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## Chapter 1

### Introduction

### 1.1 Historical Introduction

### 1.1.4 Excercises

## 1.2 Some Basic Concepts of the Theory of Sets

### 1.2.5 Excercises

**Question 1.** Use the roster notation to designate the following sets of real numbers.

**a.**  $A = \{x|x^2 - 1 = 0\}$  can be designated as  $\{-1, 1\}$  in roster notation.

Proof.

$$A = \{x|x^2 - 1 = 0\}$$
  
= \{x|(x - 1)(x + 1) = 0\}  
\therefore \{-1, 1\}

QED

**b.**  $B = \{x | (x-1)^2 = 0\}$  can be designated as  $\{1\}$  in roster notation.

$$B = \{x | (x - 1)^2 = 0\}$$

$$= \{x | x - 1 = \sqrt{0}\}$$

$$= \{x | x = 1\}$$

$$\therefore \{1\}$$
(1.2)

QED

**c.**  $C = \{x|x+8=9\}$  can be designated as  $\{1\}$  in roster notation.

Proof.

$$C = \{x | x + 8 = 9\}$$

$$= \{x | x = 9 - 8\}$$

$$= \{x | x = 1\}$$

$$\therefore \{1\}$$
(1.3)

QED

**d.**  $D = \{x|x^3 - 2x^2 + x = 2\}$  can be designated as  $\{2\}$  in roster notation. *Proof.* 

$$D = \{x | x^3 - 2x^2 + x = 2\}$$

$$= \{x | x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = 0\}$$

$$= \{x | x^2(x - 2) + (x - 2) = 0\}$$

$$= \{x | (x^2 + 1)(x - 2) = 0\}$$

$$\therefore \{2\}$$
(1.4)

**QED** 

**e.**  $E = \{x | (x+8)^2 = 9^2\}$  can be designated as  $\{-17, 1\}$  in roster notation. *Proof.* 

$$E = \{x | (x+8)^2 = 9^2\}$$

$$= \{x | x+8 = \pm 9\}$$

$$= \{x | x = \pm 9 - 8\}$$

$$\therefore \{-17, 1\}$$
(1.5)

**f.**  $F = \{x | (x^2 + 16x)^2 = 17^2\}$  can be designated as  $\{-17, 1, -8 - \sqrt{47}, -8 + \sqrt{47}\}$  in roster notation.

Proof.

$$F = \{x | (x^2 + 16x)^2 = 17^2\}$$

$$= \{x | x^2 + 16x = \pm 17\}$$

$$= \{x | x^2 + 16x \pm 17 = 0\}$$

$$= \{x | x^2 + 16x \pm 17 = 0\}$$
(1.6)

Using the quadratic formula:

**Definition 1.2.1.** Quadratic Equation, analytical method for calculating the roots of a quadratic polynomial.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
, where  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  (1.7)

Solving when the last term is +17:

$$x = \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{16^2 - 4(1)17}}{2(1)}$$

$$= -8 \pm \frac{\sqrt{188}}{2}$$

$$= -8 \pm \frac{\sqrt{188}}{\sqrt{2^2}}$$

$$= -8 \pm \sqrt{188/4}$$

$$= -8 \pm \sqrt{47}$$

$$\therefore \{-8 - \sqrt{47}, -8 + \sqrt{47}\}$$
(1.8)

Solving when the last term is -17:

$$0 = x^{2} + 16x - 17$$

$$= (x + 17)(x - 1)$$

$$\therefore \{-17, 1\}$$
(1.9)

QED

**Question 2.** For the sets in Exercise 1, note that  $B \subseteq A$ . List all the inclusion relations  $\subseteq$  that hold among the sets A, B, C, D, E, F.

