

Discrete Math HW1

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1. (b) True
- (c) True
- (e) False
- (f) False
- (i) True
- (k) False

(g) $x \notin y, x \subseteq y$

(h) $x \in y, x \subseteq y$

3. (a)

$$P(A) = \{\phi, \{0\}, \{\phi\}, \{\{\phi\}\}, \{0, \phi\}, \{0, \{\phi\}\}, \{\phi, \{\phi\}\}, \{0, \phi, \{\phi\}\}\}$$

- (b)

$$2^{2^8} = 2^{256}$$

- (c) Statement: If $A \subseteq B$ then $P(A) \subseteq P(B)$.

Proof: If $A \subseteq B$, then all elements of A are also elements of B . $P(A)$ is the set containing all sets made from only elements in A , but since all those elements are also elements of B , therefore it follows that every set in $P(A)$ is also an element of $P(B)$, so $P(A) \subseteq P(B)$.

4. (b)

$$(A - B) - C = A - (B \cup C)$$

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

- (c)

$$(A \cup B) - C = (A - C) \cup (B - C)$$

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

5. (a)

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

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

- (c)

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

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cap \overline{C}) - (B \cap \overline{C}) &= (A \cap \overline{C}) \cap \overline{(B \cap \overline{C})} = (A \cap \overline{C}) \cap (\overline{B} \cup C) \\ &= A \cap (\overline{C} \cap (\overline{B} \cup C)) = A \cap ((\overline{C} \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{C} \cap C)) = A \cap \overline{C} \cap \overline{B} = (A - B) - C \end{aligned}$$

7. (a) True

8. To prove that ① and ② are equivalent, we must show that ① \Rightarrow ② and that ② \Rightarrow ①.

To show that ① \Rightarrow ②,

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq B \subseteq C \\ A &\subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cup B = B \\ B &\subseteq C \Rightarrow B \cap C = B \\ &\Rightarrow A \cup B = B \cap C \end{aligned}$$

To show that ② \Rightarrow ①,

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= B \cap C \Rightarrow \\ B \cap C &\subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cup B \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cup B = B \Rightarrow A \subseteq B \\ B &= B \cap C \Rightarrow B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \subseteq B \subseteq C \end{aligned}$$

11. $P(X) = \{\phi\} \Rightarrow X = \phi$.

If $S - T = \phi$ then there are no elements in S which are not in T . Therefore every element in S is also in T . So $S \subseteq T$.

12. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} A \oplus B &= (A - B) \cup (B - A) = (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (B \cap \overline{A}) = (\overline{B} \cap A) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B) \\ &= (\overline{B} - \overline{A}) \cup (\overline{A} - \overline{B}) = (\overline{A} - \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{B} - \overline{A}) = \overline{A} \oplus \overline{B} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A) = \{x : (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \vee (x \in B \wedge x \notin A)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \oplus (B \oplus C) &= \{x : (x \in A \wedge x \notin (B \oplus C)) \vee (x \in (B \oplus C) \wedge x \notin A)\} \\ &= \{x : ((x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C)) \\ &\quad \vee ((x \notin A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \notin C) \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \in C))\} \\ &= \{x : (x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \notin C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \in C)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A \oplus B) \oplus C &= \{x : (x \in (A \oplus B) \wedge x \notin C) \vee (x \in C \wedge x \notin (A \oplus B))\} \\ &= \{x : ((x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C) \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \notin C)) \\ &\quad \vee ((x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C) \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \in C))\} \\ &= \{x : (x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \notin C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C) \\ &\quad \vee (x \notin A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \in C)\} \end{aligned}$$

Since the conditions in the set builder notation for $A \oplus (B \oplus C)$ are identical to those in the set builder notation for $(A \oplus B) \oplus C$ but in different order, and since the logical and operator \wedge is commutative, therefore this proves that $A \oplus (B \oplus C) = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$, and therefore symmetric difference is associative.

