

UNIT-1

Set Theory Questions and Solutions

Question 1: In a class of 40 students, 22 play hockey, 26 play basketball, and 14 play both. How many students do not play either of the games?

Solution:

Let H be the set of students playing hockey, and B be the set playing basketball.

$$n(H) = 22, n(B) = 26, n(H \cap B) = 14.$$

$$n(H \cup B) = n(H) + n(B) - n(H \cap B) = 22 + 26 - 14 = 34.$$

$$\text{Students not playing either} = \text{Total students} - n(H \cup B) = 40 - 34 = 6.$$

Question 2: If set $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ and set $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, find $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$.

Solution:

$A \cup B$ (union) is the set of elements that are in A , or B , or both.

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9\}.$$

$A \cap B$ (intersection) is the set of elements that are in both A and B .

$$A \cap B = \{1, 3, 5\}.$$

Question 3: In a survey of 60 people, 25 liked tea, 30 liked coffee, and 10 liked both. How many people liked only tea?

Solution:

Number of people who liked only tea = Number who liked tea - Number who liked both.

$$= 25 - 10 = 15 \text{ people liked only tea.}$$

Question 4: For sets $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer, } 1 \leq x \leq 6\}$ and $B = \{x \mid x \text{ is an even integer, } 2 \leq x \leq 8\}$, find the set $A - B$.

Solution:

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}.$$

$A - B$ (difference) is the set of elements in A that are not in B .

$$A - B = \{1, 3, 5\}.$$

Question 5: Given sets $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $Y = \{b, d, e, f\}$, find the symmetric difference of X and Y (denoted as $X \Delta Y$).

Solution:

$X \Delta Y$ is the set of elements in either X or Y , but not in their intersection.

$$\text{Intersection } X \cap Y = \{b, d\}.$$

$$X \Delta Y = (X \cup Y) - (X \cap Y) = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\} - \{b, d\} = \{a, c, e, f\}.$$

Question 6: If set $C = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ and set $D = \{6, 8, 10, 12\}$, what are the sets $C \cap D$ and $C \cup D$?

Solution:

$C \cap D$ (intersection) is the set of elements common to both C and D .

$$C \cap D = \{6, 8\}.$$

$C \cup D$ (union) is the set of all elements in C , or D , or both.

$$C \cup D = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}.$$

Question 7: A survey of 100 students found that 70 students like pizza, 75 like burgers, and 60 like both. How many students like neither pizza nor burgers?

Solution:

Let P be the set of students who like pizza, and B be the set who like burgers.

$$n(P \cup B) = n(P) + n(B) - n(P \cap B) = 70 + 75 - 60 = 85.$$

$$\text{Students who like neither} = \text{Total students} - n(P \cup B) = 100 - 85 = 15.$$

Question 8: For sets $E = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ and $F = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, find the set $E \cup F$ and the set $E - F$.

Solution:

$E \cup F$ (union) is the set of elements in E , or F , or both.

$$E \cup F = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9\}.$$

$E - F$ (difference) is the set of elements in E that are not in F .

$$E - F = \{5, 7, 9\}.$$

Question 9: Given set $G = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$ and set $H = \{a, e, y\}$, find the symmetric difference $G \Delta H$.

Solution:

$G \Delta H$ is the set of elements in either G or H , but not in their intersection.

$$\text{Intersection } G \cap H = \{a, e\}.$$

$$G \Delta H = (G \cup H) - (G \cap H) = \{a, e, i, o, u, y\} - \{a, e\} = \{i, o, u, y\}.$$

Question 10: In a group of 50 people, 28 like tea, 26 like coffee, and 12 like both. Find the number of people who like only coffee.

Solution:

Number of people who like only coffee = Number who like coffee - Number who like both.

$$= 26 - 12 = 14 \text{ people like only coffee.}$$

Problems on Tautology

Find if the given propositional logic is a tautology or not.

1) P

Truth table:

P
T
F

The truth table of P contains a False value. *Thus, it can not be a tautology.*

2) $P \Rightarrow P$

We shall draw the truth table for this proposition.

Implication:

$$P \Rightarrow Q = \neg P \vee Q$$

The simplified expression of the given proposition is: $\neg P \vee P$

Truth Table:

P	$\neg P$	$\neg P \vee P$
T	F	T
F	T	T

The truth table of $\neg P \vee P$ consists only of True values. *Therefore, $P \Rightarrow P$ is a tautology.*

3) $(P \Rightarrow P) \Rightarrow P$

We shall draw the truth table for this proposition.