- 1.  $A \subseteq A$
- 2.  $B \subseteq A$
- 3.  $B \subseteq B$
- 4.  $B \subseteq C$
- 5.  $B \subseteq E$
- 6.  $B \subseteq F$
- 7.  $C \subseteq A$
- 8.  $C \subseteq B$
- 9.  $C \subseteq C$
- 10.  $C \subseteq E$
- 11.  $C \subseteq F$
- 12.  $D \subseteq D$
- 13.  $E \subseteq E$
- 14.  $E \subseteq F$
- 15.  $F \subseteq F$

**Question 3.** Let  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$ . Discuss the validity of the following statements (prove the ones that are true and explain why the others are not true).

**Definition 1.2.2.** Set Equality Two sets A and B are said to be equal (or identical) if they consist of exactly the same elements, in which case we write A = B. If one of the sets contains an element not in the other, we say the sets are unequal and we write  $A \neq B$ .

**Definition 1.2.3.** Subset A set A is said to be a subset of a set B, and we write  $A \subseteq B$  whenever every element of A also belongs to B. We also say that A is contained in B or that B contains A. The relation  $\subseteq$  is referred to as set inclusion.

**a.**  $A \subset B$ 

Proof.

$$\{x \in A | \exists y \in B(x=y)\} \tag{1.10}$$

QED

**b.**  $A \subseteq B$ 

Proof.

$$\{x \in A | \exists y \in B(x=y)\}$$
, by the definition of a subset 1.2.3 (1.11)

QED

c.  $A \in B$ 

Proof.

$$\forall x \in B : x \neq A$$
$$\therefore A \notin B \tag{1.12}$$

QED

**d.**  $1 \in A$ 

Proof.

$$\exists x \in A(x=1) \tag{1.13}$$

QED

e.  $1 \subseteq A$ 

Proof.

 $\forall x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) : 1 \neq x$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$  is the powerset of A and x each subset  $\therefore 1 \not\subset A$ 

(1.14)

**f.**  $1 \subset B$ 

Proof.

 $\forall x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{B}) : 1 \neq x$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{B})$  is the powerset of B and x each subset  $\therefore 1 \not\subset B$ 

(1.15)

QED

**Question 4.** Solve the previous exercise if  $A = \{1\}$  and  $B = \{\{1\}, 1\}$ .

**a.**  $A \subset B$ 

Proof.

$$(\emptyset \neq (A \cap B)) \land ((A \cap B) \subset B) \tag{1.16}$$

QED

**Question 5.** Given the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Display all subsets of S. There are 16 altogether, counting  $\emptyset$  and S.

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{|S|} \bigcup_{j=1}^{|S|-i+1} \{S_i, ..., s_j\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$$
 (1.17)

**Question 6.** x Given the following four sets  $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}, C = \{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}, D = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}\}$  discuss the validty of the following statements (prove the ones that are true and explain why the others are not true).

 $\mathbf{a.} \ \mathrm{A} = \mathrm{B}$ 

Proof.

$$\exists x \in A : x \notin B \\ \therefore A \neq B$$
 (1.18)

QED

**b.**  $A \subseteq B$ 

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Proof.

$$\forall x \in A : x \notin B$$
$$\therefore A \nsubseteq B \tag{1.19}$$

QED

**c.**  $A \subset C$ 

Proof.

$$\forall x \in A : x \notin C$$

$$\therefore A \not\subset C \tag{1.20}$$

QED

**d.**  $A \in C$ 

Proof.

$$\emptyset \neq (\{A\} \cap C)$$

$$\therefore A \in C$$
(1.21)

QED

e.  $A \subset D$ 

Proof.

$$\exists x \in A(x \notin D)$$

$$\therefore A \not\subset D \tag{1.22}$$

QED

**f.**  $B \subset C$ 

Proof.

$$\exists x \in B (x \not\in C)$$
$$\therefore B \not\subset C$$

 $\mathbf{g.}\ B \subset D$ 

Proof.

$$\forall x \in B(x \in D)$$
$$\therefore B \subset D$$

QED

 $\mathbf{h}. \ B \in D$ 

Proof.

$$\forall x \in D(x \neq B)$$
$$\therefore B \notin D$$

QED

i.  $A \in D$ 

Proof.

$$\exists x \in D(x = A)$$
$$\therefore A \in D$$

QED

Question 7. Prove the following properties of set equality.

