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- 1. Explain why $A \times B \times C$ and $(A \times B) \times C$ are not the same.
- 2. This exercise presents Russell's paradox. Let S be the set that contains a set x if the set x does not belong to itself, so that $S = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$.
 - (a) Show the assumption that S is a member of S leads to a contradiction.
 - (b) Show the assumption that S is not a member of S leads to a contradiction.

By parts (a) and (b) it follows that the set S cannot be defined as it was. This paradox can be avoided by restricting the types of elements that sets can have.

- 3. Let A, B, and C be sets. Show that
 - (a) $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$.
 - (b) $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B)$
 - (c) $(A C) \cap (C B) = \emptyset$
- 4. Let $A_i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i\}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ Find
 - (a) $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$
 - (b) $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$
- 5. Determine whether f is a function from \mathbf{Z} to \mathbf{R} if
 - (a) $f(n) = \pm n$
 - (b) $f(n) = \sqrt{n^2 + 1}$.
 - (c) $f(n) = 1/(n^2 4)$.
- 6. If f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one, does it follow that g is one-to-one? Justify your answer.
- 7. If f and $f \circ g$ are onto, does it follow that g is onto? Justify your answer.
- 8. Let f be a function from the set A to the set B. Let S and T be subsets of A. Show that
 - (a) $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$
 - (b) $f(S \cap T) \subseteq f(S) \cap f(T)$.
- 9. Let S be a subset of a universal set U. The characteristic function f_S of S is the function from U to the set $\{0,1\}$ such that $f_S(x) = 1$ if x belongs to S and $f_S(x) = 0$ if x does not belong to S. Let A and B be sets. Show that for all $x \in U$
 - (a) $f_{A \cap B}(x) = f_A(x) \cdot f_B(x)$
 - (b) $f_{A \cup B}(x) = f_A(x) + f_B(x) f_A(x) \cdot f_B(x)$
 - (c) $f_{\bar{A}}(x) = 1 f_A(x)$
- 10. (a) Show that if a set S has cardinality m, where m is a positive integer, then there is a one-to-one correspondence between S and the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, m\}$
 - (b) Show that if S and T are two sets each with m elements, where m is a positive integer, then there is a one-to-one correspondence between S and T. *80.

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11. Show that a set S is infinite if and only if there is a proper subset A of S such that there is a one-to-one correspondence between A and S.

- 12. Show that if A and B are sets with the same cardinality, then $|A| \leq |B|$ and $|B| \leq |A|$
- 13. Show that if A and B are sets, A is uncountable, and $A \subseteq B$, then B is uncountable.
- 14. Show that a subset of a countable set is also countable.
- 15. If A is an uncountable set and B is a countable set, must A B be uncountable?
- 16. Suppose that a countably infinite number of buses, each containing a countably infinite number of guests, arrive at Hilbert's fully occupied Grand Hotel. Show that all the arriving guests can be accommodated without evicting any current guest.
- 17. Show that the set of real numbers that are solutions of quadratic equations $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, where a, b, and c are integers, is countable.