

*The assignment is due at the beginning of class on April 9, 2007.*

**Problem 1 (10 points)** On the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  consider the partial order

$$n \mid m \Leftrightarrow n \text{ is a divisor of } m.$$

1. Draw a *Hasse diagram* for the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 12, 13, 14, 15\}$  endowed with this partial order.
2. Find three upper bounds for  $A$ .
3. Find the largest element of  $A$ , or show that it does not exist.
4. Find the maximal elements of  $A$ , or show that none exist.

**Problem 2 (10 points)** Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the lexicographical order  $\leq_\ell$ :

$$(a, b) \leq_\ell (c, d) \Leftrightarrow (a < c) \vee ((a = c) \wedge (b \leq d)).$$

1. Show that  $\leq_\ell$  is a linear order on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
2. Find a subset of  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \leq_\ell)$  that is bounded from above, but fails to have a least upper bound.

**Problem 3 (10 points)** Consider the relation “ $\preceq$ ” on a Boolean Algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  defined by

$$A \preceq B \Leftrightarrow A \sqcup B = B$$

for  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$ . You already proved in Homework 7 that this relation is reflexive and transitive. Prove that  $\preceq$  is also anti-symmetric.

**Problem 4 (10 points)** Consider the Boolean Algebra  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , defined in Homework 4. Draw a *Hasse diagram* for  $\mathcal{S}_1$  endowed with the partial order  $\preceq$ .

**Problem 5 (10 points)** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a Boolean Algebra with null-element  $N$ , partially ordered by  $\preceq$ . We say that  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  is an *ATOM* of  $\mathcal{B}$  if  $N$  is the immediate predecessor of  $A$ .

1. Find all atoms of  $\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ .
2. Find all atoms of  $\mathcal{D}_{42}$ , defined in Homework 5.
3. Assume additionally that  $\mathcal{B}$  has finitely many elements. Show that for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $B \neq N$  there is an atom  $A$  such that  $A \preceq B$ .