Implication:

$$P \Rightarrow Q = \neg P \vee Q$$

The simplified expression of the given proposition is:

$$(\neg P \vee P) \Rightarrow P$$

$$\neg(\neg P \vee P) \vee P$$

$$(\neg(\neg P) \wedge \neg P) \vee P \text{ \{By Demorgan's Law\}}$$

$$(P \wedge \neg P) \vee P$$

$$(P \wedge \neg P) = \text{False} \text{ \{Complement laws: } P \wedge \neg P = F \text{ \}}$$

$$\text{False} \vee P = P \text{ \{Absorption law\}}$$

Thus, $(P \Rightarrow P) \Rightarrow P$ is equivalent to P . We have already solved this in problem-1.

Therefore, **this is not a Tautology.**

4) $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow [(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow q]$

Solving: $(p \rightarrow q) = \neg p \vee q$ {Implication}

Solving: $[(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow q]$

$$= [(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow q]$$

$$= [\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee q]$$

$$= [(\neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q) \vee q] \text{ {Demorgan's Law}}$$

$$= [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee q] \text{ {Involution law}}$$

$$= [(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee q)] \text{ {Distributive law}}$$

$$= [(p \vee q) \wedge T] \text{ {Complement law}}$$

$$= (p \vee q) \text{ {Absorption law}}$$

Solving $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow [(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow q]$

$$\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee (p \vee q)$$

$$[\neg(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)] \vee (p \vee q) \text{ {Demorgan's Law}}$$

$$(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) \text{ {Involution law}}$$

Thus, final expression is: $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \vee q)$

Truth Table:

p	q	$\neg q$	$(p \wedge \neg q)$	$(p \vee q)$	$(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \vee q)$
T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	F

Since there is a False entry in the truth table, **it implies it is not a Tautology.**

5) $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P) \Rightarrow Q$

Solving $(P \Rightarrow Q)$: $\neg P \vee Q$

Solving $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P)$: $((\neg P \vee Q) \wedge P)$

$$= (\neg P \wedge P) \vee (Q \wedge P) \text{ {Distributive Law}}$$

$$= (F) \vee (Q \wedge P) \text{ {Complement Law}}$$

$$= (Q \wedge P) \text{ {Absorption Law}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Solving } ((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P) \Rightarrow Q: (Q \wedge P) \Rightarrow Q \\
&= \neg(Q \wedge P) \vee Q \\
&= (\neg Q \vee \neg P) \vee Q \text{ \{Demorgan Law\}} \\
&= (\neg Q \vee Q) \vee \neg P \text{ \{Associative Law\}} \\
&= T \vee (\neg P) \text{ \{Complement Law\}} \\
&= T \text{ \{Absorption Law\}}
\end{aligned}$$

Final CNF is: **True**

Here, no need of finding the Truth Table. Given logic is a tautology.

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Problem 2: Given the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and the relation $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5)\}$, represent this relation using a graph and an adjacency matrix. Check if the relation is reflexive, symmetric, or transitive.

Problem 5: For the set $C = \{a, b, c\}$, a relation T is given as $T = \{(a, b), (b, a), (b, c)\}$. Create the corresponding graph and adjacency matrix. Verify if the relation is symmetric and transitive.

Problem 9: For the set $H = \{a, b, c, d\}$, a relation Y is defined as $Y = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d)\}$. Create the corresponding graph and matrix. Determine the properties of this relation.

Solved Examples on Composition of Function

Example 1: For the given functions $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$. Find out the values of $f(g(x))$ and $g(f(x))$.

Solution:

The domain of both the functions are real numbers, so there is no need to modify the domain for the first function in any case.

For $f \circ g(x)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\
&\Rightarrow f \circ g(x) = f(x^2 + 1) \\
&\Rightarrow f \circ g(x) = e^{x^2 + 1} e_{x^2 + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

For $g \circ f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
g \circ f(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
&\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = g(e^x) \\
&\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = (e^x)^2 + 1 \\
&\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = e^{2x} + 1
\end{aligned}$$

Example 2: For the given functions $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$. Find out the values of $f(g(x))$ and $g(f(x))$ at $x = 2$.

Solution:

The domain of both the functions are real numbers, so there is no need to modify the domain for the first function in any case.

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g(x) = f(x^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g(x) = 2(x^2 + 1)$$

At $x = 2$,

$$\Rightarrow f(g(2)) = 2(4 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(g(2)) = 10$$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = g(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = (2x)^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f(x) = 4x^2 + 1$$

At $x = 2$

$$g(f(2)) = 4(2^2) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow g(f(2)) = 4(16) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow g(f(2)) = 65$$

Example 3: For the given functions $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and $g(x) = x^2$. Find out the domain and range for $f \circ g(x)$ and $g \circ f(x)$.

Solution:

$f(x) = \sin x$ has domain as all real numbers and range $[-1, 1]$.

While $g(x) = x^2$ has domain all the real numbers and range R_+ .

