

Chapter n° 8

Sets and Functions

1) Sets

~~By mathematics, the term set is used only well~~

$(x \in A)$ or $(x \text{ in } A)$ means that x is an element of a set A

Exple.

The set of even integers can be written
 $= \{2n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 0\}$: the set of positive real numbers

A set with no element in it is called: the empty set and is denoted \emptyset (phi)

The set of all natural numbers less than 0 is:

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} / n < 0\} = \emptyset$$

Subset.

$A = \{1, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{1, 4\}$

B is a subset of A , and

we write: $B \subseteq A$

$S = \{1, 3, 5\}$ is not a subset

of A : $S \not\subseteq A$

For any set A , $\emptyset \subseteq A$.

Union and intersection

If $A, B \subseteq E$, we can define:

1) The union of A and B by:

$$A \cup B = \{x \in E / x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

2) The intersection of A and B by:

$$A \cap B = \{x \in E / x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$

* When the intersection of two sets is \emptyset , we say that the two sets are disjoint

Exple.

$A =]-5, 3]$ and

$B =]3, 6]$ are disjoint, because

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

Difference and Complement

If $A, B \subseteq E$, the set

$$A \setminus B = \{x \in E / x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

is called the difference $A \setminus B$

The set: $\{x \in E / x \notin A\}$ is called the complement of A in E and is denoted

by: $E \setminus A$ or C_E^A or \bar{A} or A^c

and is the elements outside A .

$$C_B^A = \{x / x \in B \wedge x \notin A\}$$

$$C_{\emptyset}^E = E, \quad C_E^E = \emptyset, \quad A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

$$A \cup A^c = E$$

- The symmetrical difference of two sets A and B is denoted:

$$\begin{aligned} A \Delta B &= \{x \mid (x \in A \setminus B) \text{ or } (x \in B \setminus A)\} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)\} \\ &= (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \end{aligned}$$

Remark.

$$A \setminus \emptyset = A,$$

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

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

Properties. $A, B, C \subseteq E, \quad E \neq \emptyset$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad & \left. \begin{aligned} (A \cap B) \cap C &= A \cap (B \cap C) \\ (A \cup B) \cup C &= A \cup (B \cup C) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{associative law} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad & \left. \begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cap C) &= (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \\ A \cap (B \cup C) &= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{distributive law} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \quad & \left. \begin{aligned} A \cup B &= B \cup A \\ A \cap B &= B \cap A \end{aligned} \right\} \text{commutative law} \end{aligned}$$

$$4) \quad A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow A \cup B = B$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5) \quad & \left. \begin{aligned} (A \cup B)^c &= A^c \cap B^c \\ (A \cap B)^c &= A^c \cup B^c \end{aligned} \right\} \text{De Morgan's laws} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. ~~##~~ $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$?

$$(A \cup B)^c = \{x \in E \mid x \notin (A \cup B)\}$$

$$= \{x \in E \mid x \notin A \cup B\}$$

$$= \{x \in E \mid x \notin A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

$$= \{x \in E \mid x \in A^c \wedge x \in B^c\}$$

$$= \{x \in E \mid x \in A^c \cap B^c\}$$

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

and:

$$(A \cap B)^c = \{x \in E \mid x \notin (A \cap B)\}$$

$$= \dots$$

E

Cartesian product

The cartesian product of two sets X and Y is $X \times Y = \{(a, b) \mid a \in X, b \in Y\}$ is the set of all ordered pairs (a, b).

Exple. $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{4, 6\}$

$$A \times B = \{(1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 6)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (6, 1), (6, 2), (6, 3)\}$$

Finite sets and Cardinality

Finite sets are sets having a finite number of elements.

Let A be a finite set, the number of elements in set A is called the cardinality of A denoted: $n(A)$

Exple. Let

$$E = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \text{ and}$$

$$B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$$

We have:

$$1) A \subset E \text{ and } 2) B \subset E$$

$$3) A \not\subset B, \text{ because: } 1 \in A, 1 \notin B$$

$$4) B \not\subset A, 5) A \cap B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$6) A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$$

$$7) A \setminus B = A - B = C_B^A = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$8) B \setminus A = B - A = C_A^B = \{8\}$$

The cardinal number: n (cardinality)

$$n(A \cap B) = 3, n(A \cup B) = 7$$

$$n(A) = 6, n(B) = 4$$

We have:

$$7 = 6 + 4 - 3, \text{ then}$$

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

Exple. Let: $A = \{1, 2\}$

$$A = \{1, 2\} \text{ and } B = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

$$n(A) = 2, n(B) = 3$$

$$n(A \times B) = 6, n(B \times A) = 6$$

then,

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

$$6 = 2 \times 3$$

Power set

The power set (powerset) of a set E is the set of all subsets of E including \emptyset and E itself, denoted: $\mathcal{P}(E)$

Exple.

