

Homework 8 Solutions

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- Handwritten homework is OK. You do not have to type up your work.
- Problems assigned from the textbook are from the 5th edition.
- No late homework accepted. Lateness due to technical issues will not be excused.

Remark. Let A and B be sets. The set $A \times B$ is called the Cartesian product of A and B and is defined as

$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B \}.$$

Note that the elements of $A \times B$ are ordered pairs. That means that $(a, b) = (c, d)$ if and only if $(a = c) \wedge (b = d)$. See page 12 in the textbook for additional info.

1. (27 points) Section 6.1 #6, 15(b)(c), 18.

Solution:

#6(a). This is false.

Disproof. Choose $x = 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- (i) $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x = 2 = 5(0) + 2 \in A$.
- (ii) Suppose $x \in B$. $x = 10b - 3$ for some $b \in \mathbb{Z}$. $2 = 10b - 3$ so $b = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Q} - \mathbb{Z}$ but $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a contradiction. So $x = 2 \notin B$.

Therefore $A \not\subseteq B$. □

#6(b). This is true.

Proof. Let $x \in B$. So $x = 10b - 3$ for some $b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$10b - 3 = 5(2b) - 5 + 2 = 5(2b - 1) + 2$$

and $a := 2b - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ since \mathbb{Z} is closed under products and differences. So $x = 5a + 2 \in A$. Therefore $B \subseteq A$. □

6(c). This is true. Note that we need to show that $B \subseteq C$ and $C \subseteq B$.

Proof. Let $x \in B$. $x = 10b - 3$ for some $b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$10b - 3 = 10b - 10 + 7 = 10(b - 1) + 7$$

and $c := b - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ since \mathbb{Z} is closed under differences. So $x = 10c + 7 \in C$. Thus $B \subseteq C$.

Let $x \in C$. $x = 10c + 7$ for some $c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$10c + 7 = 10c + 10 - 3 = 10(c + 1) - 3$$

and $b := c + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ since \mathbb{Z} is closed under differences. So $x = 10b - 3 \in B$. Thus $C \subseteq B$.

Since $B \subseteq C$ and $C \subseteq B$, $B = C$. □

#15. Visit office hours if you need help with the sketch of the Venn diagrams.

#18(a). No. Nothing belongs to the empty set.

#18(b). No. The right hand side is non-empty.

#18(c). Yes. The \emptyset is an element in $\{\emptyset\}$.

#18(d). No. No element belongs to the empty set.

2. (36 points) Section 6.1 #25, 27.

Remark. There are typos on problems #23, 25. The lower index should be $i = 1$ (not $i = 0$).

Solution:

#25(a). There is a typo in the textbook. The sets R_i are defined for $i \geq 1$. Notice that $R_{i+1} \subseteq R_i$. Therefore the answer here is $[1, 2]$.

#25(b). $[1, 5/4]$.

#25(c). No. $R_1 \cap R_2 = R_2$.

#25(d). Because of the nesting, the answer is $[1, 2]$.

#25(e). $[1, 1 + 1/n]$.

#25(f). $[1, 2]$.

#25(g). $\{1\}$.

#27(a). No. This is because the sets a, d, e and d, f are not disjoint.

#27(b). Yes.

#27(c). No. The sets $\{5, 4\}$ and $\{1, 3, 4\}$ are not disjoint.

#27(d). No. 6 does not belong to any of the given sets in the proposed partition.

#27(e). Yes.

3. (15 points) Section 6.1 #32, 33.

Solution:

#32(a) Note that $A \times B = \{(1, u), (1, v)\}$. Therefore

$$\mathcal{P}(A \times B) = \{\emptyset, \{(1, u)\}, \{(1, v)\}, A \times B\}$$

#32(b). Here $X \times Y = \{(1, x), (1, y), (2, x), (2, y)\}$. The power set has 16 elements.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(X \times Y) = \{ & \emptyset, \{(1, x)\}, \{(1, y)\}, \{(2, x)\}, \{(2, y)\}, \{(1, x), (1, y)\}, \\ & \{(1, x), (2, y)\}, \{(2, x), (1, y)\}, \{(2, x), (2, y)\}, \\ & \{(1, x), (2, x)\}, \{(1, y), (2, y)\}, \{(1, x), (1, y), (2, x)\}, \\ & \{(1, x), (2, x), (2, y)\}, \{(1, y), (2, y), (1, x)\}, \\ & \{(1, y), (2, y), (2, x)\}, X \times Y \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\#33(a) \mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$\#33(b) \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}.$$

$$\#33(c) \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset))) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

