

Assignment 3 - COMP 1805

1. (8pts) Define each set using set-builder notation. If the set is finite, state its cardinality; otherwise, indicate that it is infinite.

(a) $\{10, 20, 30, 40, \dots, 1000\}$

Solution:

$$S = \{x | (x \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (x \leq 1000) \wedge (10|x)\}$$

$$|S| = |\{10, 20, 30, 40, \dots, 1000\}| = 100$$

(b) $\{-6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6\}$

Solution:

$$S = \{x | (x \in \mathbb{Z}) \wedge (-6 \leq x \leq 6) \wedge (2|x)\}$$

$$|S| = |\{-6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6\}| = 7$$

(c) $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$

Solution:

$$S = \{x | (x \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (3|x)\}$$

$$|S| = |\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}| = \infty \quad \text{Cardinality is infinite}$$

(d) $\{0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots\}$

Solution:

$$S = \{x | x = 0.5 \cdot 2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$|S| = |\{0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots\}| = \infty \quad \text{Cardinality is infinite}$$

2. (16pts) Determine whether each statement is true or false for all sets A and B . Provide a justification for your answer. Note that the difference between two sets A and B can be denoted $A \setminus B$ or $A - B$.

- (a) If $A \subset B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

Solution:

TRUE. If A is a proper subset of B , then all elements of A are also in B . This is enough for A to be a subset of B .

- (b) If $A \subseteq B$ then $A \subset B$.

Solution:

FALSE. We only know A is a subset of B . However it is possible that B is also a subset of A . If so, then $A = B$, thus $A \not\subset B$.

- (c) If $A = B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

Solution:

TRUE, because we know that $(A = B) \leftrightarrow (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A)$, so if $A = B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

- (d) If $A = B$ then $B \subset A$.

Solution:

FALSE. $B \subset A$ is true only if $A \not\subseteq B$. However since $A = B$, then $A \subseteq B$. Thus, $B \not\subset A$.

- (e) If $A \subset B$ then $A \neq B$ and $B \neq \emptyset$.

Solution:

TRUE. If $A \subset B$, then we know $B \not\subseteq A$. Thus, it's impossible for A and B to be equal (since there exists element in B that is not in A). Additionally, $B \neq \emptyset$ because otherwise B would be a subset of A since empty sets are a subset of all sets.

- (f) If $A \subseteq B$ then $A \cup B = B$ and $A \cap B = A$.

Solution:

TRUE. If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \cup B$ is simply B since all A is included in B , and $A \cap B = A$ since all and only all elements in A intersects with B .

- (g) If $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ then $A = \emptyset$.

Solution:

FALSE. $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ is true for any A and B , since it is taking the intersection of A and B AFTER any intersection with A was removed from B , thus resulting in no intersection regardless of elements in the set.

- (h) If $A - (B - A) = \emptyset$ then $A = \emptyset$.

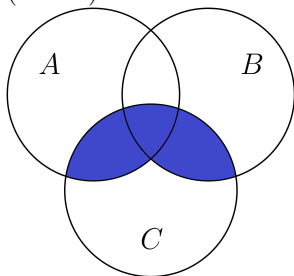
Solution:

TRUE. This statement simplifies to A if $A \neq \emptyset$, since taking the difference of $(B - A)$ from A does nothing since any intersection between B and A has already been removed beforehand.

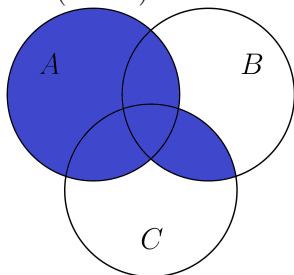
As such, $A - (B - A) = A = \emptyset$ if and only if $A = \emptyset$.

3. (10pts) Using the provided template, draw a Venn Diagram to represent the following sets:

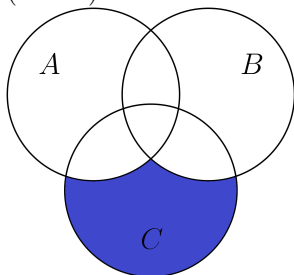
(a) $(A \cup B) \cap C$



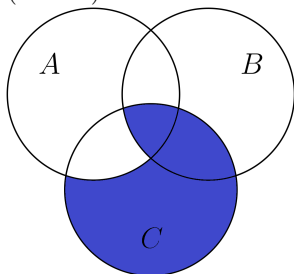
(b) $A \cup (B \cap C)$



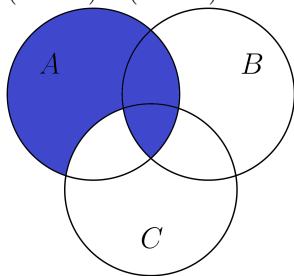
(c) $\overline{(A \cup B)} \cap C$



(d) $\overline{(A - B)} \cap C$



(e) $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \overline{C})$



4. (18pts) Let A , B and C be sets. Determine the validity of each statement below. Justify your answer using set identities or membership tables. If two sets are not equivalent, provide a counterexample. A sample solution is provided for part (a).

