

These questions are for practice, in preparation for Workshop 2.

1. Let $E = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$, $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{d, e\}$, $C = \{\{a, b, c\}, \{d, e\}\}$. Are the following statements true or false? Explain your answers.

- (a) $A \subseteq E$. **True. Every member of A is a member of E .**
- (b) $B \subset E$. **True. Every member of B is a member of E and $B \neq E$.**
- (c) $C \subseteq E$. **False. The members of C are not *members* of E ; they are *subsets* of E .**
- (d) $A \subseteq C$. **False. A is a *member* of C , not a *subset* of C .**

2. Let $E = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ be a universe of discourse. Let $A = \{a\}$, $B = \{b, c, d\}$, $C = \{f, a, d\}$. Compute the following.

- (a) $A \cup B$. **$\{a, b, c, d\}$.**
- (b) $B \cap C$ **$\{d\}$.**
- (c) B^c . **$\{a, e, f\}$.**
- (d) $A \Delta C$. **$\{f, d\}$.**
- (e) $C \setminus A$. **$\{f, d\}$.**

3. Let A, B, C be sets.

Prove that $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } x \in (A \cap B)^c &\iff x \notin A \cap B \iff \neg(x \in A \cap B) \iff \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B) \\ &\iff \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B) \iff (x \notin A) \vee (x \notin B). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS: } x \in A^c \cup B^c \iff (x \in A^c) \vee (x \in B^c) \iff (x \notin A) \vee (x \notin B).$$

So LHS = RHS. (A full proof would give a reason for each if-and-only-if; e.g. “def of complement” for the 1st; “negation” for 2nd; etc. c.f. answer to Q9.)

4. Is $0 \in \emptyset$? Is $\{\emptyset\} \in \emptyset$? **No to both.**

Explain why. **By definition, \emptyset has *no* members.**

5. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $B = \{c, d, e\}$. Compute the following:

- (a) $P(A)$. **$\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, A\}$**
- (b) $P(A \cap B)$. **$P(\{c, d\}) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}\}$**

6. Let $A = \{a, b\}$, $B = \{1, 2\}$. Compute the following:

- (a) $A \cap B$. **\emptyset**
- (b) $P(A \cap B)$. **$\{\emptyset\}$**

7. Let $A = \{0, 1\}$. Compute $A \times A \times A \times A = \{(s, t, u, v) : s, t, u, v \in A\}$
 $= \{(0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1, 1)\}$

8. Let $A = \{0, 1\}$ and $B = \{a, b, c\}$. Are the following partitions of $A \times B$? Explain why or why not.

- (a) $\{A_1, A_2\}$ where $A_1 = \{(0, a), (0, b), (0, c)\}$. $A_2 = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c)\}$.

Yes. $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ and $A_1 \cup A_2 = A \times B$.

- (b) $\{A_1, A_2\}$ where $A_1 = \{(0, a), (0, b), (0, c), (0, 0)\}$. $A_2 = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c), (1, 1)\}$.

No. $A_1 \notin A \times B$ since $(0, 0) \notin A \times B$.

- (c) $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$ where $A_1 = \{(0, a), (1, a)\}$. $A_2 = \{(0, b), (1, b)\}$. $A_3 = \{(0, c), (1, c)\}$.

Yes. $A_1 \cap A_2 = A_1 \cap A_3 = A_2 \cap A_3 = \emptyset$ and $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = A \times B$.

- (d) $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$ where $A_1 = \{(0, a), (0, b), (0, c)\}$. $A_2 = \{(0, a), (1, a)\}$. $A_3 = \{(0, b), (1, b)\}$. $A_4 = \{(0, c), (1, c)\}$. **No.** $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{(0, a)\} \neq \emptyset$ [*i.e.* A_1 and A_2 are not disjoint.]

9. Prove that $A \cup (B \setminus A) = A \cup B$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in A \cup (B \setminus A) &\iff (x \in A) \vee (x \in B \setminus A) && \text{(definition of union)} \\
 &\iff (x \in A) \vee ((x \in B) \wedge (x \notin A)) && \text{(definition of set difference)} \\
 &\iff ((x \in A) \vee (x \in B)) \wedge ((x \in A) \vee (x \notin A)) && \text{(distributive law)} \\
 &\iff ((x \in A) \vee (x \in B)) \wedge T && \text{(since } p \vee \neg p \text{ is a tautology)} \\
 &\iff (x \in A) \vee (x \in B) && \text{(since } p \wedge T \equiv p) \\
 &\iff x \in A \cup B && \text{(definition of union)}
 \end{aligned}$$

10. Find counterexamples to the following statements.

- (a) $A \subseteq B \implies A^c \subseteq B^c$.

We need to find sets A and B such that $A \subseteq B$ but $A^c \not\subseteq B^c$.

The latter requires us to find an element $x \in A^c$ with $x \notin B^c$,

i.e. an element x in B but not in A .

An easy way to do this, and at the same time ensure that

$A \subseteq B$, is just to take A empty and B non-empty.

So the simplest counterexample is: $A = \emptyset, \quad B = \{b\}$.

- (b) $(A \not\subseteq B) \wedge (B \not\subseteq C) \implies A \not\subseteq C$.

We need to find sets A, B, C such that $A \not\subseteq B$ and $B \not\subseteq C$ but $A \subseteq C$.

To satisfy the first two of these conditions A needs an element $a \notin B$ and B needs an element $b \notin C$.

We can satisfy the third condition by choosing $A = C$ provided this does not contradict the first two conditions.

The simplest counterexample is $A = \{a\} = C, \quad B = \{b\}, \quad \text{with } a \neq b$.

- (c) $(A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \not\subseteq C) \implies A \not\subseteq C$

We need to find sets A, B, C such that $A \subseteq B$ and $A \subseteq C$ but $B \not\subseteq C$.

By combining ideas from (a) and (b) we can soon see that we can get what we need by taking A and C empty but B non-empty.

The simplest counterexample is $A = C = \emptyset, \quad B = \{b\}$.