

## Definitions

### Relations

For the following definitions, consider a relation  $R$  on a set  $S$ .

1. Transitivity:  $R$  is transitive  $\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in S, (b, c) \in S \Rightarrow (a, c) \in S$ .

2. Reflexivity:  $R$  is reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \in S, (a, a) \in R$ .

Irreflexivity:  $R$  is irreflexive  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \in S, (a, a) \notin R$ .

3. Symmetry:  $R$  is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ .

Antisymmetry:  $R$  is antisymmetric  $\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \wedge (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$ .

• Binary Relation: A relation from a set to itself.

• Equivalence Relation: A relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Partitions: For a set  $A$  to be a partition of  $B$ , the following must be true of  $A$ :

1. The sets contained in  $A$  must be mutually disjoint.

2. The union of the sets contained in  $A$  must be  $B$ .

3. Every set in  $A$  must  $\neq \emptyset$

• Equivalence Class:  $[x]$  denotes the set of all elements related to  $x$ .

### Ordering

• Partial Ordering: A relation  $R$  on  $S$  is a partial order if it is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.

• Relations with partial orders may be drawn using a Hasse diagram.

• Total Ordering: A relation  $R$  on  $S$  is a total order if it is a partial order and  $\forall a, b \in S, (a, b) \in R$ .

• Strict Ordering: Partial and Total orderings are strict if they are irreflexive.

### Function

A Function is a relation  $F$  on a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  where every element in  $X$  maps to exactly one element of set  $Y$ .

• Injectivity:  $\forall (a, b) \in X, f(a) = f(b) \Leftrightarrow a = b$

• Surjectivity:  $\forall a \in Y, \exists b \in X$  s.t.  $f(b) = a$

• Bijectivity: Injective and Surjective

Useful Facts:

• Composing two injective functions gives an injective function.

• 2-regular functions:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is 2-regular  $\Leftrightarrow \forall b \in B, \exists$  exactly two distinct  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  s.t.  $f(a_1) = f(a_2) = b$ .

• Within the context of this class, invertible means bijective.

• Invertible isn't really a formally defined term, so it can vary. In other contexts, it tends to simply mean injective.

Images: Given some  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , The image of an input value  $x$  is the set of outputs it may produce. The preimage of an output  $y$  is the set of input values that produce  $y$ .

Cantor-Bernstein Theorem: Given infinite sets  $A \rightarrow B$ , iff  $\exists$  some injective function from  $A \rightarrow B$ , and  $\exists$  some injective function from  $B \rightarrow A$ , then  $\exists$  some bijective function from  $A \rightarrow B$ . It follows that the two sets have the same cardinality:  $|A| = |B|$ .

### Sets

•  $P(A) = \{S : S \subseteq A\}$

• For a finite set  $A$ , if  $|A| = k$ , then  $|P(A)| = 2^k$

• Cartesian Product:  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$

• The dual of a statement about sets is one with each  $\cup$  swapped with  $\cap$ , each  $\cap$  swapped with  $\cup$ , each  $\mathbb{U}$  (universal set) swapped with  $\emptyset$ , and each  $\emptyset$  swapped with  $\mathbb{U}$ .

• Set equality: The formal definition:  $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$ .

### Useful Properties

1. Connectedness of a relation - strong & weak

### Types of Proof

#### Direct Proof

Directly show that if  $p$  is true, then  $q$  is true as well.

• This includes proof by induction.

1. Write the proposition

2. Start with a true hypothesis

Through definitions, axioms, and properties, work your way to a conclusion

3. End with a true conclusion

#### Indirect Proof

Proofs of an equivalent implication. For example, the contrapositive of a statement can be used to prove that statement.

• Proof by Contradiction

Assume a counterexample can be found. Then there is an element in the domain that either:

• Makes the hypothesis true (?)

• Makes the conclusion false

This leads to a contradiction.

### Subtypes of Proof (?)

#### Element-wise Proofs

Show that for *any* arbitrary element inside a set, some relation holds.

•  $A \subseteq B: \forall x \in A, x \in B$

•  $A = B: A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$

#### Function Proofs

They basically involve proving either:

• Surjectivity

• Injectivity

• Both (Invertibility)

#### Logical Equivalence proofs

Show that two statements are logically equivalent using logic laws.

### Proof Tips

• Use the definitions to express things that reveal fundamental properties

• Use variables that represent **any** element in the domain

• Do not use the same variable for two different things

• Apply rules/properties that apply to every element in the domain

• The resulting conclusions should be true for any element in the domain.

### Set-Builder Notation

$S = \{\text{domain} \mid \text{predicate}\}$

•  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \text{ is even}\}$

•  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \bmod 2 = 0\}$

### Example Proofs

$\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  - **by contradiction**.

• Suppose not. That is,  $\exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \neq 0$  s.t.  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ , s.t. (1)  $p, q$  do not share a factor.

