

**MATH 113: DISCRETE STRUCTURES**  
**READING QUESTIONS FOR FRIDAY WEEK 1**

**Reading assignment.** *DM:EB* §1.2.

*Question 1.* Let  $M$  denote the set of students in our section of Math 113, let  $H$  denote the set of students currently in Hum 110, and let  $P$  denote the set of students currently in Physics 101. Write an expression in terms of  $M$ ,  $H$ , and  $P$  which determines the set of students currently in Hum 110 who are not in our section of Math 113 and are not currently in Physics 101.

*Question 2.* Is the statement " $x \in A$ " a special case of " $x \subseteq A$ "? What subset expression is true when  $x \in A$ ?

*Question 3.* What is the common name for the set

$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : x > 1 \text{ and if } n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ divides } x, \text{ then } n = 1 \text{ or } x\}?$$

*Problem 4.* Write a formula for  $A \Delta B$ , the symmetric difference of sets  $A$  and  $B$ , in terms of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $\cup$  (union),  $\cap$  (intersection), and  $\setminus$  (set difference).

*Problem 5.* Problem 1.2.8 of *DM:EB*.