(a) $A \cap (B - C) = (A - C) \cap B$

Solution: The equation is TRUE. We will show this using set identities.

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap (B - C) &= A \cap (B \cap \overline{C}) && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= (A \cap \overline{C}) \cap B && \text{Commutative and Associative Laws} \\ &= (A - C) \cap B && \text{Difference Equivalence} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $(A - \overline{B}) \cup (B - \overline{A}) = (A \cap B)$

Solution: The equation is TRUE. We will show this using set identities.

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \overline{B}) \cup (B - \overline{A}) &= (A \cap B) \cup (B \cap A) && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B) && \text{Commutative Law} \\ &= A \cap B && \text{Idempotent Law} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\overline{(A - B) \cup (B - A)} = \overline{A} \cup B$

Solution: The equation is FALSE. We will show this by using a counterexample to find an element that is in one set but not the other.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{(A - B) \cup (B - A)} &= \overline{(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (B \cap \overline{A})} && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= \overline{(A \cap \overline{B}) \cap (\overline{A} \cap B)} && \text{De Morgan's Law, Commutative Law} \\ &= \overline{(\overline{A} \cup B) \cap (A \cup \overline{B})} && \text{De Morgan's Law} \end{aligned}$$

let x be an element; $x \in B$

then $x \in \overline{A} \cup B$ [def'n of \cup]

since $x \in \overline{A}$, then $x \notin A$ [def'n of complement]

since $x \in B$, then $x \notin \overline{B}$ [def'n of complement]

$\therefore x \notin (\overline{A} \cup B) \cap (A \cup \overline{B})$, because $x \notin A \cap \overline{B}$ [def'n of \cap]

(d) $((A - B) \cup (A \cap B)) \cap ((\overline{B \cap \overline{B}}) - A) = \emptyset$

Solution: The equation is TRUE. We will show this using set identities.

$$\begin{aligned} ((A - B) \cup (A \cap B)) \cap ((\overline{B \cap \overline{B}}) - A) &= ((A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap B)) \cap ((\overline{B} \cup B) \cap \overline{A}) && \text{De Morgan's Laws} \\ &= (A \cap (\overline{B} \cup B)) \cap ((\overline{B} \cup B) \cap \overline{A}) && \text{Distributive Laws} \\ &= (\overline{B} \cup B) \cap (A \cap \overline{A}) && \text{Distributive Laws} \\ &= U \cap \emptyset && \text{Complement Laws} \\ &= \emptyset && \text{Domination Law} \end{aligned}$$

(e) $A - (B - C) = (A - B) - C$

Solution: The equation is FALSE. We will show this by using a counterexample to find an element that is in one set but not the other.

Left side:

$$\begin{aligned} A - (B - C) &= A \cap \overline{(B \cap \overline{C})} && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{B} \cup C) && \text{Morgan's Law} \end{aligned}$$

Right side:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - B) - C &= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cap \overline{C} && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= A \cap \overline{B} \cap \overline{C} && \text{Associative Law} \end{aligned}$$

let x be an element; $x \in A, B, C$

then $x \in A \cap (\overline{B} \cup C)$ [def'n of \cup , def'n of \cap]

since $x \in B$, then $x \notin \overline{B}$ [def'n of complement]

since $x \in C$, then $x \notin \overline{C}$ [def'n of complement]

$\therefore x \notin A \cap \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}$, because $x \notin \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}$ [def'n of \cap]

(f) $(B \cup C) - (A \cup \overline{C}) = \overline{A} \cap C = \overline{A} \cap (A \cup C)$

Solution: The equation is TRUE. We will show this using set identities.

Let $L.S. = (B \cup C) - (A \cup \overline{C})$

Let $R.S. = \overline{A} \cap (A \cup C)$

Let $M.S. = \overline{A} \cap C$

L.S.:

$$\begin{aligned} (B \cup C) - (A \cup \overline{C}) &= (B \cup C) \cap \overline{(A \cup \overline{C})} && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\ &= (B \cup C) \cap (\overline{A} \cap C) && \text{De Morgan's Law} \\ &= \overline{A} \cap (C \cap (B \cup C)) && \text{Associative Law, Commutative Law} \\ &= \overline{A} \cap C && \text{Absorption Law} \end{aligned}$$

R.S.:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A} \cap (A \cup C) &= (\overline{A} \cap A) \cup (\overline{A} \cap C) && \text{Distributive Law} \\ &= \emptyset \cup (\overline{A} \cap C) && \text{Complement Law} \\ &= \overline{A} \cap C && \text{Identity Law} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore L.S. = M.S. = R.S. = \overline{A} \cap C$; The equation is true.

