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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Some Basic Concepts of the Theory of Sets

1.1.1 Exercises

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

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

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{x|x^2 - 1 = 0\} \\ &= \{x|(x - 1)(x + 1) = 0\} \\ &\therefore \{-1, 1\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

QED

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

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{x|(x - 1)^2 = 0\} \\ &= \{x|x - 1 = \sqrt{0}\} \\ &= \{x|x = 1\} \\ &\therefore \{1\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

QED

Proposition 3. $C = \{x|x + 8 = 9\}$ can be designated as $\{1\}$ in roster notation.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 C &= \{x|x + 8 = 9\} \\
 &= \{x|x = 9 - 8\} \\
 &= \{x|x = 1\} \\
 &\therefore \{1\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.3}$$

QED

Proposition 4. $D = \{x|x^3 - 2x^2 + x = 2\}$ can be designated as $\{2\}$ in roster notation.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= \{x|x^3 - 2x^2 + x = 2\} \\
 &= \{x|x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = 0\} \\
 &= \{x|x^2(x - 2) + (x - 2) = 0\} \\
 &= \{x|(x^2 + 1)(x - 2) = 0\} \\
 &\therefore \{2\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.4}$$

QED

Proposition 5. $E = \{x|(x + 8)^2 = 9^2\}$ can be designated as $\{-17, 1\}$ in roster notation.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= \{x|(x + 8)^2 = 9^2\} \\
 &= \{x|x + 8 = \pm 9\} \\
 &= \{x|x = \pm 9 - 8\} \\
 &\therefore \{-17, 1\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.5}$$

QED

Proposition 6. $F = \{x|(x^2 + 16x)^2 = 17^2\}$ can be designated as $\{-17, 1, -8 - \sqrt{47}, -8 + \sqrt{47}\}$ in roster notation.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \{x|(x^2 + 16x)^2 = 17^2\} \\
 &= \{x|x^2 + 16x = \pm 17\} \\
 &= \{x|x^2 + 16x \pm 17 = 0\} \\
 &= \{x|x^2 + 16x \pm 17 = 0\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

Using the quadratic formula:

Definition 1.1.1. Quadratic Equation, analytical method for calculating the roots of a quadratic polynomial.

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

Solving when the last term is +17:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{16^2 - 4(1)17}}{2(1)} \\
 &= -8 \pm \frac{\sqrt{188}}{2} \\
 &= -8 \pm \frac{\sqrt{188}}{\sqrt{2^2}} \\
 &= -8 \pm \sqrt{188/4} \\
 &= -8 \pm \sqrt{47} \\
 \therefore &\{-8 - \sqrt{47}, -8 + \sqrt{47}\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

Solving when the last term is -17:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= x^2 + 16x - 17 \\
 &= (x + 17)(x - 1) \\
 \therefore &\{-17, 1\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

QED

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 .

(a) $A \subseteq A$

(b) $B \subseteq A$

(c) $B \subseteq B$

(d) $B \subseteq C$

(e) $B \subseteq E$

(f) $B \subseteq F$

(g) $C \subseteq A$

(h) $C \subseteq B$

(i) $C \subseteq C$

(j) $C \subseteq E$

(k) $C \subseteq F$

(l) $D \subseteq D$

(m) $E \subseteq E$

(n) $E \subseteq F$

(o) $F \subseteq F$

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 1.1.2. 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 1.1.3. 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)

Proposition 7. $A \subset B$

Proof.

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

QED

(b)

Proposition 8. $A \subseteq B$

Proof.

$$\{x \in A | \exists y \in B(x = y)\}, \text{ by the definition of a subset 1.1.3} \quad (1.11)$$

QED

(c)

Proposition 9. $A \in B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in B : x \neq A \\ \therefore A \notin B \end{aligned} \quad (1.12)$$

QED

(d)

Proposition 10. $1 \in A$

Proof.

$$\exists x \in A(x = 1) \quad (1.13)$$

QED

(e)

Proposition 11. $1 \subseteq A$

Proof.

$\forall x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) : 1 \neq x$, where $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ is the powerset of \mathcal{A} and x each subset
 $\therefore 1 \notin \mathcal{A}$

(1.14)

QED

(f)

Proposition 12. $1 \subset B$

Proof.

$\forall x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{B}) : 1 \neq x$, where $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{B})$ is the powerset of \mathcal{B} and x each subset
 $\therefore 1 \notin \mathcal{B}$

(1.15)

QED

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

(a)

Proposition 13. $A \subset B$

Proof.

$$(\emptyset \neq (A \cap B)) \wedge ((A \cap B) \subset B) \quad (1.16)$$

QED