

Let A and B be sets.

Show that $P(A) \cup P(B) \subseteq P(A \cup B)$

Definition of subsets: $A \subseteq B \leftrightarrow \forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

We have to show that if X is an element of $P(A) \cup P(B)$ then X is an element of $P(A \cup B)$.

Show that: If $X \in P(A) \cup P(B)$ then $X \in P(A \cup B)$.

Let X be an arbitrary element of $P(A) \cup P(B)$.

Let $X \in P(A) \cup P(B)$

Then X is an element of $P(A)$ or of $P(B)$.

Then $X \in P(A)$ or $X \in P(B)$

Without loss of generality we can assume the X is an element of $P(A)$.

Let $X \in P(A)$.

If X is an element of $P(A)$ then X is a subset of A .

If $X \in P(A)$ then $X \subseteq A$.

If X is a subset of A then X is a subset of $A \cup B$.

If $X \subseteq A$ then $X \subseteq A \cup B$.

If X is a subset of $A \cup B$ then X is an element of $P(A \cup B)$.

If $X \subseteq A \cup B$ then $X \in P(A \cup B)$.