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Figure 1

## Remarks and warnings

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# Sets, Functions, and Relations

## 1.1 Sets and Membership

### 1.1.1

List explicitly the elements of the set

$$\{x : x < 0 \text{ and } (x-1)(x+2)(x+3) = 0\}$$

$$\{-3, -2\}$$



### 1.1.2

List the elements of the set

$$\{x : 3x - 1 \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$$

$$\{x : x = k + \frac{1}{3}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$



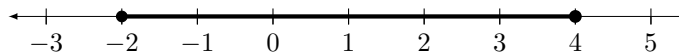
### 1.1.3

Sketch on a number line each of the following sets.

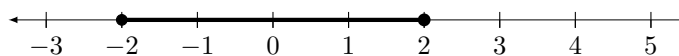
(a)  $\{x : |x - 1| \leq 3\}$

(b)  $\{x : |x - 1| \leq 3 \text{ and } |x| \leq 2\}$

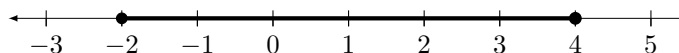
(c)  $\{x : |x - 1| \leq 3 \text{ or } |x| \leq 2\}$



(a)



(b)



(c)



## 1.2 Some remarks on the use of the connectives *and*, *or*, *implies*

### 1.2.1

Demonstrate by means of a table showing truth values that the following is a true statement for any choice of  $p$  and  $q$ . Thus show that it is a tautology.

$$(\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)$$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$(\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$



### 1.2.2

Show by means of a truth table that the statement

$$((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$$

is a tautology.

$p$	$q$	$r$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$q \Rightarrow r$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$	$p \Rightarrow r$	$((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$





## 1.2.3

Show by means of a truth table that

$$(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow (p \vee q)$$

is a tautology.

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow (p \vee q)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$



## 1.2.4

Suppose that  $p$  and  $q$  are statements such that  $(p \wedge q)$  is a false statement. Does it follow that the statement

$$(p \text{ is false}) \vee (q \text{ is false})$$

is a true statement?

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \vee \neg q$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$

The answer is Yes.



## 1.2.5

Negate the following statement: *If two angles of a triangle have equal measure, then the length of two sides of that triangle are equal.*

First we note that  $\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg q)$ . Indeed,

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$	$\neg q$	$p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg q)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$

Putting  $p$  as *two angles of a triangle have equal measure* and  $\neg q$  as *no two sides of that triangle have equal length* we get the true 'false' statement:

**Two angles of a triangle have equal measure  $\wedge$  no two sides of that triangle have equal length.**



### 1.2.6

Write the contrapositive of the statement in Exercise 5.

The contrapositive of  $p \Rightarrow q$  is  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$ . Putting  $\neg p$  as *no two angles of a triangle have equal measure* and  $\neg q$  as *no two sides of that triangle have equal length* we get

**If no two sides of that triangle have equal length then no two angles of a triangle have equal measure.**



### 1.2.7

Write the converse of the statement in Exercise 5.

The converse of  $p \Rightarrow q$  is  $q \Rightarrow p$ , giving

**If two sides of a triangle have equal length then two angles of a that triangle have equal measure.**



### 1.2.8

Write the contrapositive of the following statement

*If a person belongs to Committee A, then he must be a member of Committee B and he must be a member of Committee C.*

Lets put

$p \equiv$  a person belongs to Committee A

$q \equiv$  a person belongs to Committee B

$r \equiv$  a person belongs to Committee C

then the given statement translates as

$$p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

and the contrapositive

$$\neg(q \wedge r) \Rightarrow \neg p$$

This last statement is equivalent with

$$(\neg q \vee \neg r) \Rightarrow \neg p$$

or in plain text:

**If a person does not belong to Committee B or C , then he is not a member of Committee A.**



### 1.2.9

Write the contrapositive of the following statement

If  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , then  $x \in C$

Lets put

$$p \equiv x \in A$$

$$q \equiv x \in B$$

$$r \equiv x \in C$$

then the given statement translates as

$$p \wedge q \Rightarrow r$$

and the contrapositive

$$\neg(r) \Rightarrow \neg(p \wedge q)$$

This last statement is equivalent with

$$\neg(r) \Rightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q)$$

i.e:

$$x \notin C \Rightarrow (x \notin A \vee x \notin B)$$



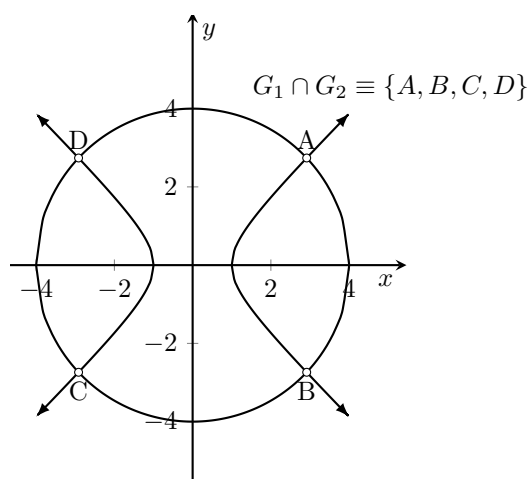
## 1.3 Subsets

No exercises!

## 1.4 Union and Intersection of sets

### 1.4.1

Let  $G_1$  be the graph of the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ , and let  $G_2$  be the graph of the equation  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ . Sketch the sets  $G_1 \cup G_2$  and  $G_1 \cap G_2$ .



$G_1 \cup G_2$  contains all the points defined by the graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .  $G_1 \cap G_2 \equiv \{A, B, C, D\}$  contains the 4 points at the intersection of the two graphs.



## 1.4.2

We define the sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  as follows:  $A = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$ ,  $B = \{(x, y) : x + y \geq 3\}$ ,  $C = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0\}$ .

Draw sketches of each of the following sets:

- (a)  $A \cup (B \cup C)$
- (b)  $A \cap (B \cup C)$
- (c)  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- (d)  $(A \cup B) \cup C$
- (e)  $A \cup (B \cap C)$
- (f)  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

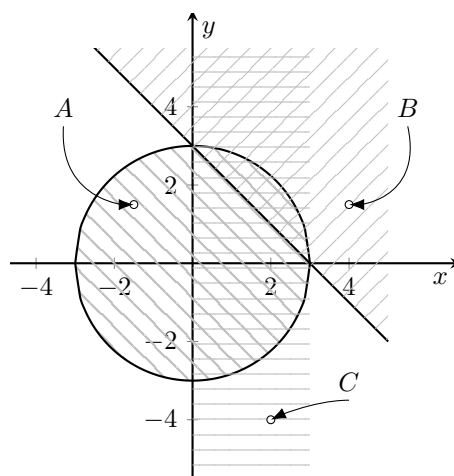
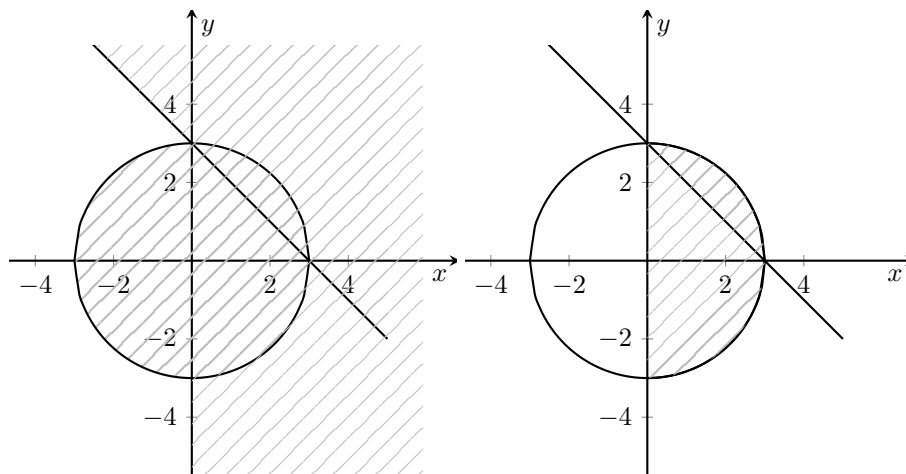
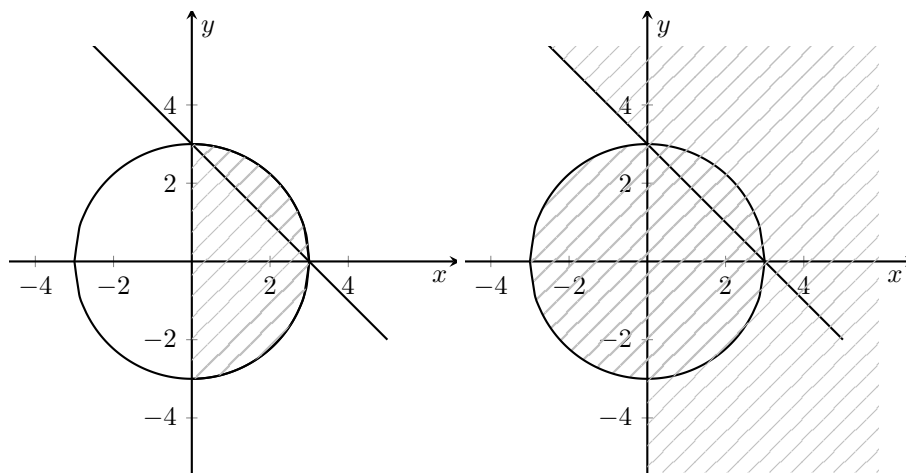
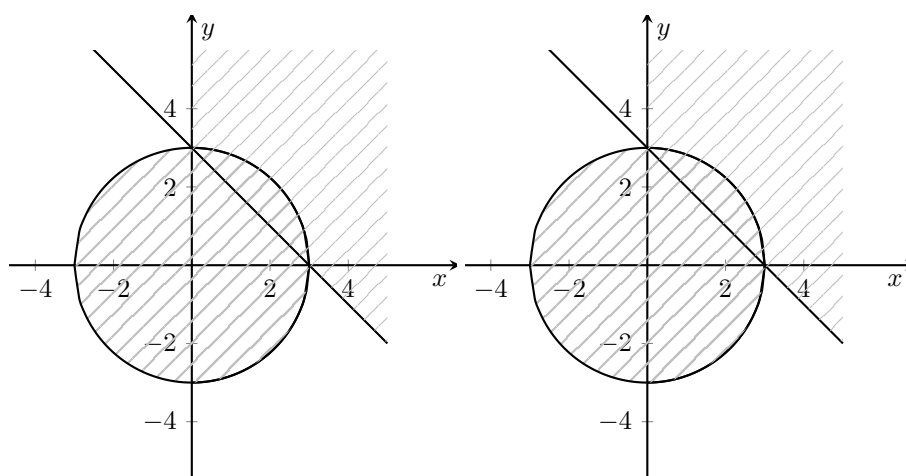