$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$, the powerset of A is

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\},$$

$$\{1, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\}$$

$$n(A) = 3, n(\mathcal{P}(A)) = 8 = 2^{n(A)} = 2^3$$

$$\text{then, } n(\mathcal{P}(A)) = 2^{n(A)}$$

2) Functions.

A function f is a relation or mapping between two sets (E and F) that associated each element (input) from the first set E to exactly one element (output) of F , we write,

$$f: E \rightarrow F$$
$$x \mapsto y = f(x)$$

E : domain, F : codomain

Def. Two functions f and g are equal iff:

- 1) They have the same domain (E) and the same codomain (F)
- 2) $f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in E$

The identity function:

The identity function ~~is~~ For any set X is:

$$I_d: X \rightarrow X$$
$$x \mapsto I_d(x) = x$$

(associated each point $x \in X$ with itself)

Function composition

Suppose you have two

function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$, then you can make a new function, $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$

This makes sense because the codomain of $f =$ the domain of $g = Y$ (the same)

Expte. Let f and g two functions defined in \mathbb{R} by

$$f = \sqrt{x-1}, \quad g(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+1}$$

1) Calculate $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$.

2) Deduce that, the composition of two functions is not commutative.

Properties. Let:

$$f: E \rightarrow F, g: F \rightarrow G, h: G \rightarrow H$$

$$1) f \circ I_d = I_d \circ f = f$$

$$2) h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$$

Image of function

Let, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, then the image of f is:

$$\text{Im } f = \{ f(x) \mid x \in X \} \subseteq Y$$

Injection, surjection, bijection

Let, $f: X \rightarrow Y$

1) f is injective (or: one-to-one function)

iff:

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in X: f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in X: x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

2) f is surjective (or: onto function)

$$\text{iff: } \forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X: y = f(x)$$

3) f is bijective iff it is injective and surjective, exactly iff

$$\forall y \in Y, \exists! x \in E: y = f(x)$$

Exple. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto f(x) = 5x + 3$$

1) f injective? $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 5x_1 + 3 = 5x_2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 = x_2) \Rightarrow f \text{ inject}$$

2) f surjective? (We try to find x)

$\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}$? such that

$$y = f(x) \Rightarrow y = 5x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y-3}{5} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f \text{ surjective}$$

So, f inject + surject $\Rightarrow f$ bijective

Exple. $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$x \mapsto f(x) = 4x + 2$$

we have, $\forall y \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$y = f(x) \Rightarrow y = 4x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y-2}{4} \notin \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, \nexists x \in \mathbb{N}: y = f(x)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is not surject

$\Rightarrow f$ is not bijective

Inverse function

Def. If $f: E \rightarrow F$ is bijective $\Rightarrow f$ is invertible and its inverse is f^{-1}

defined by: $f^{-1}: F \rightarrow E$

$$y \mapsto f^{-1}(y)$$

We have:

$$y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = f^{-1}(y)$$

For example: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto 5x + 3$$

f is bijective $\Rightarrow f$ is invertible and its inverse is

$$f^{-1}(x) = ?$$

we have: $y = f(x) \Rightarrow$

$$y = 5x + 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{y-3}{5}$$

$$\text{then, } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-3}{5}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Remark.

