

**MATH 144, HANDOUT 2:  
SOME INDUCTION PROBLEMS**

**Exercise 1.** Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be subsets of some universal set  $U$ . Prove or disprove the following statement:

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

**Exercise 2.** Define a sequence  $f_n$  by  $f_0 = 1$  and  $f_1 = 1$ , and set  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that  $f_{3n}$  is even for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Exercise 3.** Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 0$ , we have  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8.