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2) = \sin(x^2)$$

Domain is all real numbers, the range is $[-1, 1]$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sin x) = \sin^2 x$$

Domain is all real numbers, the range is between 0 and 1.

Example 4: For the given functions $f(x) = \log(x)$ and $g(x) = x + 1$. Find out the values of $f(g(x))$.

Solution:

Domain of $f(x)$ is all positive numbers i.e R_+ and range is all real numbers.

Domain and range for $g(x)$ is all real numbers.

$$f(g(x)) = f(x + 1) = \log(x + 1)$$

While doing this, the domain of $f(x)$ must be kept in mind as it is logarithmic function it only takes positive values.

$$x + 1 > 0$$

$$x > -1$$

So,

Domain is $(-1, \infty)$

Range is all real numbers (R)

UNIT-3

Solved Examples

Problem 1: Prove that in a group G , if $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all $a, b \in G$, then G is abelian.

Solution:

Given: $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all $a, b \in G$

Expand $(ab)^2$: $abab = a^2b^2$

Multiply both sides by a^{-1} on the left: $a^{-1}(abab) = a^{-1}(a^2b^2)$

Simplify: $bab = ab^2$

Multiply both sides by b^{-1} on the right: $(bab)b^{-1} = (ab^2)b^{-1}$

Simplify: $ba = ab$

Therefore, G is abelian.

Problem 2: Let G be a group of order 15. Prove that G is cyclic.

Solution:

By Lagrange's theorem, the possible orders of elements in G are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

If there exists an element of order 15, then G is cyclic.

If not, then G has elements of order 3 and 5 (since it can't be all identity elements).

Let a be an element of order 3 and b be an element of order 5.

Consider the subgroup $H = \langle a, b \rangle$. Its order must divide 15.

$|H| \neq 3$ or 5 because it contains elements of both orders.

$|H| \neq 1$ because it's not just the identity.

Therefore, $|H| = 15$, which means $H = G$.

By the fundamental theorem of finite abelian groups, $G \cong Z_3 \oplus Z_5 \cong Z_{15}$. Thus, G is cyclic.

Problem 3: Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . Prove that if $[G:H] = 2$, then H is normal in G .

Solution:

$[G:H] = 2$ means there are only two cosets of H in G .

These cosets are H itself and some aH where $a \notin H$.

For any $g \in G$, gH must equal either H or aH .

If $gH = H$, then $g \in H$, so $gHg^{-1} = H$.

If $gH = aH$, then $g = ah$ for some $h \in H$.

In this case, $gHg^{-1} = ahH(ah)^{-1} = aHa^{-1}$

But aHa^{-1} must be either H or aH .

If $aHa^{-1} = aH$, then $Ha^{-1} = H$, which means $a \in H$, contradicting our choice of a .

Therefore, $aHa^{-1} = H$.

Thus, for all $g \in G$, $gHg^{-1} = H$, so H is normal in G .

Problem 4: Let G be a group and let $a, b \in G$. Prove that if $ab = ba$, then $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Solution:

We'll use induction on n .

Base case: For $n = 0$, $(ab)^0 = e = a^0 b^0$

For $n = 1$, $(ab)^1 = ab = a^1 b^1$

Inductive hypothesis: Assume $(ab)^k = a^k b^k$ for some $k \geq 1$

Inductive step: Consider $(ab)^{k+1}$

$(ab)^{k+1} = (ab)^k(ab) = (a^k b^k)(ab) = a^k(b^k a)b = a^k(ab^k)b = a^{k+1}b^{k+1}$

By induction, $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

For negative integers, note that $(ab)^{-n} = ((ab)^n)^{-1} = (a^n b^n)^{-1} = b^{-n} a^{-n} = a^{-n} b^{-n}$

Therefore, $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Problem 5: Let G be a group of order pq , where p and q are distinct primes. Prove that G is cyclic if and only if $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 1$.

Solution:

First, prove that if G is cyclic, then $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 1$:

If G is cyclic, it has an element of order pq .

By the structure theorem of cyclic groups, $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z}$

The number of elements of order pq in $\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z}$ is $\phi(pq) = (p-1)(q-1)$

This number must equal the number of generators of G , which is $\phi(pq)$

For this to be true, we must have $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 1$

Now, prove that if $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 1$, then G is cyclic:

By Sylow's theorems, G has a unique subgroup P of order p and a unique subgroup Q of order q

Let a generate P and b generate Q

Consider the order of ab :

$$(ab)^{pq} = a^p q b^p q = (a^p) q (b^p)^q = e$$

So the order of ab divides pq

If $\text{ord}(ab) = p$ or q , then $ab \in P$ or $ab \in Q$, which is impossible

Therefore, $\text{ord}(ab) = pq$, and G is cyclic

Thus, G is cyclic if and only if $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 1$.