**a.** 
$$\{a, a\} = \{a\}.$$

Proof.

Every idiosyncracy is shared which can only be true of equivalent objects,

$$\forall x \in \{a,a\} \cup \{a\}[x \in (\{a,a\} \cap \{a\})]$$

Since no one set contains an element not in the other

these sets can only be equal; by the

Definition of Set Equality 1.2.2

$$\therefore \{a,a\} = \{a\}$$

**b.** 
$$\{a,b\} = \{b,a\}.$$

$$\forall x \in \{a,b\}(x \in \{b,a\}) \land \forall x \in \{b,a\}(x \in \{a,b\})$$
  
Since no one set contains an element not in the other  
these sets can only be equal; by the  
Definition of Set Equality 1.2.2  
 $\therefore \{a,b\} = \{b,a\}$ 

**QED** 

**c.** 
$$\{a\} = \{b, c\}$$
 if and only if  $a = b = c$ 

Proof.

Let 
$$A = \{a\}$$
 and  $B = \{b, c\}$   
 $\exists x \in B(x \notin A) \implies A \neq B$   
Thus  
 $b \neq a \lor c \neq a \implies A \neq B$   
Else  
 $b = a = c \implies \forall x \in B(x \in A) \land \forall x \in A(x \in B) \implies A = B$ 

QED

**Question 8.** Commutative laws:  $A \cup B = B \cup A$ ,  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ .

Proof.

$$\forall x \in A \cup B(x \in (B \cup A)) \land \forall x \in B \cup A(x \in (A \cup B))$$
  
  $\therefore$   $\cup$  is commutative.

The same proof can be applied to  $\cap$ 

*Proof.* Second variant. From Calculus, Volume 1, 2nd Edition.

Let  $X = A \cup B$ ,  $Y = B \cup A$ .

To prove that X = Y we prove that  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Let  $x \in X$ . Then x is in at least one of A or B.

Hence, x is in at least one of B or A; so  $x \in Y$ .

Thus, every element of X is also in Yso  $X \subseteq Y$ .

The same can be demonstrated of  $Y \subseteq X$ .

$$\therefore X = Y$$
.

**QED** 

**Question 9.** Associative laws:  $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$ ,  $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$ .

Proof.

To prove the associative property of  $\cup$ .

We will prove the binary relation is associative

by consequence this means that any recursive composition of the operator is also associative.

Take the relationship  $B \cup C$ . Then the relation is a superset of the members

$$\forall x \in B(x \in (B \cup C)) \land \forall x \in C(x \in (B \cup C))$$

The statement above applies to any union of sets,

or union of sets formed from unions

That is this property is maintained across

autoregressive applications of the union operator.

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

A similar proof ca be applied to  $\cap$ 

*Proof.* Second variant. From Mathonline.

Suppose that  $x \in (A \cup B) \cup C$ .

Then it follows that  $x \in (A \cup B)$  or  $x \in C$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ .

Hence,  $x \in A \cup (B \cup C)$ .

Thus,  $(A \cup B) \cup C \subseteq A \cup (B \cup C)$ .

The same argument can be used to show that the RHS  $\subseteq$  LHS.

$$\therefore (A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

QED

**Question 10.** Distributive laws:  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ ,  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ .

Proof.

For a simple set Z of atomic elements, the intersection can be computed pointwise

$$Z \cap Z' = \bigcup_{x \in Z} x \cap Z'$$

Let  $Z = B \cup C$  and Z' = A then

This pointwise algorithm can be partitioned

due to the fact the operations are pointwise/local/isolated to begin with

$$Z \cap Z' = \bigcup_{x \in B \cup C} x \cap A$$

$$Z \cap Z' = (\bigcup_{x \in C} x \cap A) \cup (\bigcup_{x \in B} x \cap A)$$

$$Z \cap Z' = (B \cap A) \cup (C \cap A)$$

$$(B \cup C) \cap A = (B \cap A) \cup (C \cap A)$$

*Proof.* Second variant. From Pamini Thangarajah.