• Then  $2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow 2q^2 = p^2$ .

• By definition of even,  $p^2$  is even.

• This implies  $p$  is even. (proof omitted)

• Then,  $p = 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{4a^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow q^2 = 2a^2$ .

• By definition of even,  $q^2$  is even.

• This implies  $q$  is even.

• Since both are even, they both have a common factor 2.

• This contradicts (1):  $p, q$  do not share a factor. ■

### There is no greatest even integer - by contradiction.

• Suppose not. That is, there is some greatest even integer,  $n$ .

• Then, by closure under addition,  $n + 2 = k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

• By definition of even,  $n = 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

• By substitution,  $n + 2 = 2a + 2$ .

• By distributive property,  $2a + 2 = 2(a + 1)$ .

• By definition of even,  $2(a + 1)$  is even  $\Rightarrow n + 2$  is even.

• Since  $n + 2 > n$  and  $n + 2$  is even, this contradicts our original assumption that there must be a greatest even integer. ■

### There are infinitely many prime numbers - by contradiction.

• Fact (1): Any integer  $n > 1$  is divisible by some prime number.

• Fact (2): For any integer,  $a$ , and any prime number,  $p$ , if  $p \mid a \Rightarrow p \nmid a + 1$

• Assume there is a finite number of prime numbers. Then, let  $p$  be the largest prime number.

• Then, we can write all the prime numbers in ascending order as such:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, ...,  $p$ .

• Let another integer,  $n = (2 * 3 * 5 * 7 * \dots * p) + 1$ .

• We know by (2) that since  $n$  is divisible by every prime number,  $n + 1$  is divisible by no prime number.

• But by (1),  $n + 1$  must be divisible by some prime number.

• This contradicts our assumption that  $p$  is the largest prime number. Therefore, there are infinitely many prime numbers. ■

$A \cap B \subseteq A$  - **element-wise**.

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any sets.
- Let  $x$  be any element of  $A \cap B$ .
- By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A \wedge x \in B$ .
- Since our choice of  $x$  was arbitrary, this implies every element in  $A \cap B$  is also in  $A$ .
- Therefore,  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ . ■

$A \subseteq C \wedge B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \cup B \subseteq C$  - **element-wise**.

- Let sets  $A, B, C$  be any sets s.t.  $A \subseteq C \wedge B \subseteq C$ .

The goal here is to prove that for every element  $x$ ,  $x \in A \cup B \Rightarrow x \in C$ .

- By definition of  $\cup$ , we consider two possible cases:
  - $x \in A$ 
    - Since  $A \subseteq C$ , by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $x \in C$ .
  - $x \in B$ 
    - Since  $B \subseteq C$ , by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $x \in C$ .
- In both cases,  $x \in C$ ; therefore,  $A \cup B \subseteq C$ . ■

$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) = A \cap (B \cup C)$  - **element-wise**.

By definition of set equality, we must prove two things:

1.  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$
2.  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

For 1: Let  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . By definition of  $\cup$ , we consider two possible cases:

1.  $x \in A \cap B$ 
  - By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A \wedge x \in B$ .
  - By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B \cup C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cap$ , since  $x \in A \wedge x \in B \cup C$ ,  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .
2.  $x \in A \cap C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A \wedge x \in C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $x \in C \Rightarrow x \in B \cup C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cap$ , since  $x \in A \wedge x \in B \cup C$ ,  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Therefore,  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$ . ■

For 2: Let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . By definition of  $\cap$ , we know  $x \in A \wedge x \in (B \cup C)$ .

By definition of  $\cup$ , we consider two possible cases:

1.  $x \in A \wedge x \in B$ .
  - By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A \cap B$ .
  - By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .
2.  $x \in A \wedge x \in C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A \cap C$ .
  - By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Therefore,  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . ■

Since we have proved (1) and (2),  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) = A \cap (B \cup C)$ . ■

**Prove that  $g : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  with the rule  $g(x) = 5x - 1$  is surjective - function proof.**

- Let  $y \in \mathbb{Q}$  (the codomain).
- We wish to show that  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}, g(x) = y$ .
- By substitution,  $5x - 1 = y$ .
- By algebra,  $x = \frac{y+1}{5}$ .
- We also wish to show that  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .
- By closure under addition,  $y + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- By definition of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\frac{y+1}{5} = \frac{p}{q}, p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \frac{y+1}{5} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Prove that  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with the rule  $f(x) = 5x + 7$  is injective - function proof.**

- Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $f(a) = f(b)$ . (Show they must be the same number)
- Then,  $5a + 7 = 5b + 7$ .
- By subtraction,  $5a = 5b$ .
- Since both sides are divisible by 5, the Division Theorem says the quotient must be unique.
- Therefore,  $a = b$ . ■

## Other

- Remainder Theorem: any  $a$  mod some  $b$  has exactly one remainder.
- What other theorems??