

**Fall 2019, Math 579: Preliminary Problem Set 3**  
**Due: Thursday, September 12th, 2019**  
**Binomial Theorem and Inclusion-Exclusion**

**Preliminary problems.** These problems should be completed before discussion on Thursday.

(P1) Take the derivative of both sides of the equality in the binomial theorem with respect to  $x$  (treat  $z$  as a constant). You may assume that  $n \geq 1$ .

Hint: write the original sum using “ $\dots$ ” instead of a “ $\sum$ ” before taking the derivative.

(P2) Given the following information, use the Sieve formula to compute  $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4|$ .

$$\begin{array}{llll} |A_1| = 15 & |A_1 \cap A_2| = 5 & |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| = 1 & |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| = 1 \\ |A_2| = 10 & |A_1 \cap A_3| = 3 & |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_4| = 5 & \\ |A_3| = 6 & |A_1 \cap A_4| = 5 & |A_1 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| = 1 & \\ |A_4| = 5 & |A_2 \cap A_3| = 2 & |A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| = 1 & \\ & |A_2 \cap A_4| = 5 & & \\ & |A_3 \cap A_4| = 1 & & \end{array}$$

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4| =$$