

Exercise 2 (live tutorial): bounds, inequalities, and logic

Exercise 5

Let A, B, C be three statements. Please check, whether the following linked statements are always true.

a) $(A \iff C) \implies ((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C))$

b) $((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C)) \implies (A \iff C)$

c) $((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C)) \iff (A \iff C)$

Solution for exercise 5

$$A_1 := (A \iff C) \implies ((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C))$$

$$A_2 := ((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C)) \implies (A \iff C)$$

$$A_3 := ((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C)) \iff (A \iff C)$$

A	B	C	$A \iff B$	$B \iff C$	$((A \iff B) \wedge (B \iff C))$	$A \iff C$	A_1	A_2	A_3
w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w
w	w	f	w	f	f	f	w	w	w
w	f	w	f	f	f	w	f	w	f
w	f	f	f	w	f	f	w	w	w
f	w	w	f	w	f	f	w	w	w
f	w	f	f	f	f	w	f	w	f
f	f	w	w	f	f	f	w	w	w
f	f	f	w	w	w	w	w	w	w

Thus only statement A_2 , i.e. part b), is always true.

Exercise 6

Determine the solution sets of the following inequalities and represent the solution sets graphically:

a) $|x - 5| - |x| \geq 4$

b) $2|x - 1| + |y - 2| \geq 1$

Solution for exercise 6

a) $|x - 5| - |x| \geq 4$

Case-by-case analysis:

$$x < 0 : 5 - x + x \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow 5 \geq 4 \text{ always true}$$

$$0 \leq x < 5 : 5 - x - x \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq 2x \Leftrightarrow x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$5 \leq x : x - 5 - x \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow -5 \geq 4 \text{ being unsolvable}$$

The solution set

$$\mathbb{L} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq 1/2\}$$

is the part of number line from the left until $x = 1/2$ (inclusive).

b) $2|x - 1| + |y - 2| \geq 1$

Case-by-case analysis:

$$x < 1 \wedge y < 2 : 2(1 - x) + 2 - y \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow -2x - y \geq -3 \Leftrightarrow y \leq 3 - 2x$$

$$x < 1 \wedge 2 \leq y : 2(1 - x) + y - 2 \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow -2x + y \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow y \geq 1 + 2x$$

$$1 \leq x \wedge y < 2 : 2(x - 1) + 2 - y \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow 2x - y \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow y \leq -1 + 2x$$

$$1 \leq x \wedge 2 \leq y : 2(x - 1) + y - 2 \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow 2x + y \geq 5 \Leftrightarrow y \geq 5 - 2x$$

The solution set

$$\mathbb{L} = \overline{\left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \left(\frac{1}{2} < x < 1, 3 - 2x < y < 1 + 2x \right) \vee \left(1 < x < \frac{3}{2}, -1 + 2x < y < 5 - 2x \right) \right\}}$$

is the subset (with border lines) of \mathbb{R}^2 excluding an **open** rhombus with corners $(0.5, 2)$, $(1, 1)$, $(1.5, 2)$, and $(1, 3)$.

Exercise 7

Determine the supremum in \mathbb{R} of the following sets:

a)

$$A = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

b)

$$B = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2^n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

c)

$$C = \left\{ 1 + (-1)^n - \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Solution for exercise 7

a) Since $1/n$ tends to 0 for large n , we see that

$$\sup(A) = 1.$$

b) Since 2^n tends to 0 for large n , we see that

$$\sup(B) = 0.$$

- c) We see that $(-1)^n$ “oscillates” between 1 for n even and -1 for n odd.
Using the result from A, we get (“convergence” is not required!)

$$\sup(C) = 2.$$