Figure 1.1: The 3 sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$

(a)  $A \cup (B \cup C)$ (b)  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ (c)  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ (d)  $(A \cup B) \cup C$ (e)  $A \cup (B \cap C)$ (f)  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ 

## 1.4.3

Let  $A, B, C$  as follows:  $A = \{(x, y) : x + y \leq 5\}$ ,  $B = \{(x, y) : x + y \geq 3\}$ ,  $C = \{(x, y) : x \geq 3\}$ , and  $D = \{(x, y) : y \geq 3\}$ .

Draw a sketch for each of the following sets:

- (a)  $(A \cap B) \cap C$   
 (b)  $[(A \cap B) \cap C] \cap D$

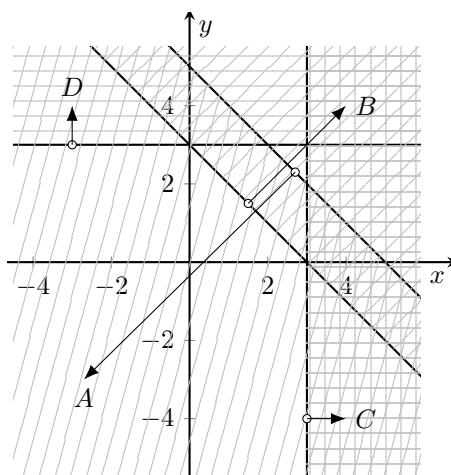
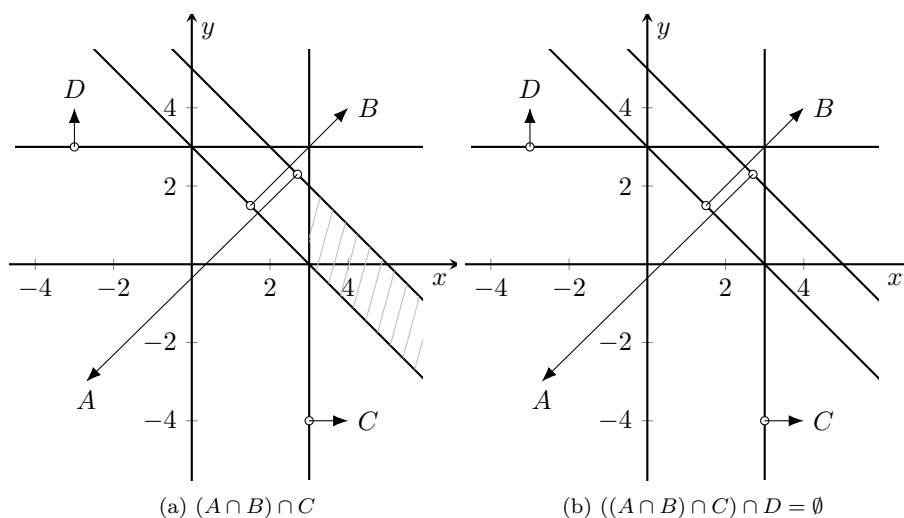


Figure 1.2: The 4 sets  $A, B, C, D$



## 1.5 Complementation

### 1.5.1

Sketch each of the following sets: (the sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are defined as in exercise 3page 8)

- (a)  $\sim (A \cap B)$
- (b)  $(\sim A) \cup (B)$
- (c)  $\sim (A \cup B)$
- (d)  $(\sim A) \cap (B)$
- (e)  $C - A$
- (f)  $\sim (A \cap C)$
- (g)  $(\sim A) \cup (\sim B)$
- (h)  $(\sim A) \cap (A)$
- (i)  $C - (A \cup B)$
- (j)  $(C - A) \cap (C - B)$
- (k)  $\sim (\sim A)$

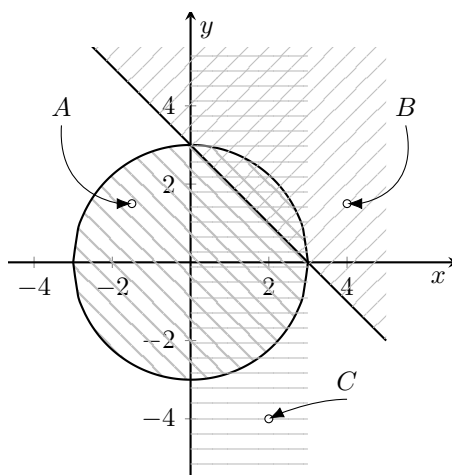
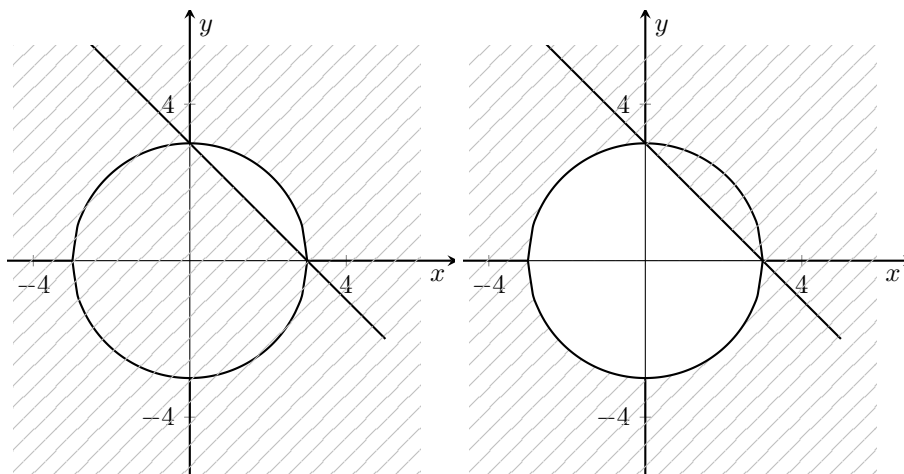


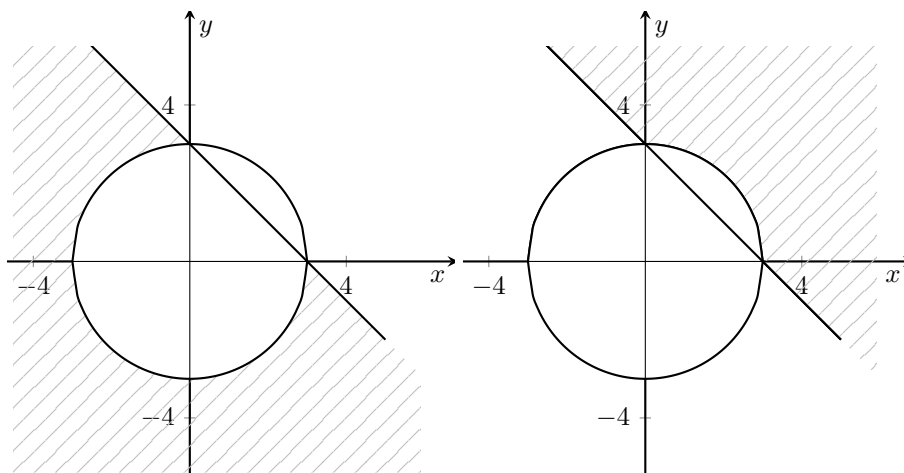
Figure 1.3: The 3 sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$