Let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in (B \cup C)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ .

Which implies  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  or  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$ .

Hence  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Thus  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

The same argument can be made that the RHS  $\subseteq$  LHS.

$$\therefore A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

QED

### Question 11. $A \cup A = A, A \cap A = A$

*Proof.* The proof below can also be used for intersections by swapping out the or(s) for and(s).

Let  $x \in A \cup A'$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A'$ .

If A' = A, then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$ .

Hence,  $(A \cup A) \subseteq A$ .

The same process can be used to prove  $A \subseteq (A \cup A)$ .

$$\therefore (A \cup A) = A.$$

**QED** 

### Question 12. $A \subseteq A \cup B, A \cap B \subseteq A$ .

*Proof.* We will prove  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ .

Let  $x \in A \cup B$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .

Hence  $x \in A \implies x \in A \cup B$ .

 $\therefore A \subseteq A \cup B$ .

*Proof.* We will prove  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ .

Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . Hence,  $x \in A \cap B \implies x \in A$ .  $\therefore A \cap B \subseteq A$ .

QED

Question 13.  $A \cup \emptyset = A, A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ 

*Proof.* Proving  $A \cup \emptyset = A$ 

Let  $x \in A \cup \emptyset$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in \emptyset$ .

Since  $x \in \emptyset$  is always false:  $x \in A \cup \emptyset \implies x \in A$ .

Hence, both LHS and RHS are identical by definition.

 $\therefore A \cup \emptyset = A.$ 

QED

*Proof.* Proving  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ 

Let  $x \in A \cap \emptyset$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in \emptyset$ .

By definition the empty set  $\emptyset$  is empty.

Hence,  $x \in \emptyset \implies false$ .

Hence,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in \emptyset \implies$  false.

Thus,  $A \cap \emptyset$  has no elements and is always empty.

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

QED

Question 14.  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ ,  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ 

*Proof.* Proving  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ . The same approach can be used for the second equivalence class.

By the distributive property of sets,  $A \cup (A \cap B) \implies (A \cup A) \cap (A \cup B)$ .

Let  $x \in (A \cup A) \cap (A \cup B)$ .

Then  $x \in (A \cup A)$  and  $x \in (A \cup B)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$  and  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .

Hence,  $x \notin A \implies x \notin A \cup (A \cap B)$ .

Thus,  $A \cup (A \cap B) \subseteq A$ .

By the simplified definition above  $A \subseteq A \cup (A \cap B)$ .

$$\therefore A \cup (A \cap B) = A.$$

**QED** 

**Question 15.** If  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \cup B \subseteq C$ .

Proof.

Let  $x \in A \cup B$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .

Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B \implies x \in C$ .

Hence  $x \in A \implies x \in C$  and  $x \in B \implies x \in C$ .

Hence  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ .

$$\therefore A \subseteq C \land B \subseteq C \implies A \cup B \subseteq C.$$

**QED** 

**Question 16.** If  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C \subseteq B$ , then  $C \subseteq A \cap B$ .

Proof.

Let  $x \in C$ .

If 
$$C \subseteq A$$
 and  $C \subseteq B \implies x \in A \land x \in B$ .  
  $\therefore C \subseteq A \cap B$ .

QED

Question 17.

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**Theorem 1.2.1.** Subset Transitivity. If  $B \subset C$  and  $A \subset B$  then  $A \subset C$ .

Proof.

Let A, B, C be sets with the relationship  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$ .

Then  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$  can be restated  $A \subset B \subset C$ .

Hence,  $x \in A \implies x \in B \implies x \in C$ .

$$\therefore A \subset C$$
.

