0), \dots, (0,0,0,0,1)}_{\text{block 1}}, \quad \underbrace{(2,0,0,0,0), (1,1,0,0,0), \dots}_{\text{block 2}}, \quad \dots$$

By stars and bars, block  $n$  contains  $\binom{n+4}{4}$  entries. Since each block is finite, each  $(x_1, \dots, x_5) \in \mathbb{N}^5$  eventually appears.

4. [2 points] Let  $A$  be the set whose members are the subsets of the positive integers. For example, the following sets are members of  $A$ :  $\{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ ,  $\{n : n \text{ is prime}\}$ ,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\emptyset$ , and  $\{1, 4, 9, 25, 36, \dots\}$ . Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots$  be a list of members of  $A$ . Adapt Cantor's diagonalization argument to construct a set  $D$  which does not appear on the list.

We set  $D$  so that  $D$  and  $S_1$  disagree on membership of 1,  
 $D$  and  $S_2$  disagree on membership of 2,  
 etc.

That is, we set

$$D = \{n : n \notin S_n\}$$