

Chapter 2

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Theorem 14. It is not true that $(AXB) \cup (CXD) = (A \cup C)X(B \cup D)$.

Proof. Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1 \\ B &= 2 \\ C &= 3 \\ D &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A \times B &= \{(1, 2)\} \\ C \times D &= \{(3, 4)\} \\ A \cup C &= \{1, 3\} \\ B \cup D &= \{2, 4\} \\ (A \times B) \cup (C \times D) &= \{(1, 2), (3, 4)\} \\ (A \cup B) \times (B \cup D) &= \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (3, 2), (3, 4)\} \end{aligned}$$

□

result. As $(A \times B) \cup (C \times D)$ and $(A \cup B) \times (B \cup D)$ produce different sets, they cannot be said to be equal.

Exercise 18. Write this in English:

$$\forall k \in 3\mathbb{Z}, \exists S \subseteq \mathbb{N}, |S| = k$$

(Is it true?) What is the negation of this statement? (Is the negation true?)

result. For all integers k that are multiples of 3, there exists a subset S of the natural numbers, so that the cardinality is equal to k .

The statement is not true, as there cannot be a set with a negative number of elements.
Negation in logic notation:

$$\exists k \in 3\mathbb{Z}, \forall S \subseteq \mathbb{N}, |S| \neq K$$

Negation in English: There exists an integer k that is a multiple of 3, for all subsets S of the natural numbers, so that the cardinality of S is not equal to k .

The statement is true, as there cannot be a susbet with a negative number of elements.

Theorem 20. $\mathbb{Z} = \{3k|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 1|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 2|k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Proof. Recall the definition of a union between sets to include all the elements from each set.

Recall the closure property to state that addition and multiplication between integers results in an integer.

Let $S = \{3k|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 1|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 2|k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

$3k$ is an integer for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, $3k + 1, 3k + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ through closure property.

Thus, $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$.

Using the division algorithm, we get

$$n = 3q + r \text{ where } 0 \leq r < 3$$

If $r = 0$, then $n = 3q$, which belongs to $3k|k \in \mathbb{Z}$

If $r = 1$, then $n = 3q + 1$, which belongs to $3k + 1|k \in \mathbb{Z}$

If $r = 2$, then $n = 3q + 2$, which belongs to $3k + 2|k \in \mathbb{Z}$

This shows that every integer n fits into one of the three sets. Thus, $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq S$ \square

result. Hence, since \mathbb{Z} and S both contain the same elements, it can be said that

$$Z = \{3k|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 1|k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{3k + 2|k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Exercise 29. Write the negation of x is prime or $x < 52$. (Don't say, "It's not true that ...").

negation. x is not prime and $x \geq 52$.

Exercise 32. Write each of the following statements using formal logic notation.

- (a) Even numbers are never prime
- (b) Triangles never have four sides.
- (c) There are no integers a, b such that $a^2/b^2 = 2$
- (d) No square number immediately follows a prime number.

translations. Below are the translations.

(a)

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall p \in \mathbb{P}, \neg(2n = p)$$

(b) Let $T = \text{Triangle}$ and $S = \text{Number of sides a shape has.}$

Then,

$$\forall T, \neg(S = 4)$$

(c)

$$\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} | a^2/b^2 = 2$$

(d)

$$\neg(\exists p \in \mathbb{P}, \exists n \in \mathbb{Z} | n^2 = p + 1)$$

Theorem 40. $A \cap B = A \setminus B$

disproof. Recall the definition of an intersection between sets to contain elements common to each set.

Recall subtraction between sets to mean creating a set containing only elements from the first set that are not present in the second set.

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

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \{2\} \\ A \setminus B &= \{1\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since $2 \neq 1$, then $A \cap B \neq A \setminus B$. □

Condition for Truth. Let $A = \emptyset$. For any set B , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \emptyset \\ A \setminus B &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $A \cap B = A \setminus B$ when $A = \emptyset$

result. Thus, the only case in which the statement is true is when $A = \emptyset$ for any set B .