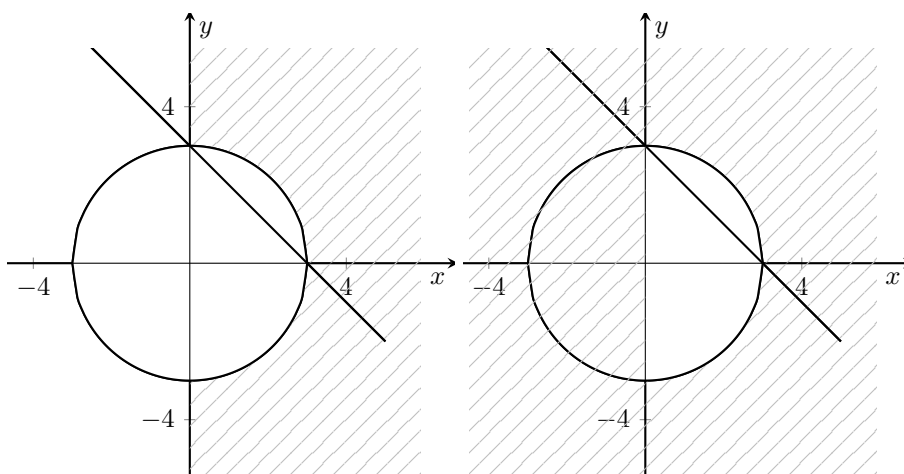
(a)  $\sim (A \cap B)$

(b)  $(\sim A) \cup (B)$



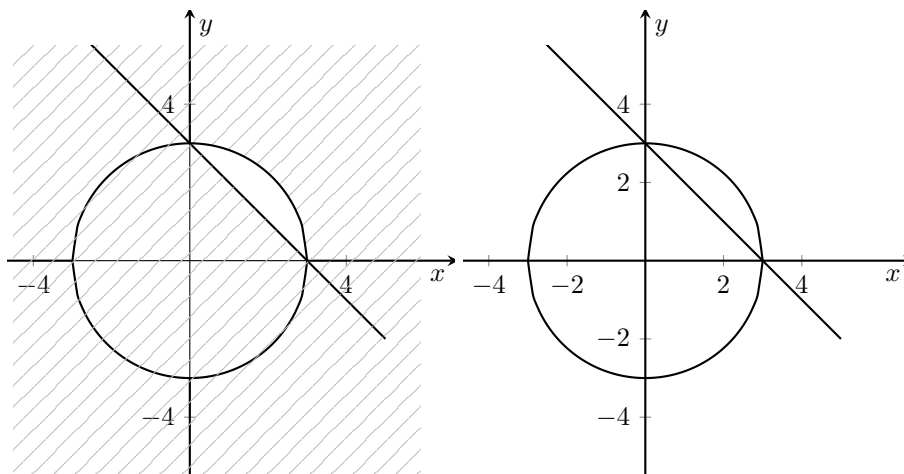
(c)  $\sim (A \cup B)$

(d)  $(\sim A) \cap (B)$



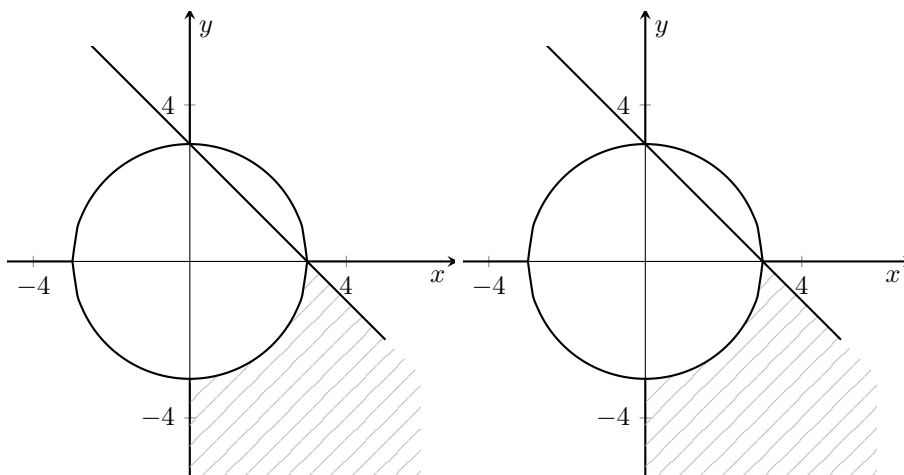
(e)  $C - A$

(f)  $\sim (A \cap C)$



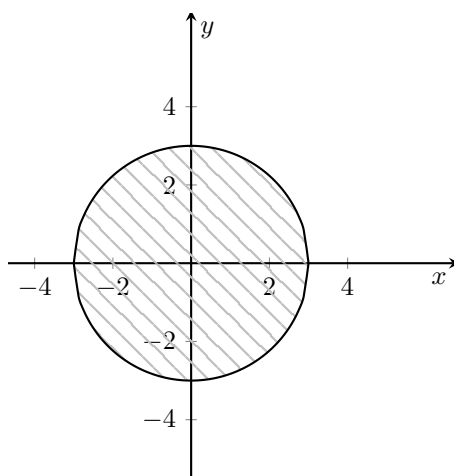
(g)  $(\sim A) \cup (\sim B)$

(h)  $(\sim A) \cap (A) = \emptyset$



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

(j)  $(C - A) \cap (C - B)$



(k)  $\sim(\sim A)$



**1.5.2**

On the basis of the sketches made in the previous exercise, formulate a proposition about relation that exist concerning complementation, union, and intersection. Try out your conjecture on other examples. In subsequent exercises you will be asked to try to prove such conjectures.

$$1.4.2(a) \text{ and } (d) \quad A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$1.4.2(b) \text{ and } (c) \quad A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$1.4.2(e) \text{ and } (f) \quad A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$1.5.1(a) \text{ and } (g) \quad \sim (A \cap B) = (\sim A) \cup (\sim B)$$

$$1.5.1(h) \quad (\sim A) \cap A = \emptyset$$

$$1.5.1(i) \text{ and } (j) \quad C - (A \cup B) = (C - A) \cap (C - B)$$

$$1.5.1(k) \quad \sim (\sim A) = A$$



## 1.6 Set identities and other set relations

### 1.6.1

Prove that if  $A \subset B$ , then:

$$(a) \quad A \cap C \subset B \cap C$$

$$(b) \quad \sim B \subset \sim A$$

$$(c) \quad A \cap B = A$$

$$(d) \quad A \cup C \subset B \cup C$$

**a)**  $A \cap C \subset B \cap C$

Given is  $x \in B$  if  $x \in A$ . Suppose  $x \in A \cap C$ , then  $x \in A$  (given) and  $x \in C$  but  $x \in B$  (given) and as  $x \in C$  follows that  $x \in B \cap C$ . And we conclude that  $A \cap C \subset B \cap C$ .

◇

**b)**  $\sim B \subset \sim A$

Given is  $x \in B$  if  $x \in A$ . If  $x \notin B$  then  $x \in \sim B$ . As  $A \subset B$ ,  $x$  will not be in  $A$  but  $x \in \sim A$ . So  $x \in \sim B \Rightarrow x \in \sim A$  and thus  $\sim B \subset \sim A$ .

◇

**c)**  $A \cap B = A$

Given is  $x \in B$  if  $x \in A$ . Suppose  $x \in A \cap B$ , then  $x \in A$  and thus  $A \cap B \subset A$ . Suppose  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$  as  $A \subset B$  and thus  $x \in A \cap B$  from which we conclude  $A \subset A \cap B$ .

◇

**d)**  $A \cup C \subset B \cup C$

Given is  $x \in B$  if  $x \in A$ . Suppose  $x \in A \cup C$ , then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in C$ . But  $x \in B$  (given), so  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$  and thus  $x \in B \cup C$ , from which we conclude  $A \cup C \subset B \cup C$ .

◆

## 1.6.2

Verify that each of the following is an identity:

- (a)  $A \cup \emptyset = A$
- (b)  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
- (c)  $A \cap A = A$
- (d)  $A \cup A = A$
- (e)  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$
- (f)  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
- (g)  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
- (h)  $X - (A \cup B) = (X - A) \cap (X - B)$
- (i)  $A \cap \sim A = \emptyset$
- (j)  $A \cup \sim A = U$

**a)**  $A \cup \emptyset = A$

This is a consequence of remark 3.3 page 7: the empty set  $\emptyset$  is a subset of every set. So,  $\emptyset \subset A$  giving the asked identity.

