

TUTORIAL SHEET 4

1. Use mathematical induction to show that when n circles divide the plane into regions, these regions can be colored with two different colors such that no two regions with a common boundary get the same color.

2. Show that if A, B, C are three sets, then

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - |A \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|.$$

3. The symmetric difference of two sets A and B is denoted by $A \oplus B$, and defines the set which contains those elements which are either in A or B , but not both.

- Show that $A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$
- Suppose A, B, C are three sets such that $A \oplus (B \oplus C) = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$. Does it follow that $A = B$?
- Suppose A, B, C, D are four sets. Does it follow that $(A \oplus B) \oplus (C \oplus D) = (A \oplus D) \oplus (B \oplus C)$?

4. If f and $f \circ g$ are 1-1 functions, does it follow that g is also 1-1 ? If f and $f \circ g$ are onto, does it follow that g is onto ?

5. Show that a set S is infinite if and only if there is a proper subset A of S such that there is a 1-1 correspondence between A and S .

6. Pick's theorem says that the area of a simple polygon P in the plane with vertices that are all lattice points (i.e., points with integer coordinates) equals $I(P) + B(P)/2 - 1$, where $I(P)$ and $B(P)$ are the number of lattice points in the interior of P and on the boundary of P . Use strong induction on the number of vertices of P to prove this theorem. [Hint : for the base case, first prove the theorem for rectangles, then right triangles and then for arbitrary triangles by noticing that the area of a triangle is the area of a larger rectangle containing it minus areas of at most three triangles subtracted].

7. Consider the following game: the game begins with n match sticks. Two players take turns removing match sticks one, two or three at a time. The player removing the last match stick loses. Use strong induction to prove that if each player plays the best strategy then the first player wins if the remainder of n when divided by 4 is 0, 2, or 3, and the second player wins otherwise.