

Elements of Set Theory 3.1, 3.3, 3.8, 3.11, 3.15, 3.19, 3.25, 3.30

3.1 Suppose that we attempted to generalize the Kuratowski definitions of ordered pairs to ordered triples by defining

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle^* = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, y, z\}\}$$

Show that this definition is unsuccessful by giving examples of objects u, v, w, x, y, z with $\langle x, y, z \rangle^* = \langle u, v, w \rangle^*$ but with either $y \neq v$ or $z \neq w$ (or both).

One such ordered pair would be

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, b, b \rangle^* &= \langle a, a, b \rangle^* \\ \text{Expanded: } \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, b\}\} &= \{\{a\}, \{a, a\}, \{a, a, b\}\} \\ \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b\}\} &= \{\{a\}, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\} \\ \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} &= \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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3.3 Show that $A \times \bigcup \mathcal{B} = \bigcup \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\}$.

(\rightarrow) We want to show that any $t = \langle x, y \rangle \in A \times \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ that $t \in \bigcup \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\}$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \in A \times \bigcup \mathcal{B} \implies x \in A \text{ \& } y \in \bigcup \mathcal{B}$$

$$y \in \bigcup \mathcal{B} \implies \exists N \in \mathcal{B} \text{ s.t. } (y \in N)$$

$$\text{So } \exists N \in \mathcal{B} \text{ s.t. } (t \in A \times N)$$

Taking $X = N$, $\exists M \in \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\}$ s.t. $t \in M$ which means that $t \in \bigcup \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\}$

(\leftarrow) In this direction we start with $t \in \bigcup \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\}$ and show that $t \in A \times \bigcup \mathcal{B}$

$$t \in \bigcup \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\} \implies \exists N \in \{A \times X \mid X \in \mathcal{B}\} \text{ s.t. } t \in N$$

$$\exists X \in \mathcal{B} \text{ s.t. } t \in A \times X$$

$$t \in A \times X \implies x \in A \text{ \& } y \in X$$

$$y \in X \implies y \in \bigcup \mathcal{B}$$

Therefore $\langle x, y \rangle \in A \times \bigcup \mathcal{B}$.

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3.8 Show that for any set \mathcal{A} :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{dom } \bigcup \mathcal{A} &= \bigcup \{\text{dom } R \mid R \in \mathcal{A}\}, \\ \text{ran } \bigcup \mathcal{A} &= \bigcup \{\text{ran } R \mid R \in \mathcal{A}\},\end{aligned}$$

Let $\langle x, y \rangle$ be in $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$ so that x is in $\text{dom } \bigcup \mathcal{A}$. Then $\exists N \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\langle x, y \rangle \in N$. Taking this $N = R$, $x \in \text{dom } R$ so $R \in \bigcup \{\text{dom } R \mid R \in \mathcal{A}\}$. Conversely if x starts in $\bigcup \{\text{dom } R \mid R \in \mathcal{A}\}$, then there is some R such that $x \in \text{dom } R$ or $\langle x, y \rangle \in R \in \mathcal{A}$. Therefore $\langle x, y \rangle \in \bigcup \mathcal{A}$, and x is in its domain.

For the second part one can make an identical argument using y being in the $\text{ran } \bigcup \mathcal{A}$. ■

3.11 Prove the following: Assume that F and G are functions, $\text{dom } F = \text{dom } G$, and $F(x) = G(x)$ for all x in the common domain. Then $F = G$.

Let $\langle x, y \rangle \in F$. Then because the domains are equal, there exists an $\langle x, t \rangle$ in G . Since $F(x) = G(x)$, there exists a t in $G(x)$ such that $y = t$. Therefore $\langle x, y \rangle \in G$ and $F \subseteq G$. By making the identical argument swapping F for G , one can see that $G \subseteq F$ so $F = G$. ■

3.15 Let \mathcal{A} be a set of functions such that for any f and g in \mathcal{A} , either $f \subseteq g$ or $g \subseteq f$. Show that $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$ is a function.

