Answers to selected exercises

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- $\{1\} \in C$ but $\{1\} \not\subseteq C$;
- $\{2\} \notin C$ but $\{2\} \subseteq C$;
- $\{3\} \in C$ and $\{3\} \subseteq C$; and
- $\{4\} \notin C$ and $\{4\} \not\subseteq C$.

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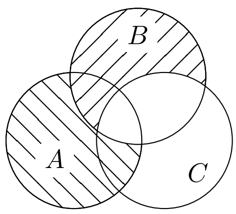
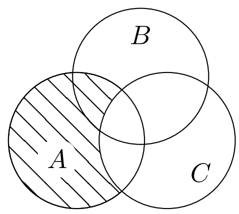


$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus C)$



$A \setminus C$

No. For a counterexample, let $A = C = \varnothing$ and $B = \{1\}$. Then

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus C) = \varnothing \cup \{1\} = \{1\} \neq \varnothing = A \setminus C.$$

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We show $\{|x| : x \in \mathbb{Q}\} = \mathbb{Q}_{\geqslant 0}$.

Proof. 1. $(\subseteq)$

1.1. Let $z \in \{|x| : x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.
1.2. Find $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $z = |x|$.
1.3. 1.3.1. Case 1: Suppose $x \geqslant 0$.
1.3.2. Then $z = |x| = x \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geqslant 0}$ by the definition of $|\cdot|$.
1.4. 1.4.1. Case 2: Suppose $x < 0$.
1.4.2. Then $z = |x| = -x$ by the definition of $|\cdot|$.
1.4.3. As $x < 0$, we know $-x > 0$.
1.4.4. As $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, we know $-x \in \mathbb{Q}$.
1.4.5. Thus $z = -x \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geqslant 0}$.
1.5. In either case, we have $z \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geqslant 0}$.

2. $(\supseteq)$

2.1. Let $z \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geqslant 0}$.
2.2. Then the definition of $|\cdot|$ implies $z = |z| \in \{|x| : x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$. $\square$

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We only show (1) here. The proof of (2) is similar.

Proof.
1. We know $\lfloor x \rfloor \in \mathbb{Z}$ by the definition of $\lfloor x \rfloor$.
2. As $\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 > \lfloor x \rfloor$, it follows from the maximality condition in the definition of $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ that $\lfloor x \rfloor \leqslant x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1$.
3. Now let us show uniqueness: let $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $y \leqslant x < y + 1$.
4. 4.1. Suppose $\lfloor x \rfloor < y$.
   4.2. Then $\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \leqslant y$ as $\lfloor x \rfloor, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.
   4.3. This implies $x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \leqslant y \leqslant x$ by line 2 and line 3, which is a contradiction.
5. So $\lfloor x \rfloor \geqslant y$.
6. Similarly, one shows $\lfloor x \rfloor \leqslant y$.
7. Thus $\lfloor x \rfloor = y$. □

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It does not make f assign any value in the codomain $\mathbb{Q}$ to the element $1/2$ of the domain $\mathbb{Q}$. (Recall $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.)

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It does not make g assign any value in the codomain $\mathbb{Q}$ to the element -1 of the domain $\mathbb{Q}$.

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It makes $h(1/2) = 1 \neq 2 = h(2/4)$, although $1/2 = 2/4$.