

Sets

Power sets, Cartesian Product, Subsets,
Empty sets

Let $A = \{ \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0,1\} \}$. Let $B = \{2, \{0\}\}$.

- Find $|A|$, the cardinality of A: the elements of A are $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0,1\}$, thus $|A|=3$.
- Similarly, $|B|=2$
- Find $P(A)$, the set of all subsets of A. Note that the empty set \emptyset is a subset of any set A, consequently $\emptyset \in P(A)$ for any set A. The formal definition of subset is: $A \subseteq B \leftrightarrow \forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$. If A is the empty set, hypothesis $x \in A$ is false for all x, thus the conditional $\forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$ is true.
- Also, if $|A|=n$ then $|P(A)|=2^n$.

$$P(A) = \{ \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\{0,1\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{0,1\}\}, \{\{\emptyset\}, \{0,1\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0,1\}\} \}$$

- Find $A \times B$ and $|A \times B|$

$$A \times B = \{ (\emptyset, 2), (\emptyset, \{0\}), (\{\emptyset\}, 2), (\{\emptyset\}, \{0\}), (\{0,1\}, 2), (\{0,1\}, \{0\}) \}$$

$$|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B| = 3 \cdot 2 = 6.$$

TRUE or FALSE? Let $A = \{ \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0,1\} \}$ and $B = \{2, \{0\}\}$.

- $\emptyset \in P(A)$? TRUE , since the empty set is always element of the power set of any sets.
- $\emptyset \subseteq P(A)$? TRUE, since the empty set is a subset of any set.
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- $\emptyset \in A$? TRUE.
- $\{0,1\} \subseteq A$? FALSE, since $0 \notin A$ and $1 \notin A$.
- $\{\{0,1\}\} \subseteq A$? TRUE, since $\{0,1\} \in A$.
- $(\emptyset, \emptyset) \in A \times A$? TRUE.
- $(\{0,1\}, 2) \in A \times B$? TRUE.
- $\{(\emptyset, 2)\} \subseteq A \times B$? TRUE, since $(\emptyset, 2) \in A \times B$.
- $\{\emptyset, \{0\}\} \subseteq P(A)$? FALSE, since $\{0\} \notin P(A)$.