To show that $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$ is a function it must only contain 2-pairs and $(\langle x, y \rangle \in \bigcup \mathcal{A}) \ \& \ (\langle x, t \rangle \in \bigcup \mathcal{A}) \implies y = t$. If $\langle x, y \rangle \ \& \ \langle x, t \rangle \in \bigcup \mathcal{A}$ then let $\langle x, y \rangle \in f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\langle x, t \rangle \in g \in \mathcal{A}$. If $f = g$ then since f is a function $y = t$. If $f \neq g$ then since $f \subseteq g$ or $g \subseteq f$, either $\langle x, y \rangle \in g$ or $\langle x, t \rangle \in f$. In either case, because f and g are function, one of them will have both $\langle x, y \rangle \ \& \ \langle x, t \rangle$ in them which means $x = t$. ■

3.19 Let

$$A = \{\langle \emptyset, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \rangle, \langle \{\emptyset\}, \emptyset \rangle\}.$$

Evaluate each of the following: $A(\emptyset)$, $A[\emptyset]$, $A[\{\emptyset\}]$, $A[\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}]$, A^{-1} , $A \circ A$, $A \upharpoonright \emptyset$, $A \upharpoonright \{\emptyset\}$, $A \upharpoonright \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$, $\bigcup \bigcup A$.

$$\begin{aligned} A(\emptyset) &= \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \\ A[\emptyset] &= \emptyset \\ A[\{\emptyset\}] &= \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \\ A[\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}] &= \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\} \\ A^{-1} &= \{\langle \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle \emptyset, \{\emptyset\} \rangle\} \\ A \circ A &= \{\langle \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \rangle\} \\ A \upharpoonright \emptyset &= \emptyset \\ A \upharpoonright \{\emptyset\} &= \{\langle \emptyset, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \rangle\} \\ A \upharpoonright \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} &= \emptyset \\ \bigcup \bigcup A &= \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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3.25

1. Assume that G is a one-to-one function. Show that $G \circ G^{-1}$ is $I_{\text{ran } G}$, the identity function on $\text{ran } G$.
2. Show that the result of part (a) holds for any function G , not necessarily one-to-one.

To show that they are equal, assume $\langle x, y \rangle \in G \circ G^{-1}$. This means that: $\exists t (\langle x, t \rangle \in G^{-1} \ \& \ \langle t, y \rangle \in G)$. Since $\langle x, t \rangle \in G^{-1}$, it must be that $\langle t, x \rangle \in G$. But since both $\langle t, x \rangle$ and $\langle t, y \rangle$ are in G , a function, $x = y$. Therefore the only elements in $G \circ G^{-1}$ are of the form $\langle x, x \rangle$ where x is in $\text{ran } G$ which is exactly $I_{\text{ran } G}$ ■

3.30 Assume that $F : \mathcal{P}A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}A$ and that F has the monotonicity property:

$$X \subseteq Y \subseteq A \implies F(X) \subseteq F(Y).$$

Define

$$B = \bigcap \{X \subseteq A \mid F(X) \subseteq X\} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \bigcup \{X \subseteq A \mid X \subseteq F(X)\}.$$

1. Show that $F(B) = B$ and $F(C) = C$.
2. Show that if $F(X) = X$, then $B \subseteq X \subseteq C$.

1. Pick any $t \in F(B)$. Then its preimage x is in B . Since $x \in B$, every set that contains x is a superset of itself under F . Therefore, B is a superset of $F(B)$ and $t \in B$. On the other hand assume $t \in B$ but $t \notin F(B)$. This is a contradiction because B must be a super set of $F(B)$. Therefore $F(B) = B$.

For set C , assume $t \in C$, then $\exists X(t \in X)$ and $X \subseteq F(X)$, which implies $t \in F(X)$ and $t \in F(C)$. Assuming $t \in F(C)$, then since $F(C) \subseteq C$, $F(F(C)) \subseteq F(C)$ so $F(C)$ belongs to the union and anything in C is in $F(C)$.

2. If $F(X) = X$ then $F(X) \subseteq X$ so B includes it in it's disjoint which means $B \subseteq X$. On the other hand, $X \subseteq F(X)$ and since C is the union of X and other sets, $X \subseteq C$.

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