

Lesson 2

\in vs \subseteq

Definition: $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow \forall x [(x \in A) \rightarrow (x \in B)]$

In other wrds: A is a subset of B, iff, every x in A is a member of B

\in left_side in right_side

\subseteq all(x in right_side for x in left_side)

Examples

$A = \{ 1, 2, \{1,2,3\} \}$

$\{1,2,3\} \in A$

$\{1,2,3\} \notin A$

$\emptyset \notin \emptyset \equiv \emptyset \notin \{ \}$ no items on right side, nothing belongs to it

$\emptyset \in \{ \emptyset \}$ right side contains 1 item: \emptyset , so \emptyset in right side

$\emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$ every set is a subset of itself

$\emptyset \subseteq \{ \emptyset \}$ empty set is a subset of every set

$\emptyset \subseteq \{ 1 \}$ "

$\emptyset \notin \{ 1 \}$

$\{ \emptyset \} \subseteq \{ \emptyset \}$ all(x in right_side for x in left_side)

$\{ \emptyset \} \notin \{ \emptyset \}$ [foo] in [foo]? no

$\{ \emptyset \} \in \{ \{ \emptyset \} \}$ [foo] in [[foo]]? yes

$\{ \emptyset \} \notin \{ \{ \emptyset \} \}$ foo in [[foo]]? no

$\{ \{ \emptyset, 1 \} \} \notin \{ \{ \emptyset \}, 1 \}$

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$|\emptyset| = 0$

$|\{ \emptyset \}| = 1$

Power Set

Definition: $X \in P(A) \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq A$

In other words: X belongs to the set of all A's subgroups, iff X itself is a subset of A.

Always true: $\emptyset \in P(A)$ because \emptyset is a subset of every set

$|P(A)| = 2^{**}|A|$

Examples

$A = \{ \emptyset, \emptyset, \{ \emptyset \} \};$

$\{ \emptyset \} \in P(A)?$

$\{ \emptyset \} \in P(A) \Leftrightarrow \{ \emptyset \} \subseteq A$ power set definition

$\{ \emptyset \} \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow \emptyset \in A$ subset definition

Since \emptyset is a member of A, $\emptyset \in A$

and we only used \Leftrightarrow , Truth value "propagates" backwards

$\{ \emptyset \} \in P(A)$ The set containing \emptyset is a member of the set containing all of A's subsets.