(e)

$$A \cap (B \oplus C) = (A \cap B) \oplus (A \cap C)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap (B \oplus C) &= A \cap ((B - C) \cup (C - B)) \\ &= (A \cap (B - C)) \cup (A \cap (C - B)) \\ &= (A \cap (B \cap \overline{C})) \cup (A \cap (C \cap \overline{B})) \\ &= (A \cap B \cap \overline{C}) \cup (A \cap C \cap \overline{B}) \\ &= (B \cap (A \cap \overline{C})) \cup (C \cap (A \cap \overline{B})) \\ &= (B \cap (\phi \cup (A \cap \overline{C}))) \cup (C \cap (\phi \cup (A \cap \overline{B}))) \\ &= (B \cap ((A \cap \overline{A}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C}))) \cup (C \cap ((A \cap \overline{A}) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}))) \\ &= (B \cap A \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{C})) \cup (C \cap A \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})) \\ &= ((A \cap B) \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{C})) \cup ((A \cap C) \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})) \\ &= ((A \cap B) \cap \overline{(A \cap C)}) \cup ((A \cap C) \cap \overline{(A \cap B)}) \\ &= ((A \cap B) - (A \cap C)) \cup ((A \cap C) - (A \cap B)) \\ &= (A \cap B) \oplus (A \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

14. (b)

$$(A \times A) \cup (B \times C) \neq (A \cup B) \times (A \cup C)$$

Proof by counterexample:

Let $A = \{1\}$, $B = \{2\}$, and $C = \{3\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (A \times A) \cup (B \times C) &= (\{1\} \times \{1\}) \cup (\{2\} \times \{3\}) \\ &= \{(1, 1)\} \cup \{(2, 3)\} \\ &= \{(1, 1), (2, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup B) \times (A \cup C) &= (\{1\} \cup \{2\}) \times (\{1\} \cup \{3\}) \\ &= \{1, 2\} \times \{1, 3\} \\ &= \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

15. (a) i.

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{100} A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_{100}$$

However, $A_{i-1} \subseteq A_i$. This can be proven by induction since $A_1 = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ and $A_2 = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$, showing that $A_1 \subseteq A_2$.

Then in general, $A_{i-1} = \{-(i-1), -(i-1)+1, -(i-1)+2, \dots, i-1\}$ which is equal to $\{-i+1, -i+2, -i+3, \dots, i-1\}$. This is a set containing all the elements in A_i except for $-i$ and i . Therefore, any set $A_{i-1} = A_i \cup \{-i, i\}$. This implies $A_{i-1} \subseteq A_i$.

And by the transitive property of subsets, $A_{i-1} \subseteq A_i \Rightarrow A_j \subseteq A_i$ for all $j < i$.

Therefore $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_{100} = A_{100}$, because $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{99}$ are all subsets of A_{100} , and if $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cup B = B$. Therefore:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{100} A_i = A_{100}$$

ii. Assuming $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots$$

It was shown in 15. (a) i. that for all i and j , such that $j < i$, $A_j \subseteq A_i$. Since $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$, it follows that $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots = A_1 = \{-1, 0, 1\}$

iii.

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{A_i} = \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2} \cap \overline{A_3} \cap \dots$$

$$A_{i-1} \subseteq A_i \Rightarrow \overline{A_{i-1}} \supseteq \overline{A_i} \Rightarrow \overline{A_{i-1}} \cap \overline{A_i} = \overline{A_i}$$

Therefore, since the union takes $\overline{A_i}$ for all i to ∞ , it follows that

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{A_i} = \overline{A_\infty} = \phi$$

where A_∞ denotes $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$.

(b) i.

$$A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \leq i\}$$

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \{1\}$$

ii.

$$B_i = \{2x : x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \leq i\}$$

$$\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{B_j} = \mathbb{N} - \{2\}$$

18.

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k}\right) = (-1, 1)$$

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k}\right) = (-1, 1) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) \cup \dots$$

$$\forall n > 1, \frac{1}{n} < 1 \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right) \subseteq (-1, 1) \Rightarrow (-1, 1) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right) = (-1, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1, 1) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) \cup \dots = (-1, 1)$$