◇

**b)**  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

If  $x \in A \cap \emptyset$  then  $x \in A$  and  $x$  must also be in  $\emptyset$  which is impossible by definition. So there is no element  $x \in \emptyset$  which can satisfy  $x \in A \cap \emptyset$  giving the proposed identity.

◇

**c)**  $A \cap A = A$

Suppose  $x \in A \cap A$ , then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in A$  and thus  $x \in A$ , giving  $A \cap A \subset A$ . Suppose  $x \in A$ , then obviously  $x \in A$  and  $x \in A$ , giving  $A \subset A \cap A$ . Hence  $A \cap A = A$

◇

**d)**  $A \cup A = A$

Suppose  $x \in A \cup A$ , then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$  and thus  $x \in A$ , giving  $A \cup A \subset A$ . Suppose  $x \in A$ , then obviously  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$ , giving  $A \subset A \cup A$ . Hence  $A \cup A = A$

◇

**e)**  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

Suppose  $x \in (A \cup B) \cup C$ , then  $x \in (A \cup B)$  or  $x \in C$  and thus  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ . So  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$  can be written as  $x \in (B \cup C)$ . So  $x \in A$  or  $x \in (B \cup C)$ , giving  $(A \cup B) \cup C \subset A \cup (B \cup C)$ . The same reasoning yields for  $x \in A \cup (B \cup C)$  giving the identity.

◇

**f)**  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

Suppose  $x \in (A \cap B) \cap C$ , then  $x \in (A \cap B)$  and  $x \in C$  and thus  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ . So  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$  can be written as  $x \in (B \cap C)$ . So  $x \in A$  and  $x \in (B \cap C)$ , giving  $(A \cap B) \cap C \subset A \cap (B \cap C)$ . The same reasoning yields for  $x \in A \cap (B \cap C)$  giving the identity.

◇

**g)**  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Suppose  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ , then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in (B \cap C)$ . Take the case  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \in A \cup C$  which implies  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ , giving  $A \cup (B \cap C) \subset (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . The other case: if  $x \in B \cap C$  then  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ . So,  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \in A \cup C$  giving also  $A \cup (B \cap C) \subset (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ .

On the other hand, be  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  then  $x \in (A \cup B)$  and  $x \in (A \cup C)$ . Let's first take the case  $x \in A$  then obviously  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$  even if  $x \notin B \cap C$ . Alternatively, be  $x \notin A$  then we must have  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$  which implies  $x \in B \cap C$ , giving again  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

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**h)**  $X - (A \cup B) = (X - A) \cap (X - B)$

Suppose  $x \in X - (A \cup B)$ , then  $x \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$  which implies  $x \in X - A$  and  $x \in X - B$  and thus  $x \in X - A \cap X - B$  giving  $X - (A \cup B) \subset (X - A) \cap (X - B)$ .

The other way around. Suppose  $x \in (X - A) \cap (X - B)$ . Then  $x \in (X - A)$  and  $x \in (X - B)$  which implies  $x \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$  giving  $x \notin A \cup B$  which in turn implies  $x \in X - (A \cup B)$  giving  $(X - A) \cap (X - B) \subset X - (A \cup B)$ .

Conclusion:  $X - (A \cup B) = (X - A) \cap (X - B)$

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**i)**  $A \cap \sim A = \emptyset$

Suppose  $x \in A \cap \sim A$ , then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin A$  which is a contradiction, so the only element which is always an element of any set is the empty set, so  $A \cap \sim A \subset \emptyset$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $x \in \emptyset$ . This implies that  $x$  correspond to the empty set and as the empty set is an element of

any set, we have  $\emptyset \subset A \cap \sim A$

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j)  $A \cup \sim A = U$

Suppose  $x \in A \cup \sim A$ , then  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ . So, in any case  $x \in U$  and thus  $A \cup \sim A \subset U$ .

On the opposite way suppose that  $x \in U$ . Then obviously  $x \in A$  or  $x \in \sim A$  and thus  $U \subset A \cup \sim A$ .

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### 1.6.3

Prove that if  $A \subset C$  and  $B \subset C$ , then  $A \cup B \subset C$ .

Given is  $A \subset C$  and  $B \subset C$ . Take  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in C$ , so even if  $x \notin B$ , then  $x \in A \cup B$  reduces to  $x \in A$  and thus  $x \in C$ . The same reasoning yields for  $x \in B$ , giving  $A \cup B \subset C$ .

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### 1.6.4

Prove that if  $A \subset B$  and  $A \subset C$ , then  $A \subset B \cap C$ .

Given is  $A \subset B$  and  $A \subset C$ . Take  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in C$  and  $x \in B$ , which implies  $x \in C \cap B$ . giving indeed  $A \subset B \cap C$ .

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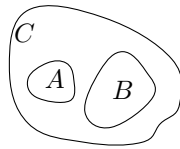
## 1.7 Counterexamples

In each of the following exercises state whether the statement is necessarily true. Assume that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are subsets of a universal set  $U$ . Justify with a proof or a counterexample.

### 1.7.1

If  $A \cup C = B \cup C$ , then  $A = B$

**Not TRUE.**



(I)  $A \cup C = B \cup C \not\Rightarrow A = B$

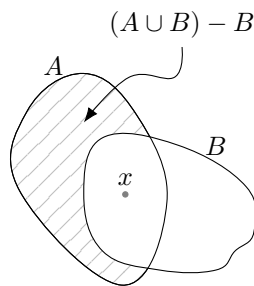
Be  $A \subset C$  and  $B \subset C$ , then we have  $A \cup C = B \cup C \equiv C = C$  even if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .



### 1.7.2

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

**Not TRUE.**



(m)  $(A \cup B) - B \neq A$

Be  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , take  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , then  $x$  can't be  $x \in (A \cup B) - B$  although it is an element of  $A$ .

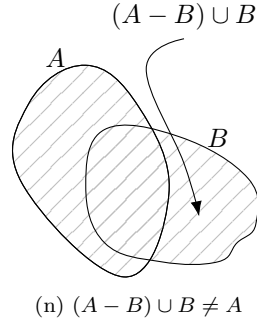




## 1.7.3

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

**Not TRUE.**



This is only true if  $B \subset A$



## 1.7.4

$$\sim (A - B) = \sim (A \cap \sim B)$$

**TRUE.**

Suppose first that  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, i.e.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $A - B = A$  and  $\sim (A - B) = \sim A$ . On the other hand  $A \subset \sim B$ , so  $A \cap \sim B = A$ , giving  $\sim (A \cap \sim B) = \sim A$ , giving indeed  $\sim (A - B) = \sim (A \cap \sim B)$ .

Suppose now that  $A$  and  $B$  are not disjoint, i.e.  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Be  $x \in A - B \subset A$ . This is equivalent with the statement  $x \in A \wedge x \notin B$ . Negating this statement:  $\neg(x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \vee x \in B$ . This give  $\sim (A - B) \equiv x \notin A \vee x \in B$ .

Be now  $x \in A \cap \sim B$ . This is equivalent with the statement  $x \in A \wedge x \notin B$ . Negating this statement:  $\neg(x \in A \cap \sim B) \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \vee x \in B$ . This give  $\sim (A \cap \sim B) \equiv x \notin A \vee x \in B$ , resulting in  $\sim (A - B) = \sim (A \cap \sim B)$ .



## 1.7.5

$$\sim (\sim (\sim A)) = \sim A$$

**TRUE.**

Be  $x \in \sim (\sim (\sim A))$ . This is equivalent to  $x \notin \sim (\sim A)$ . Which on it's turn is equivalent with  $x \in \sim A$ . So,  $\sim (\sim (\sim A)) \subset \sim A$ .

Be  $x \in \sim A$ . This is equivalent to  $x \notin \sim (\sim A)$ . Which on it's turn is equivalent with  $x \in \sim (\sim (\sim A))$ . So,  $\sim A \subset \sim (\sim (\sim A))$ .

Both cases reduce to  $\sim (\sim (\sim A)) = \sim A$ .



### 1.7.6

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

**Not TRUE.**

Be  $x \in A \cup (B - C)$ . This is equivalent to  $x \in A \vee x \in (B - C)$ . Suppose  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cup B$ . Let's consider the set  $C$  so that  $(A \cup B) \subset C$ , then  $(A \cup B) - C = \emptyset$ . We get a contradiction and the proposed statement is not true.