This generalizes to improper subsets by relaxing binary "proper subset" relation to allow equivalence.

QED

**a.** If  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$ , prove that  $A \subset C$ .

*Proof.* By the Subset Transitivity Theorem this is true.

QED

**b.** If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , prove that  $A \subseteq C$ .

*Proof.* By the Subset Transitivity Theorem this is true.

QED

- **c.** What can you conclude if  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ ?
  - 1.  $A \subset C$
  - $2. A \neq C$
- **d.** If  $x \in A$  and  $A \subseteq B$ , is it necessarily true that  $x \in B$ ?

Proof.

$$A \subseteq B$$
 restated:  $A \subset B$  or  $A = B$ .  
Hence,  $x \in A \implies x \in B$ .  
 $\therefore x \in B$ .

**QED** 

**e.** If  $x \in A$  and  $A \in B$ , is it necessarily true that  $x \in B$ ?

Let 
$$B = \{A\}$$
. and  $A = \{\emptyset.\}$   
Then  $A \in B$ .  
Hence,  $\emptyset \notin B$ . But  $\{\emptyset\} \in B$ .  
 $\therefore x \in A \not \Longrightarrow x \in B$ .

QED

**Question 18.** 
$$A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$$
.

Proof.

Let 
$$x \in A - (B \cap C)$$
.  
Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \cap C$ .  
Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$ .  
Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ .  
Hence  $A - (B \cap C) \subseteq (A - B) \cup (A - C)$ .  
A similar argument can be made for  $(A - B) \cup (A - C)$ .  
 $\therefore A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$ .

QED

Question 19. Let F be a class of sets. Then  $B - \bigcup_{A \in F} A = \bigcap_{A \in F} (B - A)$  and  $B - \bigcap_{A \in F} A = \bigcup_{A \in F} B - A$ .

Let 
$$x \in (B - \bigcup_{A \in F} A)$$
.

Then 
$$x \in B$$
 and  $x \notin \bigcup_{A \in F} A$ .

Let  $C \in F$ .

Then 
$$x \in B$$
 and  $x \notin C$  and  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin \bigcup_{A \in (F-C)} A$ .

Then 
$$x \in (B - C)$$
 and  $x \in (B - \bigcup_{A \in (F - C)} A)$ .

Then 
$$x \in (B-C) \cap x \in (B-\bigcup_{A \in (F-C)}^{A \in (F-C)} A)$$
.

Hence, 
$$x \in \bigcap_{A \in F} (B - A)$$
.

Thus, 
$$B - \bigcup_{A \in F} A \subseteq \bigcap_{A \in F} (B - A)$$
.

A similar argument can be made for 
$$\bigcap_{A \in F} (B - A) \subseteq B - \bigcup_{A \in F} A$$
.

$$\therefore B - \bigcup_{A \in F} A = \bigcap_{A \in F} (B - A).$$

**QED** 

#### Question 20.

**a.** Prove that one of the following two formulas is always right and the other one is sometimes wrong:

1. 
$$A - (B - C) = (A - B) \cup C$$
,

*Proof.* We will prove this theorem is not always true.

Let 
$$x \in A - (B - C)$$
 and  $C = \{B, \emptyset\}$ .

Then 
$$x \in A - (\emptyset)$$
.

Then  $x \in A$ .

But the RHS evaluates to  $A \cup \emptyset$ .

$$\therefore A - (B - C) \neq (A - B) \cup C.$$

QED

2. 
$$A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) - C$$
.

*Proof.* We will prove this is always true.

Let  $x \in A - (B \cup C)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \cup C$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ .

Then  $x \in A - B - C$ .

Thus,  $A - (B \cup C) \subseteq (A - B) - C$ .

A similar argument can be made for  $(A - B) - C \subseteq A - (B \cup C)$ .

$$\therefore A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) - C.$$

QED

**b.** State an additional necessary and sufficient condition for the formula which is sometimes incorrect to be always right.

$$B \subseteq C$$
.