

Section 1.8, Problem 32: Prove that there are infinitely many solutions in positive integers  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  to the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . [Hint: Let  $x = m^2 - n^2$ ,  $y = 2mn$ , and  $z = m^2 + n^2$ .] (Note that this method can be used to show that there are infinitely many solutions in which  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  do not have any common integer factor greater than 1.)

Section 2.2, Problem 40: The symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \oplus B$ , is the set  $\{x \mid (x \in A) \oplus (x \in B)\}$ , that is, elements of either  $A$  or  $B$  but not both. Determine whether symmetric difference is associative; that is, if  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are sets, does it follow that  $A \oplus (B \oplus C) = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$  ?