1) If f is bijective $\Rightarrow f^{-1}$ exists and is bijective

2) $g: E \rightarrow F$, if $A \subseteq E$ and $B \subseteq F$

$$f(A) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A\} \subseteq F$$

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{f^{-1}(y) \mid y \in B\}$$

$$= \{x \mid f(x) \in B\} \subseteq E$$

Exple. let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = x^3, A = [0, 2], B = [-1, 1]$$

We have:

$$f(A) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A\} = \{x^3 \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$$

$$= \{x^3 \mid 0 \leq x^3 \leq 8\} = [0, 8]$$

$$\bullet f^{-1}(B) = \{x \mid f(x) \in B\}$$

$$= \{x \mid -1 \leq x^3 \leq 1\}$$

$$= \{x \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1\} = [-1, 1]$$

Proposition. E, F and G

three finite sets

$$f: E \rightarrow F, g: F \rightarrow G$$

- 1) $g \circ f$ injective $\Rightarrow f$ injective
- 2) $g \circ f$ surjective $\Rightarrow f$ surjective
- 3) f and g are injective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ injective
- 4) g and f surjective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ surjective
- 5) g and f bijective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ bijective

$$c) (f^{-1})^{-1} = f, \quad f \circ f^{-1} = I_{d_E}$$

$$g) f \circ f^{-1} = I_{d_F}$$

Proof. $f: E \rightarrow F \xrightarrow{g} G$
 $x \mapsto f(x) = y \mapsto g(y) = g(f(x)) = g$

1) let $x_1, x_2 \in E$:

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow g(f(x_1)) = g(f(x_2))$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f(x_1) = g \circ f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad (\text{because } g \circ f \text{ injective})$$

2) If $g \circ f$ surjective, then

$$\forall z \in G, \exists x \in E: g \circ f(x) = z$$

$$\Rightarrow z = g(f(x)) = g(y),$$

(we can choose $y = f(x)$)

$$\Rightarrow \forall z \in G, \exists y \in F: z = g(y)$$

$\Rightarrow g$ surjective

$$f) \forall x \in E, y = f(x) \in F$$

$$f^{-1} \circ f: E \xrightarrow{f} F \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} E$$

$$x \mapsto f^{-1} \circ f(x)$$

then,

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1} \circ f = I_{d_E}$$

$$g) f \circ f^{-1}: F \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} E \xrightarrow{f} F$$

then,

$$f \circ f^{-1}(y) = f(f^{-1}(y)) = f(x) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ f^{-1} = I_{d_F}$$

Remark. f and g

Remark, let $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $g: Y \rightarrow Z$

If f and g are invertible:

$$(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$$

Proposition let, $f: E \rightarrow F$

and, $A_1, A_2 \subseteq E$ and, $B_1, B_2 \subseteq F$
Then, we have:

- 1) $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \Rightarrow f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$
- 2) $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$
- 3) $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$
- 4) $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$
- 5) $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$
- 6) $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$
- 7) $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ / $A \subseteq E$
- 8) $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ / $B \subseteq F$.

Proof.

1) let $y \in f(A_1)$, $\exists x \in A_1: y = f(x)$
we have:

$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \Rightarrow x \in A_2$ and
 $y = f(x) \in f(A_2) \Rightarrow f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$

3) let $y \in f(A_1 \cup A_2) \Rightarrow$
 $\exists x \in A_1 \cup A_2$ / $y = f(x) \Rightarrow$

$\exists x \in A_1 \vee x \in A_2$ and
 $y = f(x) \in f(A_1) \vee y = f(x) \in f(A_2)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$

7) let $x \in A \Rightarrow f(x) \in f(A)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(f(A))$
 $\Rightarrow A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$

4) Suppose that: $B_1 \subseteq B_2$
and, $\forall x \in E$, $x \in f^{-1}(B_1)$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) \in B_1 \subseteq B_2$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) \in B_2 \Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(B_2)$
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$

Exple: $f(x) = x^2$, $x \in [-1, 1]$
 $A = [-1, 0]$, $B = [0, 1]$

$$A \cap B = \{0\}$$

$$f(A \cap B) = f(\{0\}) = \{0\}$$

$$f(A) = f([-1, 0]) = [0, 1]$$

$$f(B) = f([0, 1]) = [0, 1]$$

$$f(A \cap B) = [0, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$$

Restriction and
Extension

Def: let $f: X \rightarrow Y$
and let $A \subseteq X$,
 \Rightarrow the function $f|_A$

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$g: A \rightarrow Y$ is the restriction of the function f to A

denoted by:

$$f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$$

2). f is an extension of g to X

Exple: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2$

We know that $\mathbb{R}_+ \subset \mathbb{R}$,

then we can define the restriction of f to \mathbb{R}_+ by:

$$f|_{\mathbb{R}_+}: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \mapsto x^2$$