(g) $(A \cup \overline{C}) - (B \cup C) = A \cap B \cap \overline{C}$

Solution: The equation is FALSE. We will show this by using a counterexample to find an element that is in one set but not the other.

Left side:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \cup \overline{C}) - (B \cup C) &= (A \cup \overline{C}) \cap \overline{(B \cup C)} && \text{Difference Equivalence} \\
 &= (A \cup \overline{C}) \cap (\overline{B} \cap \overline{C}) && \text{Morgan's Law} \\
 &= \overline{B} \cap \overline{C} \cap (A \cup \overline{C}) && \text{Associative Law, Commutative Law} \\
 &= \overline{B} \cap \overline{C} && \text{Absorption Law}
 \end{aligned}$$

let x be an element; $x \in (A - (B \cup C))$

then $x \in \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}$ [def'n of \cap]

since $x \in \overline{B}$, then $x \notin B$ [def'n of complement]

since $x \in \overline{C}$, then $x \notin C$ [def'n of complement]

$\therefore x \notin A \cap B \cap \overline{C}$, because $x \notin B$ [def'n of \cap]

5. (10pts) Determine whether f is a function or not. Justify your answer. Recall, that \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers, \mathbb{Z} is the set of all integers.

(a) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$.

Solution: NO, because $f(3) = \frac{1}{0} \notin \mathbb{R}$.

(b) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \pm\sqrt{x^2 + 5}$.

Solution: NO, because every element in the domain has up to 2 images.

E.g. $f(0) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{5} \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{cases}$.

(c) $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 8}$.

Solution: YES, because every element in the domain maps to one element in the codomain. $\sqrt{x^2 + 8}$ is always a real number for any integer input x .

(d) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$.

Solution: NO, because there exists elements in the domain that do not map to an element in the codomain.

E.g. $f(-2) = \sqrt{-1} \notin \mathbb{R}$

(e) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = \lceil x \rceil$. Note that f is the ceiling function.

Solution: YES, because every element in the domain maps to one element in the codomain. $\lceil x \rceil$ is always an integer for any real number input x .

6. (21pts) For each of the following functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ prove or disprove the following:

- The function is injective (one-to-one).
- The function is surjective (onto).
- The function is bijective (both injective and surjective). If the function is a bijection, find its inverse.

(a) $f(x) = \lfloor 3x \rfloor$. Note that $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the **floor** function.

Solution: This function is injective, not surjective, not bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$\lfloor 3x_1 \rfloor = \lfloor 3x_2 \rfloor$$

$$3x_1 = 3x_2$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is injective.

Surjective?

Let $y = 1.4$

There is no $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = \lfloor 3x \rfloor = 1.4 = y$, because $\lfloor 3x \rfloor \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $y \notin \mathbb{Z}$.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT surjective.

Bijjective?

$f(x)$ is not surjective.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT bijective.

(b) $f(x) = 8 - 3x$

Solution: This function is injective, surjective, bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$8 - 3x_1 = 8 - 3x_2$$

$$-3x_1 = -3x_2$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is injective.

Surjective?

Let y be an arbitrary image.

$$y = 8 - 3x$$

$$y - 8 = -3x$$

$$\frac{y - 8}{-3} = x$$

For any $y \in \mathbb{R}$: $\frac{y-8}{-3} \in \mathbb{R}$

We found an element $x = \frac{y-8}{-3} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = f\left(\frac{y-8}{-3}\right) = 8 - 3\left(\frac{y-8}{-3}\right) = y$

$\therefore f(x)$ is surjective.

Bijjective?

$f(x)$ is injective and surjective.

$\therefore f(x)$ is bijective.

Inverse:

$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y-8}{-3}$ by definition of inverse.

(c) $f(x) = |8 - 3x|$

Solution: This function is not injective, not surjective, not bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} |8 - 3x_1| &= |8 - 3x_2| \\ 8 - 3x_1 &= \pm(8 - 3x_2) \\ -3x_1 &= \pm(8 - 3x_2) - 8 \\ x_1 &= \frac{\pm(8 - 3x_2) - 8}{-3} \\ x_1 &= \begin{cases} \frac{(8-3x_2)-8}{-3} = x_2 \\ \frac{-(8-3x_2)-8}{-3} = \frac{16}{3} - x_2 & x_1 \neq x_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT injective.

Surjective?

Let $y = -1$

There is no $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = |8 - 3x| = -1 = y$, because $|8 - 3x|$ does not have images in codomain $\mathbb{R} < 0$.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT surjective.

Bijjective?

