

Homework 4

Exercise 1: .

Give a direct proof, an indirect proof, and a proof by contradiction of the statement: if n is even, then $n+4$ is even.

p : n is even; q : $n+4$ is even

direct proof: $p \rightarrow q$

Because n is even, let $n = 2k$. then $n + 4 = 2k + 4$, which is even.

indirect proof: $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

Because $n + 4$ is odd, $n+4 = 2k + 1$. Then $n = 2k - 3$, which is odd.

proof by contradiction: $\neg p \rightarrow q$

Because n is odd, $n = 2k + 1$. Then $n + 4 = 2k + 5$, which is odd. This is contradict with the statement $n + 4$ is even. So if n is even, $n+4$ is even.

Exercise 2: .

Let A , B and C be sets. Show that $(A - B) - C = (A - C) - (B - C)$

$$\begin{aligned} & (A - C) - (B - C) \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \wedge x \notin C) \wedge \neg(x \in B \wedge x \notin C)\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \wedge x \notin C) \wedge (x \notin B \vee x \in C)\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A \wedge (x \notin C \wedge (x \notin B \vee x \in C))\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A \wedge ((x \notin C \wedge x \notin B) \vee (x \notin C \wedge x \in C))\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A \wedge (x \notin C \wedge x \notin B)\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \wedge x \notin C\} \\ &= (A - B) - C \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3: .

Show that $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$

According to the definition, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} & A \oplus B \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge (x \notin A \vee x \notin B)\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \wedge (x \notin A \vee x \notin B)) \vee (x \in B \wedge (x \notin A \vee x \notin B))\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \vee (x \in B \wedge x \notin A)\} \\ &= (A - B) \cup (B - A) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4: .

(a) show that $A \oplus B = B \oplus A$

$$\begin{aligned} & A \oplus B \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} \\ &= \{x | (x \in B \vee x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B \wedge x \in A)\} \\ &= B \oplus A \end{aligned}$$

(b) show that $(A \oplus B) \oplus B = A$

$$\begin{aligned} & (A \oplus B) \oplus B \\ &= \{x | (x \in A \oplus x \in B) \oplus x \in B\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A \oplus (x \in B \oplus x \in B)\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A\} \\ &= A \end{aligned}$$

(c) show that $A \neq A \oplus A$ if A is a non empty set.

$$\begin{aligned} & A \oplus A \\ &= \{x | x \in A \oplus x \in A\} \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

\therefore if A is not empty set, A cannot equal to $A \oplus A$

Exercise 5: .

Can you conclude that $A = B$ if A, B, and C are sets such that:

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

if $A = \{1\}$, $B = \{2\}$, $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$

then, $A \cup C = B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3\}$

However, $A \neq B$

So I cannot conclude that $A = B$ if $A \cup C = B \cup C$

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

if $A = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $C = \{3, 4, 5\}$

then, $A \cap C = B \cap C = \{3, 4, 5\}$

However, $A \neq B$

So I cannot conclude that $A = B$ if $A \cap C = B \cap C$

Exercise 6: .

Show that if A, B, and C are sets then

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

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

Exercise 7: .

Let A and B be subsets of the finite universal set U. Show that:

$$|\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}| = |U| - |A| - |B| + |A \cap B|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}| \\ &= |\overline{A \cup B}| \\ &= |U| - |A \cup B| \\ &= |U| - |A| - |B| + |A \cap B| \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 8: .

let $A_i = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, i\}$. Find:

- a) $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = A_n = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
b) $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1\}$

Exercise 9: .

Let A and B be two sets. Show that if $A \cup B = B$ then $A \cap B = A$

$$\begin{aligned} & \because A \cup B = B \\ & \therefore A \subseteq B \\ & \therefore A \cap B = A \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 10: .

Let A and B be two sets. Show that if $A \cap B = A$ then $B \cap (\overline{B \cap A}) = A$

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

Exercise 11: Extra credit:

A 4x4 magic square is an arrangement of the number from 1 to 16 in a 4x4 table, such that the sum of the elements on any rows, columns and main diagonals is the same. Show that the square shown below cannot be completed to be a magic square:

1	2	3	?
?	4	5	6
7	?	8	?
?	9	?	10

Because $1 + 4 + 8 + 10 = 23$, we can know that the sum of each line is 23.

Therefore, The question mark in the first line must be $23 - 1 - 2 - 3 = 17$, which is bigger than 16.

So this square cannot be completed.