## Homework 2: Due Friday, February 3

## Problem 1:

a. Determine the set  $\{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2, 3\}$ , i.e. write out the set of elements explicitly.

b. Determine the set  $\{1, 2, 3\} \times \{4, 5, 6\}$ .

c. In light of the previous two examples (and the examples from class), make a conjecture about the value of  $|A \times B|$  is in terms of |A| and |B|.

**Problem 2:** Given three sets A, B, and C, we let  $A \times B \times C = \{(a, b, c) : a \in A, b \in B, c \in C\}$  be the set of all ordered triples whose first coordinate comes from A, whose second coordinate comes from B, and whose third coordinate comes from C. Explain the difference between  $A \times B \times C$  and  $A \times (B \times C)$ . Note: It might help to example some concrete examples of sets A, B, and C.

**Problem 3:** Does |A - B| = |A| - |B| in general? Either explain why this is true, or give a concrete example where it fails.

**Problem 4:** Give an example of three finite sets  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  such that  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 = \emptyset$  but

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| \neq |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3|.$$

**Problem 5:** (Exercise 1.11.4) Write a function divideAll that takes two ints and returns the result of dividing the first by the second. Specifically, it should return a tuple with components: The (integer) quotient, the (integer) remainder, and the (real) quotient. For example, divideAll(13, 4) should return (3, 1, 3.25). If the divisor is 0, it should return (0, 0, 0.0).

**Problem 6:** (Exercise 1.12.2) Write a function reverse that takes a string and reverses it. For example reverse("hello") should return "olleh".

**Problem 7:** (Exercise 1.12.7) A series in the form  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} ar^{i}$  is called a *geometric series*. That is, given a value r and a coefficient a, find the sum of  $a + ar + ar^{2} + ar^{3} + \cdots + ar^{n}$ . Write a function that computes a geometric series, taking n, a, and r as parameters.

Note: a and r should be real numbers, but n should be a integer (which is assumed to be greater than or equal to 0).