### 1.7.7

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

**TRUE.**

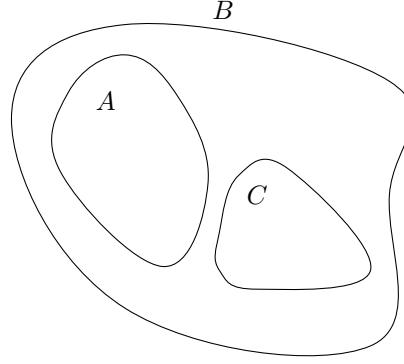
Be  $x \in (A - B)$ . This is equivalent to  $x \in A \wedge x \notin B$ . Negating this statement:  $\neg(x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \vee x \in B$ . This is equivalent to the statement  $x \in (\sim A) \cup B$ . So  $\sim (A - B) \subset (\sim A) \cup B$ . Consider now  $x \in (\sim A) \cup B$ . So  $x \notin A \vee x \in B$ . If we have the case  $x \notin A$  then also  $x \notin (A - B)$  as  $x$  can not be one of the remaining elements of  $A$  after the complement of  $B$  relative to  $A$ . Also, if  $x \in B$  then also  $x \notin (A - B)$  as  $x$  is an element of  $B$  and thus can not be an element of  $(A - B)$ . Thus, in both cases we have,  $x \notin (A - B)$  which implies  $x \in \sim (A - B)$ . So  $(\sim A) \cup B \subset \sim (A - B)$ .



### 1.7.8

$$\text{If } A - B = C - B, \text{ then } A = C.$$

**Not TRUE.**



(o) If  $A - B = C - B \not\Rightarrow A = C$

Suppose  $A \subset B$ , then  $A - B = \emptyset$ . Choose a  $C$  such that  $C \subset B$  and also  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then also  $C - B = \emptyset$  and get  $A - B = C - B$  although  $A \neq C$ .



### 1.7.9

If  $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ .

**TRUE.**

Suppose  $x \in A - (B \cap C)$ , then  $x \in A \wedge x \notin B \cap C$ . As  $x$  can not be simultaneously in  $B$  and  $C$ , then also  $x$  must be simultaneously in  $A - B$  and  $A - C$  as the "complementation of  $A$  with  $B$  and  $C$  will not "subtract"  $x$  out of  $A$ , and considering that  $x \in A$  we have  $A - (B \cap C) \subset (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ . Suppose  $x \in (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ , then  $x$  must be an element of  $A$  but not an element of  $B$  and  $C$ . This means that  $x \notin B \cap C$  and thus the complementation of  $A$  by  $B \cap C$  has no effect on  $x$ . Thus,  $\underbrace{(A - B) \cap (A - C)}_{=A} \subset A - (B \cap C)$ .



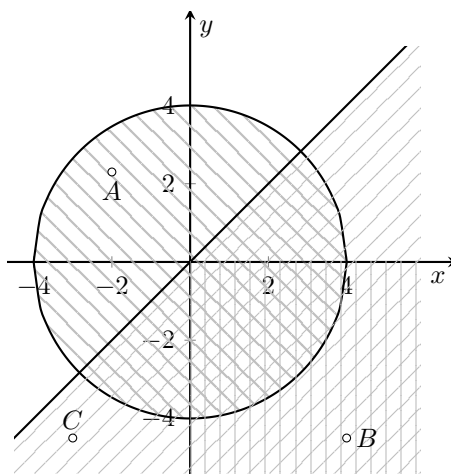
## 1.8 Collections of Sets

### 1.8.1

Suppose that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are the following subsets of the plane:

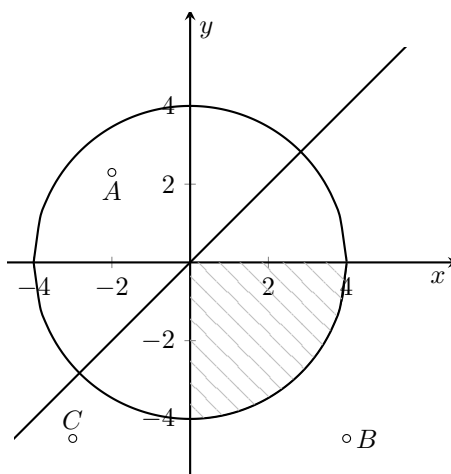
$A = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 16\}$ ,  $B = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \leq 0\}$ ,  $C = \{(x, y) : y \leq x\}$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is the collection of sets  $\{A, B, C\}$ , sketch each of the following sets:

- (a)  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$
- (b)  $\bigcup \mathcal{K}$
- (c)  $\bigcup \mathcal{K} - \bigcap \mathcal{K}$



(p) The sets  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$

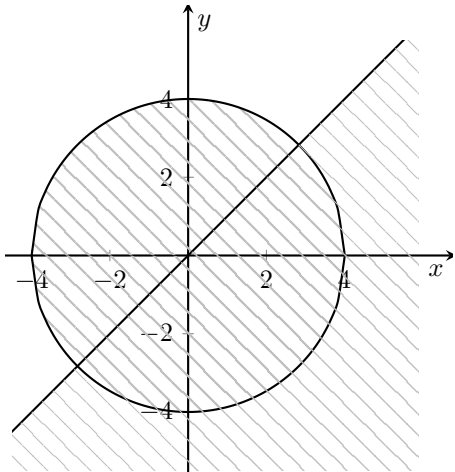
a)  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$



(q)  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$

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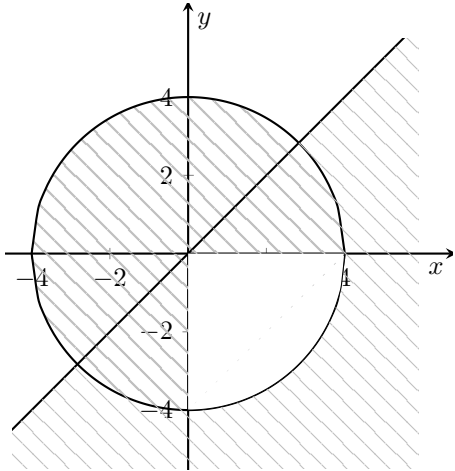
b)  $\cup \mathcal{K}$



(r)  $\cup \mathcal{K}$

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c)  $\cup \mathcal{K} - \cap \mathcal{K}$



(s)  $\cup \mathcal{K} - \cap \mathcal{K}$

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## 1.8.2

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}$  is the symbol for the set of positive integers. Suppose that for each  $n \in \mathbb{P}$ , we let  $A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq n\}$ . Describe the sets  $\bigcup\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$  and  $\bigcap\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$ .

$$S = \bigcup\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$$

$$S = [1, +\infty)$$

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$$S = \bigcap\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$$

$$S = \emptyset$$

This can be understood by the fact that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , you can find a  $n \in \mathbb{P}$  so that  $x \notin A_n$ . So, no  $x$  can be an element of  $S$ .

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## 1.8.3

Suppose that for each  $n \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $K_n$  is a non-empty set such that  $K_{n+1} \subset K_n$ . Let  $\mathcal{K} = \{K_n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$ .

In each of the following, if the statement is necessarily true, say so and justify your answer. If the statement is not necessarily true, give a counterexample to justify your answer.

- (a)  $\bigcup \mathcal{K} = K_1$
- (b)  $\bigcap\{K_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} = K_n$
- (c)  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \neq \emptyset$

(a)  $\bigcup \mathcal{K} = K_1$ .

**TRUE.**

Be  $x \in K_n$  for any arbitrary  $n$ . So,  $x \in K_n \cup K_{n-1}$ . But  $K_n \cup K_{n-1} = K_{n-1}$ , giving  $x \in K_{n-1}$ . Repeating that process with  $K_{n-1} \subset K_{n-2} \subset \dots \subset K_2 \subset K_1$  we get  $x \in K_1$ .

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(b)  $\bigcap\{K_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} = K_n$ .

**TRUE.**

Suppose first that for all  $n$  we have  $K_n$  is a *proper* subset of  $K_{n-1}$ . Then  $K_n \cap K_{n-1} = K_n$ . Be  $x \in K_n$  but not in  $K_{n-1}$  for any arbitrary  $n$ . Then,  $x \in K_n \cap K_{n-1}$  is equivalent to  $x \in K_n$ . Repeating that process with we have  $K_n \cap K_{n-1} \cap K_{n-2} \cap \dots \cap K_2 \cap K_1 = K_n$  and get  $x \in K_n$ . Hence,  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} = K_1$ .

In the case that for some or all  $n$  we have  $K_n = K_{n-1}$  we could also state that  $\bigcap\{K_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} = K_{n-1}$  but as  $K_n = K_{n-1}$  we can write  $\bigcap\{K_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} = K_{n-1} = K_n$ .

The same is true in the case that a sequence of the subsets are proper subset of each other i.e.  $K_{n+p} = K_{n+p-1} = \dots K_{n+1} = K_n = K_{n-1} = \dots = K_{n-t}$ . then one could write  $\bigcap \{K_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} = K_{n+p}$  but as  $K_{n+p} = K_n$ , the original statement holds.

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(c)  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \neq \emptyset$ .

