

Name: Solutions

Directions: Solve the following problems. Give supporting work/justification where appropriate.

1. [2 parts, 2 points each] Determine the following sets.

<p>(a) <math>\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n}, 1 \right] = [1, 1] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{3}, 1 \right] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{4}, 1 \right] \cup \dots</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>= \boxed{\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 &lt; x \leq 1\}}</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>= \boxed{(0, 1]}</math></p>	<p>(b) <math>\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n}, 1 \right] = [1, 1] \cap \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right] \cap \left[ \frac{1}{3}, 1 \right] \cap \dots</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>= \boxed{[1, 1]}</math> (since all other intervals contain <math>(1, 1)</math>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>= \boxed{\{1\}}</math></p>
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2. [6 parts, 1 point each] Determine whether or not the following are statements. In the case of a statement, say if it is true or false, if possible. Briefly explain your reasoning.

(a)  $+8 + \times \mathbb{R}^2$

Not a statement : Nonsense

(b) For all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $xy = 0$  then  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .

TRUE Statement Suppose  $xy = 0$ . If  $x = 0$ , then the statement is true. Otherwise  $x \neq 0$  and we can divide both sides of  $xy = 0$  by  $x$  to get  $y = 0$ .

(c) The sum of two prime numbers cannot be prime.

FALSE Statement Note that  $2+3=5$ , and  $2, 3,$  and  $5$  are all prime.

(d) If 3 plus 4, then 7.

Not a Statement "3 plus 4" and "7" are expressions, not statements. In "If P, then Q", both P and Q should be statements.

(e) The best color is purple.

Not a statement Matter of opinion

(f) There are integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 = 30$ .

FALSE Statement

$1^2$	$2^2$	$3^2$	$4^2$	$5^2$	$6^2$
1	4	9	16	25	36

$\leftarrow$  too small  $\leftarrow$  too large  $\leftarrow$  too small  $\leftarrow$  too large  $\leftarrow$  too large  
 (Arrows point from 16 to 9, 16 to 25, and from 16 to 1, 4, 9, 25, 36)

By checking  $a^2 + b^2$  for  $a, b \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$ , we see that there are no such integers  $a$  and  $b$ .