	Department of Mathematics	
Maths 255 SC	Solutions to Assignment 2	Due: 7 August 2002

**1.** (a) (5 marks) Suppose  $x \in C \setminus (A \cap B)$ . Then  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin A \cap B$ . Thus either  $x \notin A$  or  $x \notin B$ . If  $x \notin A$  then  $x \in C \setminus A$ , so  $x \in (C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B)$ . If  $x \notin B$  then  $x \in C \setminus B$ , so  $x \in (C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B)$ . Since x is arbitrary, it follows that

$$C \setminus (A \cap B) \subseteq (C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B).$$

(5 marks) Conversely, suppose  $x \in (C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B)$ . Then  $x \in C \setminus A$  or  $x \in C \setminus B$ . If  $x \in C \setminus A$  then  $x \notin A$ . If  $x \in C \setminus B$  then  $x \notin B$ . In both cases  $x \notin A \cap B$ , so  $x \in C \setminus (A \cap B)$  and since x is arbitrary, it follows that

$$(C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B) \subseteq C \setminus (A \cap B).$$

Hence  $C \setminus (A \cap B) = (C \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus B)$ .

(b) (3 marks) Since  $A \setminus B \subseteq A$ ,  $B \setminus A \subseteq B$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ , it follows that

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B) \subseteq A \cup B.$$

(3 marks) Let  $x \in A \cup B$ , so that  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ . Suppose moreover,  $x \in A$ . If  $x \in B$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ . If  $x \notin B$ , then  $x \in A \setminus B$ , so

$$x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \cap B) \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B).$$

(3 marks) Suppose  $x \in B$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ . If  $x \notin A$ , then  $x \in B \setminus A$ , so

$$x \in (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B) \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B).$$

(1 mark) Hence  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B)$ . Since x is arbitrary, it follows that

 $A \cup B \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B)$ 

and so  $A \cup B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (A \cap B)$ .

- **2.** (a) (**3 marks**)  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,5\}, \{3,5\}, \{1,3,5\} \}.$ 
  - (b) (3 marks)  $\mathcal{P}(B) = \{ \emptyset, \{3\}, \{7\}, \{3,7\} \}.$
  - (c) (4 marks)  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{P}(\{3\}) = \{\emptyset, \{3\}\}.$
  - (d) (**5 marks**)  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(\{1, 3, 5, 7\})$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(A \cup B) &= \{ \varnothing, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{7\}, \\ &\{1,3\}, \{1,5\}, \{1,7\}, \{3,5\}, \{3,7\}, \{5,7\}, \\ &\{1,3,5\}, \{1,3,7\}, \{1,5,7\}, \{3,5,7\}, \{1,3,5,7\} \}. \end{aligned}$$

**3.** (a) (5 marks) Let  $A = \{3\}$  and  $B = \{7\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) = \{\emptyset, \{3\}, \{7\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(\{3,7\}) = \{\emptyset, \{3\}, \{7\}, \{3,7\}\}$ , so that

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) \neq \mathcal{P}(A \cup B)$$

(b) (5 marks) Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$  and let  $x = A \cup B \in \mathcal{P}(A \cup B)$ . Then  $x \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  or  $x \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

If  $x \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , then  $x = A \cup B \subseteq A$ . But  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ , so  $B \subseteq A$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $x = A \cup B \subseteq B$ . But  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ , so  $A \subseteq B$ . Thus either  $B \subseteq A$  or  $A \subseteq B$ .

(5 marks) Suppose  $B \subseteq A$  or  $A \subseteq B$ .

If  $B \subseteq A$  and  $x \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $x \subseteq B \subseteq A$  and so  $x \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{P}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B) = \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

On the other hand if  $B \subseteq A$  then  $B \cup A = \{x : x \in B \text{ or } x \in A\} = \{x : x \in A\} = A$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

Similarly, if  $A \subseteq B$  then we replace A by B and B by A in the proof above, so  $\mathcal{P}(A \cup B) = \mathcal{P}(B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$ .