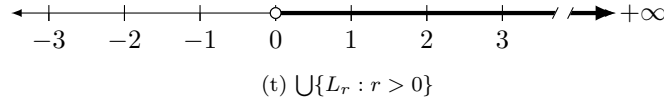
**TRUE.**

As no  $K_n$  is an empty set,  $K_n$  will always contain at least one element and due to (b) we get indeed  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \neq \emptyset$ : suppose that for a given  $n$ ,  $K_n$  contains only one element  $x$ , then all subsequent  $K_{n+p}$  must also have only one element i.e.  $x$  and we will get  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} = \{x\}$

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#### 1.8.4

For each real number  $r > 0$ , let  $L_r = \{x : x \geq r\}$ . Sketch the set  $\bigcup \{L_r : r > 0\}$  and  $\bigcap \{L_r : r > 0\}$  on a number line. If a set happens to be empty, say so.



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$\bigcap \{L_r : r > 0\} = \emptyset$ .

Indeed, take an arbitrary  $r$  and be  $\epsilon > 0$  then  $\exists x \in L_r : x \notin L_{r+\epsilon}$ . Then,  $L_r \cap L_{r+\epsilon} = \emptyset$ . So, whatever  $L_r$  we choose in the collection  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_r : r \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  there always be a  $L_{r'}$  for which  $L_r \cap L_{r'} = \emptyset$  and hence  $\bigcap \{L_r : r > 0\} = \emptyset$ .

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## 1.8.5

Let  $U$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a non-empty collection of subsets of  $U$ .  $\sim$  will signify the complement with respect to  $U$ . Prove the following set identities. The identities are quite important and are known as De Morgan's Laws.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\} \\ (b) \quad & \sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$(a) \quad \sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$$

Suppose  $x \in \sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\})$ , then  $x \notin \cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . This means that  $x$  is not an element of any  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  i.e.  $\forall K \in \mathcal{K} : x \notin K$ . This can also be expressed as  $\forall K \in \mathcal{K} : x \in \sim K$ . This means that  $x$  is an element of all  $\sim K$  giving  $x \in \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  and thus  $\sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) \subset \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ .

Suppose now that  $x \in \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . This means that  $x$  is an element of  $\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  for all  $K$  i.e.  $x \notin \{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  for all  $K$ , (indeed if  $x$  would be an element of a  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $x$  would not be an element of its complement and so  $x$  could not be an element of  $\cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ ). The conclusion is that  $x \notin \cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  and thus  $x \in \sim \cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . Hence,  $\cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\} \subset \sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\})$ .

Conclusion  $\sim (\cup\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cap\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ .

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$$(b) \quad \sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$$

Suppose  $x \in \sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\})$ , then  $x \notin \cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . This means that there exists at least one  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  so that  $x$  is not an element of this  $K$  i.e.  $\exists K \in \mathcal{K} : x \notin K$ . This can also be expressed as  $\exists K \in \mathcal{K} : x \in \sim K$ . This means that  $x$  is an element of  $\cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  and thus  $\sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) \subset \cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ .

Suppose now that  $x \in \cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . This means that  $x$  is an element of at least one  $\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}$ . Stated differently, there exist at least one  $K : K \in \mathcal{K}$  for which  $x \notin K$ . This means that  $x$  can not be an element of  $\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  and thus  $x \in \sim \cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$  which means  $\cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\} \subset \sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\})$ .

Conclusion  $\sim (\cap\{K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}) = \cup\{\sim K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ .

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## 1.8.6

Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and let  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  be the power set of  $S$ . List the elements in  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

We order them according to the number of elements in the subsets. We check the number of subsets by using the  $\binom{5}{m}$  formula (i.e. combination without repetition).

$$5 \text{ elements} \quad \binom{5}{5} = 1$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$4 \text{ elements} \quad \binom{5}{4} = 5$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$3 \text{ elements} \quad \binom{5}{3} = 10$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 3, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\{2, 3, 5\}$$

$$\{2, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$2 \text{ elements} \quad \binom{5}{2} = 10$$

$$\{1, 2\}$$

$$\{1, 3\}$$

$$\{1, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 5\}$$

$$\{2, 3\}$$

$$\{2, 4\}$$

$$\{2, 5\}$$

$$\{3, 4\}$$

$$\{3, 5\}$$

$$\{4, 5\}$$

$$1 \text{ element} \quad \binom{5}{1} = 5$$

$$\{1\}$$

$$\{2\}$$

$$\{3\}$$

$$\{4\}$$

$$\{5\}$$

$$0 \text{ elements} \quad \binom{5}{0} = 1$$

$$\emptyset$$

Note that the total number of subsets in  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is  $1 + 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1 = 32$  which corresponds to  $2^5$ .



## 1.9 Cartesian Product

### 1.9.1

Suppose that  $A \subset B$  and  $C$  is a set. Prove that  $A \times C \subset B \times C$ .

Be  $x \in A$  and  $y \in C$ . As  $A \subset B$ , then  $x$  is also in  $B$ . Thus  $\underbrace{(x, y)}_{x \in A, y \in C} \in A \times C$  means also that  $\underbrace{(x, y)}_{x \in B, y \in C} \in B \times C$

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### 1.9.2

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b\}$ , and  $C = \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . List the elements of each of the following sets:

- (a)  $A \times (B \cup C)$
- (b)  $(A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
- (c)  $(A \cup B) \times C$
- (d)  $(A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$

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

$(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b), (3, a), (3, b)$   
 $(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$

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

$(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b), (3, a), (3, b)$   
 $(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$

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

$(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$   $(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$   
 $(a, \alpha), (a, \beta), (b, \alpha), (b, \beta)$

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

$(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$   $(1, \alpha), (1, \beta), (2, \alpha), (2, \beta), (3, \alpha), (3, \beta)$   
 $(a, \alpha), (a, \beta), (b, \alpha), (b, \beta)$

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## 1.9.3

Are any of the sets in Exercise 2 the same? If so write the set identities that are suggested by your observations. Try to prove your conjecture.

In exercise 2 we can see that that the set (a) and (b) are the same. Also (c) and (d) are the same. This suggests the following identities  $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$  and  $(A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \cup \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cup (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C})$$

Proof:

Be  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B \cup C$ , so  $y$  is an element of  $B$  or  $C$ . Consider  $(x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C)$ . As the  $y$  can be an element of  $B$  or  $C$  follows immediately that  $(x, y) \in (A \times B)$  or  $(x, y) \in (A \times C)$  and thus  $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ . And get  $A \times (B \cup C) \subset (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$

Suppose now that  $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ . The  $(x, y)$  is an element of  $A \times B$  or  $A \times C$ . For the same  $x \in A$  this implies that  $y \in B$  or  $y \in C$  and thus  $(x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C)$ , giving  $(A \times B) \cup (A \times C) \subset A \times (B \cup C)$  leading with the previous  $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ .

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$$(\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}) \cup (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$$

Proof:

Be  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $y \in C$ , so  $x$  is an element of  $A$  or  $B$ . Consider  $(x, y) \in (A \cup B) \times C$ . As the  $x$  can be an element of  $A$  or  $B$  follows immediately that  $(x, y) \in (A \times C)$  or  $(x, y) \in (B \times C)$  and thus  $(x, y) \in (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$ . And get  $(A \cup B) \times C \subset (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$

Suppose now that  $(x, y) \in (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$ . The  $(x, y)$  is an element of  $A \times C$  or  $B \times C$ . For the same  $y \in C$  this implies that  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  and thus  $(x, y) \in (A \cup B) \times C$ , giving  $(A \times C) \cup (B \times C) \subset (A \cup B) \times C$  leading with the previous  $(A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$ .

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## 1.9.4

Suppose that  $A$  is a set consisting of five elements and  $B$  is a set consisting of three elements. How many elements does the set  $A \times B$  have? The set  $B \times A$ ?

$A \times B$  has  $5 \times 3 = 15$  elements. Indeed in the element  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  we can choose for  $x$  out of the five elements of  $A$  and for each choice of  $x$  we are free to choose one element out of the 3 elements of  $B$ .

For  $B \times A$ , the reasoning is the same and get  $3 \times 5 = 15$  elements.

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**1.9.5**

Suppose that  $A$  is a set consisting of  $m$  elements and  $B$  is a set consisting of  $n$  elements, where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers. How many elements are there in  $A \times B$ ?

$A \times B$  has  $m \times n$  elements. Indeed in the element  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  we can choose for  $x$  out of the  $m$  elements of  $A$  and for each choice of  $x$  we are free to choose one element out of the  $n$  elements of  $B$ .

**1.9.6**

Suppose that  $A$  is a set consisting of three elements,  $B$  consists of four elements and  $C$  consists of two elements. How many elements are there in the set  $(A \times B) \times C$ ?

$(A \times B) \times C$  has  $(3 \times 4) \times 2 = 24$  elements. Indeed in the element  $((x, y), z) \in (A \times B) \times C$  we have for  $(x, y)$ ,  $3 \times 4 = 12$  elements (see Exercise 1.9.5) and for each choice of this  $(x, y)$  we are free to choose one element out of the 2 elements of  $C$ .



