

Discrete Structures and Theory of Logic

Lecture-5

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Ordered pairs and Cartesian products

Ordered pair

An ordered pair consists of two objects in a given fixed order. An ordered pair is not a set of two elements. The ordering of two objects is important. We denote ordered pair by (x,y) .

The equality of two ordered pairs is defined by $(x,y) = (u,v) \Leftrightarrow x=u$ and $y=v$.

Cartesian products

Let A and B be any two sets. The set of all ordered pairs such that the first member of the ordered pair is an element of A and the second member is an element of B , is called the Cartesian product of A and B . It is denoted by $A \times B$.

Mathematically, it is defined as

$$A \times B = \{ (x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \}$$

Some examples

Example If $A = \{a, b\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, then find $A \times B$, $B \times A$, $A \times A$, $B \times B$, and $(A \times B) \cap (B \times A)$.

Solution:

$$A \times B = \{ (a,1), (a,2), (a,3), (b,1), (b,2), (b,3) \}$$

$$B \times A = \{ (1,a), (1,b), (2,a), (2,b), (3,a), (3,b) \}$$

$$A \times A = \{ (a,a), (a,b), (b,a), (b,b) \}$$

$$B \times B = \{ (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3) \}$$

$$(A \times B) \cap (B \times A) = \phi$$

Example If $A = \phi$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, then what are $A \times B$, $B \times A$?

Solution: $A \times B = \phi$ and $B \times A = \phi$

Some examples(cont.)

Example Prove that

(a) $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$

(b) $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$

Solution:

(a)
$$\begin{aligned} A \times (B \cup C) &= \{(x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in (B \cup C)\} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } (y \in B \text{ or } y \in C)\} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x \in A \text{ and } y \in B) \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } y \in C)\} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x,y) \in A \times B \text{ or } (x,y) \in A \times C\} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x,y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)\} \\ &= (A \times B) \cup (A \times C) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$.

Some examples(cont.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad A \times (B \cap C) &= \{(x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in (B \cap C) \} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } (y \in B \text{ and } y \in C) \} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x \in A \text{ and } y \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ and } y \in C) \} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x,y) \in A \times B \text{ and } (x,y) \in A \times C \} \\ &= \{(x,y) \mid (x,y) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \} \\ &= (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$.

Exercise

1. Determine the following:-
 - 1.1 $\phi \cap \{\phi\}$
 - 1.2 $\{\phi\} \cap \{\phi\}$
 - 1.3 $\{\phi, \{\phi\}\} - \phi$
2. Determine $A \times B \times C$, B^2 , A^3 , $B^2 \times A$, where $A = \{1\}$, $B = \{a, b\}$ and $C = \{2, 3\}$.
3. Prove that
 - 3.1 $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B') = A$
 - 3.2 $A \cap (A' \cup B) = A \cap B$
4. Show that $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$ iff $C \subseteq A$

Exercise(cont.)

1. Draw Venn diagram for the following:-
 - 1.1 B'
 - 1.2 $(A \cup B)'$
 - 1.3 $B - A'$
 - 1.4 $A' \cup B$
 - 1.5 $A' \cap B$
2. Show that
 - 2.1 $(A - B) - C = (A - C) - (B - C)$
 - 2.2 $(A \cap B) \times (C \cap D) = (A \times C) \cap (B \times D)$
3. Let A and B be sets. Show that $A \times B \neq B \times A$. Under what condition $A \times B = B \times A$?

Relation

A relation is defined as the subset of Cartesian product. That is, if R is a relation defined from the set A to B , then

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

Mathematically, $R = \{(x,y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$

Element a related b by relation R if $(a,b) \in R$. It is denoted by aRb .

Examples

1. $R = \{(x,y) \mid x \text{ is the father of } y\}$
2. $R = \{(a,2), (b,2), (c,3)\}$
3. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Some relations R defined on set A are:
 - 3.1 $R = A \times A$
 - 3.2 $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c)\}$
 - 3.3 $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c)\}$
 - 3.4 $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (a, b), (b, a), (c, d)\}$
 - 3.5 $R = \{(a, a), (a, c), (c, a), (a, b), (b, a), (c, c), (b, b)\}$

Note: Consider set A and B with m and n number of elements respectively. The number of relations which can be defined from set A to B will be 2^{mn} .

Domain and Range of a relation

Domain of a relation

Domain of a relation R is the set of first element of all the ordered pairs belong into the relation R. Mathematically, it is defined as

$$\text{Domain}(R) = \{ a \mid \exists b, \text{ such that } (a,b) \in R \}$$

Range of a relation

Range of a relation R is the set of second element of all the ordered pairs belong into the relation R. Mathematically, it is defined as

$$\text{Range}(R) = \{ b \mid \exists a, \text{ such that } (a,b) \in R \}$$

Types of relation

Universal relation

A relation R defined from A to B is said to be universal relation if it contains all the ordered pairs defined from set A to B . That is, if $R = A \times B$, then R is said to be universal set.

Void relation

If R does not contain any ordered pair, then it is said to be void or empty relation. That is, if $R = \phi$ then R is said to be empty relation.

Identity relation

A relation R defined on set A is said to be identity relation if $R = \{(a,a) \mid \text{for all } a \in A\}$

Inverse relation

A relation R' is said to be inverse relation of R defined on set A if $R' = \{(a,b) \mid (b,a) \in R\}$