

Preliminaries

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Suppose that

$$A = \{x : x \in N \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\},$$

$$B = \{x : x \in N \text{ and } x \text{ is prime}\},$$

$$C = \{x : x \in N \text{ and } x \text{ is a multiple of } 5\}.$$

Then

$$A \cap B = \{2\}$$

$$B \cap C = \{5\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in N \text{ and } x \text{ is even or } x \text{ is prime}\}$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = \{x : x \in N \text{ and } x = 2 \text{ or } x \text{ is a multiple of } 10\}$$

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If $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $C = \{x\}$, $D = \emptyset$ then

$$A \times B = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3), (c, 1), (c, 2), (c, 3)\}$$

$$B \times C = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, x)\}$$

$$A \times B \times C = \{(a, 1, x), (a, 2, x), (a, 3, x), (b, 1, x), (b, 2, x), (b, 3, x), (c, 1, x), (c, 2, x), (c, 3, x)\}$$

$$A \times D = \emptyset.$$

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Find an example of two nonempty sets A and B for which $A \times B = B \times A$.

Consider any nonempty set $A = B$.

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Prove $A \cup \emptyset = A$.

By definition $A \cup \emptyset = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in \emptyset\}$. Note that the second condition is always false and hence

Prove $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$.

This is very similar to the previous proof. By definition $A \cap \emptyset = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in \emptyset\}$. Note that the second condition is

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Prove $A \cup B = B \cup A$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cup (B \cap C) &\iff x \in A \vee x \in B \cap C \\ \iff x \in A \vee (x \in B \wedge x \in C) \\ \iff (x \in A \wedge x \in B) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in C) \\ \iff x \in (A \cup B) \vee x \in (A \cup C) \\ \iff x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Let $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$. Then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \cup C$. There are two cases. If $x \in B$ then $x \in A \cap B$ by definition. Similarly

Let $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. There are two cases. If $x \in A \cap B$ then clearly $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$. Similarly, if $x \in A \cap C$ then

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Prove $A \subset B$ if and only if $A \cap B = A$.

Assume $A \cap B = A$. Then for all $a \in A$ it is true that $a \in A \cap B$ and thus $a \in B$. Hence $A \subset B$.

Assume $A \subset B$. Then for all $a \in A$ it is true that $a \in B$. Since $a \in A$ and $a \in B$ we know $A \subset A \cap B$. Clearly $A \cap B \subset$

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Prove $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$