## 1.10 Functions

### 1.10.1

In each of the following, a set of ordered pairs  $\Gamma$  is given. In each case, determine whether  $\Gamma$  is a function and, if it is, determine if it is a one-to-one function.

- (a) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .
- (b) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1, y \geq 0, \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .
- (c) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .
- (d) Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the collection of all real-valued differentiable functions defined on the open interval  $(a, b)$ .  
Let  $\Gamma = \{(f, f') : f \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } f' \text{ is the derivative of } f\}$ .
- (e) Let  $X$  be the collection of all continuous real-valued functions defined on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ .  
Let  $\Gamma = \left\{ \left( f, \int_a^b f(x) dx \right) : f \in X \right\}$ .

- (a) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 21\}$

$\Gamma$  is not a function due to the ambiguity of the  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$  function. E.g. take  $x = 0$  then  $y = \pm 1$ .

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- (b) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1, y \geq 0, \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .

This time, as the ambiguity on the range has been removed by the condition  $y \geq 0$   $\Gamma$  is a function. Yet, it is not one-to-one e.g. for  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$  we get the same value for  $y$ .

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- (c) Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 2\}$ .

This time, as the ambiguity on the range has been removed by the condition  $y \geq 0$   $\Gamma$  is a function. And, it is a one-to-one function as with the restriction on the domain  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $y$  is well and uniquely defined.

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- (d) Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the collection of all real-valued differentiable functions defined on the open interval  $(a, b)$ . Let  $\Gamma = \{(f, f') : f \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } f' \text{ is the derivative of } f\}$ .

$\Gamma$  is a function as  $f$  is a real-valued differentiable function, meaning that  $\forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \exists f'$ . Yet, it is not one-to-one. E.g. take  $f_1 = x + 1$  and  $f_2 = x + 2$ , both function give  $f' = 1$  meaning that  $\Gamma$  is not one-to-one.

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(e) Let  $X$  be the collection of all continuous real-valued functions defined on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \left\{ \left( f, \int_a^b f(x) dx \right) : f \in X \right\}$ .

$\Gamma$  is a function as  $f$  is a continuous real-valued function, and from calculus we know that every continuous is Riemann-integrable, meaning that for every  $f$  there exist a real number  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . Yet,  $\Gamma$  is not one-to-one as two different functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  could have the same value of their integral on the given domain e.g. take  $f_1 = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$  and  $f_2 = \frac{b-x}{b-a}$ , both have the same value for the integral over  $[a, b]$  namely  $\frac{1}{2}(b-a)$ .



### 1.10.2

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined as follows:

For each  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $f(x, y) = (a, b)$  where

$$a = x + 2y$$

and

$$b = 2x + 4y$$

Which of the following terms applies to  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  ?

(a) surjective, (b) bijective, (c) injective.

$f$  is not injective. Indeed the given function definition can be considered as a system of linear equations with  $x$  and  $y$  as unknowns and  $a, b$  as parameters. So for a given  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  (the domain) the range will only span  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  only if the system of equations is not degenerated i.e. if the determinant of the system is not 0, but we have

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Hence,  $f$  is not surjective. It is however one-to-one (injective) as for a given  $(x, y)$ , due to linear form of the function, there will be only one  $(a, b)$  on which  $(x, y)$  is mapped. As  $f$  is not surjective,  $f$  can not be bijective.



## 1.10.3

Repeat the question in Exercise 2 for the system

$$a = 3x + 2y$$

$$b = 6x - 2y$$

$f$  is injective as we see that this time the determinant of the system is

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = -18$$

Hence,  $f$  is surjective. It is also one-to-one (injective) for the same reason mentioned in Exercise 2. As  $f$  is surjective and injective,  $f$  is also bijective.



## 1.10.4

Let  $f$  be a map from the set of all reals  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose furthermore that if  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ , then  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ . Is it necessarily true that  $f$  is one-to-one? Is it necessarily true that  $f[\mathbb{R}] = \mathbb{R}$ ? Justify your answer.

It is necessarily true that  $f$  is one-to-one. (At each point  $x_1$ , the function for a given  $x_2$  could be re-written as  $f(x_2) = f(x_1) + \phi(x_1)(x_2 - x_1)$  with  $\phi(x_1) > 0$ . So  $f(x_2)$  can not be equal to  $f(x_1)$  unless  $x_2 = x_1$ .)

On the other hand  $f[\mathbb{R}]$  is not necessarily equal to  $\mathbb{R}$ . As a counterexample, consider the function  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ , which is a monotone increasing function but the range is  $(-\infty, 0) \neq \mathbb{R}$



## 1.10.5

Consider the function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$ . Decide which of the following statements are necessarily true. Justify your answers.

- (a) If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $f[A] \cap f[B] = \emptyset$ .
- (b) If  $f[A] \cap f[B] = \emptyset$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- (c) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $f[A] \subset f[B]$ .
- (d)  $f[A - B] = f[A] - f[B]$ .
- (e)  $f[A \cup B] = f[A] \cup f[B]$ .
- (f)  $f[A \cap B] \subset f[A] \cap f[B]$ .
- (g)  $f[A \cap B] = f[A] \cap f[B]$ .



(a) If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $f[A] \cap f[B] = \emptyset$ .

This is not necessarily true. Take for example a non injective function like  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  then  $f[[0, \frac{\pi}{4}]] \cap f[\frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi] = [0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}]$ .

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(b) If  $f[A] \cap f[B] = \emptyset$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

This is necessarily true as for  $f$  being a function we have  $(x_2, f(x_2)) \in f$  and  $(x_1, f(x_1)) \in f \Rightarrow f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  and  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  would mean that  $\exists x \in A \cap B$  for which  $x$  has two different images.

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(c) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $f[A] \subset f[B]$ .

This is necessarily true as for the same reason as in (b).

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(d)  $f[A - B] = f[A] - f[B]$

This is not necessarily true. Let's take the same counterexample as in (a) i.e.  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and let's define  $A = [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $B = [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ , then  $f[A] = [-1, 1]$  and  $f[B] = [0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}]$  and  $f[A] - f[B] = [-1, 0) \cup (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 1]$  while  $f[A - B] = [-1, 1]$ .

◇

(e)  $f[A \cup B] = f[A] \cup f[B]$

This is true.

Suppose first that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and take  $x \in A$ , then  $f(x) \in f[A]$  and  $x \notin f[B]$  giving  $f(x) \in f[A] \cup f[B]$ . On the other hand it is obvious that if  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  then  $f(x) \in f[A]$  and-or  $f(x) \in f[B]$  giving  $f(x) \in f[A] \cup f[B]$ . Hence,  $f[A \cup B] \subset f[A] \cup f[B]$ .

Suppose now that  $f(x) \in f[A]$  this means that  $x \in A$  regardless of  $x \in B$  or not. So,  $f[A] \cup f[B] \subset f[A \cup B]$  and with the previous we get  $f[A \cup B] = f[A] \cup f[B]$ .

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(f)  $f[A \cap B] \subset f[A] \cap f[B]$

True as if  $f(x) \in f[A \cap B]$  means that  $x \in A \cap B$  so  $x$  will be mapped in the image  $f[A]$  and in the image  $f[B]$  and thus  $f[A \cap B] \subset f[A] \cap f[B]$ .

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(g)  $f[A \cap B] = f[A] \cap f[B]$

Not true. Suppose  $f(x) \in f[A] \cap f[B]$ . But if  $f$  is not injective the possibility exists that for a given  $x_a \in A$  and another  $x_b \in B$  we have  $f[x_a] = f[x_b]$  even if  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint sets which would give  $f[A \cap B] = f[\emptyset] = \emptyset$ .

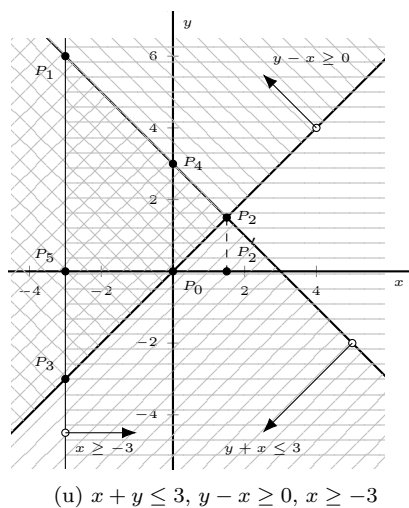
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## 1.11 Relations

In Exercises 1 to 5, all relations are subsets of the plane. In each case, draw a sketch of  $R$ , and give  $\text{Dom}R$ ,  $\text{Range}R$ ,  $R[0]$  and  $R^{-1}[0]$ .