4. (3 points) Write the following union of intervals as a single interval.

$$\bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}}, \sqrt{2 - \frac{1}{n}} \right]$$

Solution: $(1, \sqrt{2})$

5. (9 points) Section 6.2 #6, 11, 15.

Solution:

$$\#6(a) (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$\#6(b) A$$

$$\#6(c) C$$

$$\#6(d) x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$\#6(a) \text{ or}$$

$$\#6(b) \text{ and}$$

$$\#6(c) x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$\#6(d) \text{ subset}$$

$$\#11.$$

Remark. This proof is more in the spirit of Epp. You might however approach it using a Theorem 2.1.1. approach.

Proof. Let $x \in A \cap (B - C)$. Therefore $x \in A$ and $x \in B - C$, i.e. $x \in B$ and $x \notin C$. Since $x \in A$ and $x \in B$ it follows that $x \in A \cap B$. Suppose $x \in A \cap C$. $x \in A$ and $x \in C$. So $x \in C$ but $x \notin C$ is a contradiction. Hence $x \notin A \cap C$. Since $x \in A \cap B$ and $x \notin A \cap C$, $x \in (A \cap B) - (A \cap C)$. \square

#15.

Proof. Let A be a set.

Let $x \in A \cup \emptyset$. Then $x \in A$ or $x \in \emptyset$. $x \notin \emptyset$ so $x \in A$ by elimination. $A \cup \emptyset \subset A$.

Let $x \in A$. Then $x \in A$ or $x \in \emptyset$ via generalization. So $x \in A \cup \emptyset$. $A \subset A \cup \emptyset$.

$A \cup \emptyset = A$. \square

6. (6 points) Section 6.2 #22, 35.

#22.

Proof. Let $\mathbf{v} \in A \times (B \cap C)$. $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$ such that $x \in A$ and $y \in B \cap C$. $y \in B \cap C$ so $y \in B$ and $y \in C$.

$y \in B$ via specialization. $x \in A$ and $y \in B$ via conjunction, so $\mathbf{v} = (x, y) \in A \times B$.

$y \in C$ via specialization. $x \in A$ and $y \in C$ via conjunction, so $\mathbf{v} = (x, y) \in A \times C$.

$\mathbf{v} \in A \times B$ and $\mathbf{v} \in A \times C$, so $\mathbf{v} \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$.

Thus $A \times (B \cap C) \subset (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$.

Let $\mathbf{v} \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$. $\mathbf{v} \in (A \times B)$ and $\mathbf{v} \in (A \times C)$.

$\mathbf{v} \in (A \times B)$ so $x \in A$ and $y \in B$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$.

$\mathbf{v} \in (A \times C)$ so $x \in A$ and $z \in C$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (x, z)$.

$(x, y) = \mathbf{v} = (x, z)$ so define $w := y = z$ such that $w \in B$ and $w \in C$. $x \in A$ and $w \in B \cap C$ so $\mathbf{v} = (x, w) \in A \times (B \cap C)$.

Thus $(A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \subset A \times (B \cap C)$.

Since $A \times (B \cap C) \subset (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$ and $(A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \subset A \times (B \cap C)$, $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$. \square

#35. Let's do a contradiction proof.

Proof. Let A, B, C be sets. Suppose $A \subset B$ and $B \cap C = \emptyset$. Suppose $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists $x \in A \cap C$. $x \in A$ and $x \in C$ so $x \in A$ by specialization. Since $A \subset B$ it follows that $x \in B$. $x \in C$ by specialization so $x \in B$ and $x \in C$ by conjunction. Therefore $x \in B \cap C$, so $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$ and this is a contradiction. Thus $A \cap C = \emptyset$. \square