$f(x)$ is not injective or surjective.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT bijective.

(d) $f(x) = 4x^3 + 5$

Solution: This function is injective, surjective, bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1^3 + 5 &= 4x_2^3 + 5 \\ 4x_1^3 &= 4x_2^3 \\ x_1^3 &= x_2^3 \\ x_1 &= x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is injective.

Surjective?

Let y be an arbitrary image.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 4x^3 + 5 \\y - 5 &= 4x^3 \\\frac{y - 5}{4} &= x^3 \\\sqrt[3]{\frac{y - 5}{4}} &= x\end{aligned}$$

For any $y \in \mathbb{R}$: $\sqrt[3]{\frac{y-5}{4}} \in \mathbb{R}$

We found an element $x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{y-5}{4}} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = f(\sqrt[3]{\frac{y-5}{4}}) = 4(\sqrt[3]{\frac{y-5}{4}})^3 + 5 = y$
 $\therefore f(x)$ is surjective.

Bijjective?

$f(x)$ is injective and surjective.

$\therefore f(x)$ is bijective.

Inverse:

$f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{y-5}{4}} = x$ by definition of inverse.

(e) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3$

Solution: This function is not injective, not surjective, not bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1^2 - 3 &= 2x_2^2 - 3 \\2x_1^2 &= 2x_2^2 \\x_1^2 &= x_2^2 \\x_1 &= \pm\sqrt{x_2^2} \\x_1 &= \pm x_2 \\x_1 &= \begin{cases} x_2 \\ -x_2 \end{cases} \quad x_1 \neq x_2\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT injective.

Surjective?

Let $y = -4$

There is no $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3 = -4 = y$, because $2x^2 - 3$ does not have images in codomain $\mathbb{R} < -3$.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT surjective.

Bijjective?

$f(x)$ is not injective or surjective.

$\therefore f(x)$ is NOT bijective.

7. (9pts) Let f and g both be functions from real numbers to real numbers. Let $f(x) = 3x^2 - 8$ and $g(x) = x - 2$. Define each of the following, simplify, and then evaluate. You need to show your work.

(a) $(f \circ g)(x = -1)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x = -1) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= 3(x - 2)^2 - 8 \\ &= 3((-1) - 2)^2 - 8 \\ &= 3(-3)^2 - 8 \\ &= 3(9) - 8 \\ &= 27 - 8 \\ &= 19\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x = 2) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= (3x^2 - 8) - 2 \\ &= (3(2)^2 - 8) - 2 \\ &= (3(4) - 8) - 2 \\ &= (4) - 2 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

(c) $((g \circ f) \circ g)(x = 1)$ Reuse solution to part (b).

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f) &= (3x^2 - 8) - 2 && \text{from (b)} \\ ((g \circ f) \circ g)(x = 1) &= (3(g(x))^2 - 8) - 2 \\ &= (3(x - 2)^2 - 8) - 2 \\ &= 3(x - 2)^2 - 10 \\ &= 3((1) - 2)^2 - 10 \\ &= 3(-1)^2 - 10 \\ &= 3(1) - 10 \\ &= -7\end{aligned}$$

8. (8 pts) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Prove or disprove the followings:

- (a) if f and g are both bijections, then $f(x) + g(x)$ is also a bijection.

Solution: FALSE. We will disprove using a counterexample:

let $f(x)=x$; f is a bijection

let $g(x)=-x$; g is a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + g(x) &= x + (-x) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $y = 1$

There is no $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) + g(x) = x + (-x) = 1 = y$, because $x + (-x) = 0$; it does not have images in codomain $\mathbb{R} \neq 0$.

$\therefore f(x) + g(x)$ is NOT surjective.

$\therefore f(x) + g(x)$ is NOT bijective.

- (b) if f is a bijection, then for any real number $c \neq 0$, $c \cdot f(x)$ is also a bijection.

Solution: TRUE. $c \cdot f(x)$ is bijective.

Injective?

Assume that $c \cdot f(x_1) = c \cdot f(x_2)$, $c \neq 0$. Show that $x_1 = x_2$.

$$c \cdot f(x_1) = c \cdot f(x_2)$$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$f(x)$ has 1 and only 1 preimage for all $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore c \cdot f(x)$ is injective.

Surjective?

Let y be an arbitrary image.

$$y = c \cdot f(x)$$

$$\frac{y}{c} = f(x)$$

$$f^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) = x$$

For any $y \in \mathbb{R}$: $f^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$

We found an element $x = f^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $c \cdot f(x) = c \cdot f\left(f^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right)\right) = c \cdot f\left(f^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right)\right) = y$

$\therefore c \cdot f(x)$ is surjective.

Bijjective?

$c \cdot f(x)$ is injective and surjective.

$\therefore c \cdot f(x)$ is bijective.