

Chapter 1: 1cd, 2bd, (3), 7, 20b, 22cd, 24bc(de), 25d, 28.

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1. Suppose that

$$A = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\},$$

$$B = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \text{ is prime}\},$$

$$C = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \text{ is a multiple of 5}\}.$$

Describe each of the following sets.

(a) $A \cap B$

(b) $B \cap C$

(c) $A \cup B$

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

Solution:

(c) $A \cup B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \text{ is even or prime}\} = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, \dots\}.$

(d) $A \cap (B \cup C) = \{2, 10, 20, 30, \dots\}.$

2. If $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $C = \{x\}$, and $D = \emptyset$, list all of the elements in each of the following sets.

(a) $A \times B$

(b) $B \times A$

(c) $A \times B \times C$

(d) $A \times D$

Solution:

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

(d) $A \times D = \emptyset.$

3. Find an example of two nonempty sets A and B for which $A \times B = B \times A$.

Solution: First we prove, if A and B are nonempty sets, then the following are equivalent:

(i) $A \times B = B \times A$

(ii) $A \times B \subseteq B \times A$

(iii) $A = B$

Proof. The implications (i) \Rightarrow (ii) and (iii) \Rightarrow (i) are obvious, so we prove (ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose $A \times B \subseteq B \times A$ and fix an arbitrary $a \in A$. Since $B \neq \emptyset$ there is a $b \in B$ so $(a, b) \in A \times B \subseteq B \times A$, so $a \in B$. This proves $A \subseteq B$. The proof of $B \subseteq A$ is similar. \square

Exercise 3 asks for nonempty sets A and B such that $A \times B = B \times A$. By what we proved above, any example would have $A = B$. Take, e.g., $A = \{0\} = B$. Then $A \times B = \{(0, 0)\} = B \times A$.

7. Prove $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

Solution: For sets X and Y , the standard way to prove $X = Y$ is to prove $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$. So, for this problem, let us first prove $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. To do so, it suffices to fix an arbitrary element $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$, and check that $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. Indeed, if $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$, then $x \in A$ and either $x \in B$ or $x \in C$ (or both), so we can argue by cases. (Note that in each case we continue to assume $x \in A$.)

Case 1: If $x \in B$, then $x \in A \cap B$, so $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

Case 2: If $x \in C$, then $x \in A \cap C$, so $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

Since these two cases exhaust all possibilities, we have proved $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

To prove the reverse inclusion, suppose $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. Again, we argue by cases.

Case 1: If $x \in A \cap B$, then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \subseteq B \cup C$, so $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$.

Case 2: If $x \in A \cap C$, then $x \in A$ and $x \in C \subseteq B \cup C$, so $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$.

Since these two cases exhaust all possibilities, we have proved $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$.

20. (a) Define a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is one-to-one but not onto.
(b) Define a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is onto but not one-to-one.

Solution: (b) Let $f(1) = 1$ and $f(n) = n - 1$ for $n > 1$.

22. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be maps.
(a) If f and g are both one-to-one functions, show that $g \circ f$ is one-to-one.
(b) If $g \circ f$ is onto, show that g is onto.
(c) If $g \circ f$ is one-to-one, show that f is one-to-one.
(d) If $g \circ f$ is one-to-one and f is onto, show that g is one-to-one.
(e) If $g \circ f$ is onto and g is one-to-one, show that f is onto.

Solution:

- (c) Fix $x, y \in A$ with $x \neq y$. We show $f(x) \neq f(y)$. Since $g \circ f$ is one-to-one, $x \neq y$ implies $(g \circ f)(x) \neq (g \circ f)(y)$, that is, $g(f(x)) \neq g(f(y))$. Since g is a function, we must have $f(x) \neq f(y)$ (for otherwise $g(f(x)) = g(f(y))$).
(d) Fix $x, y \in B$ with $x \neq y$. We show $g(x) \neq g(y)$. Since f is onto, there exists $a_1, a_2 \in A$ with $f(a_1) = x$ and $f(a_2) = y$. Clearly $a_1 \neq a_2$ (otherwise, $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$). Therefore, since $g \circ f$ is one-to-one, we have $g \circ f(a_1) \neq g \circ f(a_2)$; that is, $g(x) \neq g(y)$.

24. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map with $A_1, A_2 \subsetneq X$ and $B_1, B_2 \subsetneq Y$.
(a) Prove $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$.
(b) Prove $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subsetneq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. Give an example in which equality fails.
(c) Prove $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$, where

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}.$$

- (d) Prove $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$.
(e) Prove $f^{-1}(Y \setminus B_1) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B_1)$.

Solution:

- (b) Fix $x \in A_1 \cap A_2$. We show $f(x) \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. Since $x \in A_1 \cap A_2$ we have $x \in A_1$, so $f(x) \in f(A_1)$. Similarly, $x \in A_1 \cap A_2$ implies $x \in A_2$, so $f(x) \in f(A_2)$. Therefore, $f(x) \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. An example in which equality fails: $A_1 = \{1\}$, $A_2 = \{2\}$, and $f(1) = 1 = f(2)$. Here, $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, while $f(A_1) = \{1\} = f(A_2)$, so $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) = \{1\}$.
(c) Suppose $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$. We show $a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$. Since $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$, there exists $b \in B_1 \cup B_2$ such that $f(a) = b$. If $b \in B_1$, then $a \in f^{-1}(B_1)$. If $b \in B_2$, then $a \in f^{-1}(B_2)$. Since these two cases exhaust all cases in which $b \in B_1 \cup B_2$, we have $a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$. Suppose $a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$. We show $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$. If $a \in f^{-1}(B_1)$, then there exists $b \in B_1 \subseteq B_1 \cup B_2$ such that $f(a) = b$. If $a \in f^{-1}(B_2)$, then there exists $b \in B_2 \subseteq B_1 \cup B_2$ such that $f(a) = b$. In either case there exists $b \in B_1 \cup B_2$ such that $f(a) = b$, so $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$.

- 25.** Determine whether or not the following relations are equivalence relations on the given set. If the relation is an equivalence relation, describe the partition given by it. If the relation is not an equivalence relation, state why it fails to be one.

(a) $x \sim y$ in \mathbb{R} if $x \geq y$

(b) $m \sim n$ in \mathbb{Z} if $mn > 0$

(c) $x \sim y$ in \mathbb{R} if $|x - y| \leq 4$

(d) $m \sim n$ in \mathbb{Z} if $m \equiv n \pmod{6}$

Solution: (d) Let \sim be the relation on \mathbb{Z} defined by $m \sim n$ if and only if $m \equiv n \pmod{6}$. Recall that $m \equiv n \pmod{6}$ means $m - n = 6k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

To check that \sim is reflexive, note that for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $m - m = 0 = 6 \cdot 0$, so $m \equiv m \pmod{6}$, so $m \sim m$.

To check that \sim is symmetric, note that for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $m - n = 6k$ implies $n - m = 6(-k)$, so $m \sim n$ implies $n \sim m$.

Finally, to check that \sim is transitive, suppose $m - n = 6k'$ and $n - r = 6k''$ for some $k', k'' \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $m - r = m - n + n - r = 6k' + 6k'' = 6(k' + k'') = 6k$. Therefore, $m \sim n$ and $n \sim r$ imply $m \sim r$.

- 28.** Find the error in the following argument by providing a counterexample. “The reflexive property is redundant in the axioms for an equivalence relation. If $x \sim y$, then $y \sim x$ by the symmetric property. Using the transitive property, we can deduce that $x \sim x$.”

Solution: Consider the set $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$. Let $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$. Then R is a symmetric and transitive binary relation on A , but R is not reflexive on A since $(0, 0) \notin R$.