### 1.11.1

Let  $(x, y) \in R$  provided that  $(x, y)$  satisfies each of the following inequalities:  $x + y \leq 3$ ,  $y - x \geq 0$ ,  $x \geq -3$ .



$$\text{Dom}R = \text{segment } [P_5, P_2']$$

$$\text{Range}R = \text{segment } [P_3, P_1]$$

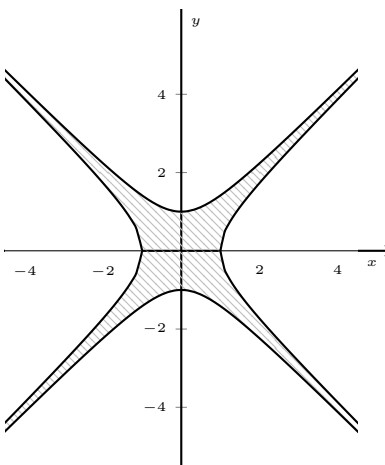
$$R[0] := \text{segment } [P_0, P_4]$$

$$R^{-1}[0] := \text{segment } [P_5, P_0]$$



### 1.11.2

Let  $R$  be the set of all  $(x, y)$  that satisfy  $x^2 - y^2 \leq 1$  and  $y^2 - x^2 \leq 1$ .



(v)  $x^2 - y^2 \leq 1$  and  $y^2 - x^2 \leq 1$

**Dom** $R = (-\infty, +\infty)$

**Range** $R = (-\infty, +\infty)$

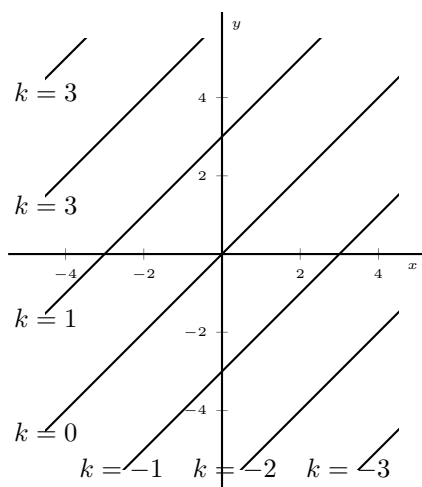
$R[0] := [-1, 1]$

$R^{-1}[0] := [-1, 1]$



### 1.11.3

Let  $R$  be the set of all  $(x, y)$  such that  $x - y$  is a multiple of 3.



(w) The relation  $\{(x, y) : y = x - 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$$\mathbf{Dom}R = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\mathbf{Range}R = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

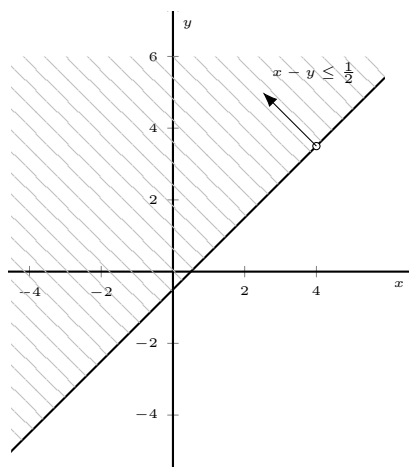
$$R[0] := \{y : y = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$R^{-1}[0] := \{x : x = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$



#### 1.11.4

Let  $R$  be a subset of the plane such that  $(x, y) \in R$  provided that  $x - y \leq \frac{1}{2}$



(x) The relation  $x - y \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\mathbf{Dom}R = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\mathbf{Range}R = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

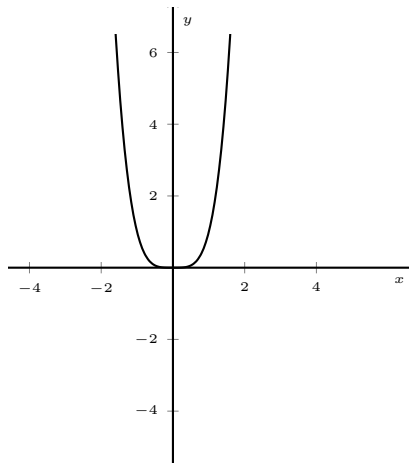
$$R[0] := [-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$$

$$R^{-1}[0] := (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}]$$



## 1.11.5

Let  $R$  be a subset of the plane such that  $(x, y) \in R$  provided that  $y = x^4$



(y) The relation  $y = x^4$

$$\text{Dom}R = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\text{Range}R = [0, +\infty)$$

$$R[0] := \{0\}$$

$$R^{-1}[0] := \{0\}$$



## 1.11.6

Let  $R = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 = 26\}$ . Find  $R[0]$ ,  $R[5]$ , and  $R[I]$ , where  $I = \{r : 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$ ;  $R^{-1}[J]$  where  $J = \{r : -1 \leq r \leq 1\}$ .

$$R[0] := \{-\sqrt{26}, \sqrt{26}\}$$

$$R[5] := \{-1, 1\}$$

$$R[I] := [-\sqrt{26}, -5] \cup [5, \sqrt{26}]$$

$$R^{-1}[J] := [5, \sqrt{26}]$$



## 1.11.7

Let  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ is real and } y = x(x - 1)(x - 2)\}$ . Find  $R[0]$ ,  $R[1]$ ,  $R[2]$ ,  $R^{-1}[0]$  and  $R[I]$ , where  $I = \{x : 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$ .

$$R[0] : = \{0\}$$

$$R[1] : = \{0\}$$

$$R[2] : = \{0\}$$

$$R^{-1}[0] : = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$R[I] : = [-1, 2]$$



## 1.11.8

Let  $R$  be a relation between sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , and suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$ . In each of the following, tell whether the statement is necessarily true and give a justification of your answer.

$$(a) \quad R[A \cap B] = R[A] \cap R[B].$$

$$(b) \quad R[A \cap B] \subset R[A] \cap R[B].$$

$$(c) \quad R[A \cap B] \supset R[A] \cap R[B].$$

$$(a) \quad R[A \cap B] = R[A] \cap R[B]$$

This is not necessarily true. Take for example a non injective function as the relation  $R$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . This means that  $R[A \cap B] = \emptyset$  but the relation being a non injective function it is also possible that  $R[A] \cap R[B] \neq \emptyset$ . So,  $R[A \cap B] \not\supset R[A] \cap R[B]$  and we can't have  $R[A \cap B] = R[A] \cap R[B]$ .



$$(b) \quad R[A \cap B] \subset R[A] \cap R[B]$$

This is necessarily true. Take  $(x, y) : x \in A \cap B$ . Then we have obviously  $y \in R[A]$  and also  $y \in R[A \cap B]$  but as  $x \in B$  (because  $x \in A \cap B$ ) we have also  $y \in R[B]$ . So  $y \in R[A]$  and  $y \in R[B]$  and thus  $y \in R[A] \cap R[B]$  giving  $R[A \cap B] \subset R[A] \cap R[B]$ .



$$(c) \quad R[A \cap B] \supset R[A] \cap R[B]$$

See (a).



## 1.11.9

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers. For each  $m$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let us write  $mRn$  if and only if  $m - n$  is an even integer. Thus this relation  $R$  is the set  $\{(m, n) : m - n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Find  $R[1]$  and  $R[2]$ . How many distinct sets of the form  $R[i]$  are there?

$R[0] := \{n : n = 1 - 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  i.e. the set of all odd integers.

$R[1] := \{n : n = 2 - 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \Leftrightarrow \{n : n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  i.e. the set of all even integers.

There are 2 distinct sets in total.



## 1.11.10

Let  $R$  be the relation defined as follows: For each ordered pair of integers  $(m, n)$ , let  $mRn$  if and only if  $m - n$  is an integral multiple of 5 (including negative multiples of 5). Find  $R[1]$ ,  $R[2]$ , and  $R[6]$ . How many distinct sets of the form  $R[i]$  are there? Find  $R^{-1}[1]$  and  $R^{-1}[2]$ . Is  $R^{-1}[i] = R[i]$  for each  $i$ ? For this relation  $R$ , if  $iRj$  and  $jRk$ , does it follow that  $iRk$ ?

$R[1] := \{\dots, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots\}$

$R[2] := \{\dots, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, \dots\}$

$R[6] := \{\dots, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots\}$

There are 5 distinct sets in total.

$R^{-1}[1] := \{\dots, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots\} = R[1]$

$R^{-1}[2] := \{\dots, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, \dots\} = R[2]$

$R^{-1}[i] = R[i]$  for each  $i$  as the relation  $n = m - 5k, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$  can be written as  $m = n - 5p, \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So the sets  $R^{-1}[i]$  and  $R[i]$  are not distinguishable.

If  $iRj$  and  $jRk$ , does it follow that  $iRk$ ? Yes, as the composed relation  $(jRk) \circ (iRj)$  has the relation  $k = i - 5(p+q), p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  and as  $p+q \in \mathbb{Z}$  we can rewrite the relation  $(jRk) \circ (iRj)$  as  $j = i - 5p, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .



## 1.12 Set inclusions for image and inverse image sets

### 1.12.1

