

1. Define $F = x \in \mathbf{R} \mapsto x^2$. Enumerate the members of $F(\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\})$.

Solution:

$$F(\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}) = \{F(-2), F(-1), F(0), F(1), F(2)\} = \{4, 1, 0, 1, 4\} = \{0, 1, 4\}.$$

2. Define $F = x \in \mathbf{R} \mapsto x^2$. Enumerate the members of $F^{(-1)}(\{0, 1, 4\})$.

Solution: The solution set to $F(x) = 4$ is $\{-2, 2\}$; the solution set to $F(x) = 1$ is $\{-1, 1\}$; and the solution set to $F(x) = 0$ is $\{0\}$. So

$$F^{(-1)}(\{0, 1, 4\}) = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}.$$

3. Show that

$$(\forall a \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}) (\exists m \in \mathbf{R}) (\forall x \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}) (\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{a} + m(x - a)).$$

Hints: You might like to use the facts:

$$\begin{aligned} [\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{a} + m(x - a)] &\equiv [\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a} - m(x - a) \leq 0], \\ &\equiv [\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a} - m(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}) \leq 0], \\ &\equiv [(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(1 - m(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})) \leq 0]. \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $a \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$. Choose $m = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{a} + m(x - a)] &\equiv [\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a} - m(x - a) \leq 0], && \text{(algebra)} \\ &\equiv [\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a} - m(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}) \leq 0], && \text{(algebra)} \\ &\equiv [(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(1 - m(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})) \leq 0], && \text{(factor)} \\ &\equiv \left[(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}) \frac{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{a}} \leq 0 \right], && \text{(substitution)} \\ &\equiv \left[-\frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})^2}{2\sqrt{a}} \leq 0 \right], && \text{(factor)} \\ &= \text{True}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Show that for all sets A and B that $(B \setminus A = B) \implies (A \cap B = \emptyset)$. **Hint:** Try proving the contrapositive.

Solution: We'll show that $A \cap B \neq \emptyset \implies B \setminus A \neq B$. Since $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, there is x such that $x \in A$ and $x \in B$; thus $x \notin B \setminus A$ and $x \in B$. Since there is a member of B that isn't a member of $B \setminus A$, we've shown that $B \setminus A \neq B$.