

UNIT 2: SETS, SET THEORY, TRUTH TABLES AND LOGIC

Exercises

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Exercise 1

1. Given the following sets:

$$\begin{array}{ll} A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\} & E = \{a, b, \{c\}\} \\ B = \{a, b\} & F = \emptyset \\ C = \{c, 2\} & G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\} \\ D = \{b, c\} & \end{array}$$

classify each of the following statements as true or false

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| (a) $c \in A$ | (g) $D \subset A$ | (m) $B \subseteq G$ |
| (b) $c \in F$ | (h) $A \subseteq C$ | (n) $\{B\} \subseteq G$ |
| (c) $c \in E$ | (i) $D \subseteq E$ | (o) $D \subseteq G$ |
| (d) $\{c\} \in E$ | (j) $F \subseteq A$ | (p) $\{D\} \subseteq G$ |
| (e) $\{c\} \in C$ | (k) $E \subseteq F$ | (q) $G \subseteq A$ |
| (f) $B \subseteq A$ | (l) $B \in G$ | (r) $\{\{c\}\} \subseteq E$ |

Answers to Exercise 1

(a)	$c \in A \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ c is in A
(b)	$c \in F \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$F = \emptyset$ (Empty set)
(c)	$c \in E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$E = \{a, b, \{c\}\}$ We have set $\{c\}$ not c directly
(d)	$\{c\} \in E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$E = \{a, b, \{c\}\}$ We have set $\{c\}$
(e)	$\{c\} \in C \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$C = \{c, 2\}$ We have set $\{c\}$ not c directly
(f)	$B \subseteq A \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$B = \{a, b\}$ $A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ All the elements of B are in A
(g)	$D \subset A \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$D = \{b, c\}$ $A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ All the elements of D are in A
(h)	$A \subseteq C \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $C = \{c, 2\}$ A is not subset of C . All elements of A are not in C

(i)	$D \subseteq E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$D = \{b, c\}$ and $E = \{a, b, \{c\}\}$ D is not subset of E . All elements of D are in E .
(j)	$F \subseteq A \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$F = \emptyset$ and $A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ Empty set is a subset of every set.
(k)	$E \subseteq F \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$E = \{a, b, \{c\}\}$ and $F = \emptyset$ E is not an empty set and F is empty set
(l)	$B \in G \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$B = \{a, b\}$ and $G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ $\{a, b\}$ is there in G
(m)	$B \subseteq G \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$B = \{a, b\}$ and $G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ Since G has sets and not individual elements
(n)	$\{B\} \subseteq G \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$B = \{a, b\}$ and $G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ Since $\{B\}$ is there in G
(o)	$D \subseteq G \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$D = \{b, c\}$ and $G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ The elements of D are not directly in G
(p)	$\{D\} \subseteq G \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$D = \{b, c\}$ and $G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ The elements of D are not directly in G
(q)	$G \subseteq A \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$G = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, 2\}\}$ and $A = \{a, b, c, 2, 3, 4\}$ G has sets and A has individual elements
(r)	$\{\{c\}\} \subseteq E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$E = \{a, b, \{c\}\}$ Since $\{c\}$ is there in E

Exercise 4

Consider the following sets:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 S1 = \{\{\emptyset\}, \{A\}, A\} & S6 = \emptyset \\
 S2 = A & S7 = \{\emptyset\} \\
 S3 = \{A\} & S8 = \{\{\emptyset\}\} \\
 S4 = \{\{A\}\} & S9 = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \\
 S5 = \{\{A\}, A\} &
 \end{array}$$

Answer the following questions Remember that the members of a set are the items separated by commas, if there is more than one, between the outermost braces only; a subset is formed by enclosing within braces zero or more of the members of a given set, separated by commas.

- (a) Of the sets $S1 - S9$ which are members of $S1$?
- (b) which are subsets of $S1$?
- (c) which are members of $S9$?
- (d) which are subsets of $S9$?
- (e) which are members of $S4$?
- (f) which are subsets of $S4$?

Answers to Exercise 4

(a)	Of the sets $S1-S9$ which are members of $S1$	$S3, S4, S8, S7$
(b)	Which are subsets of $S1$	$S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S8$
(c)	Which are members of $S9$?	$S6, S7, S8$
(d)	Which are subsets of $S9$?	$S6, S7, S8$
(e)	Which are members of $S4$?	$S6$
(f)	Which are subsets of $S4$?	$S6$

Exercise 2

- i. For each clause (a) - (f) below, create truth tables for each to answer the question of when each statement is false.

- a. $\sim P$
- b. $P \wedge Q$
- c. $P \vee Q$
- d. $P \rightarrow Q$
- e. $P \leftrightarrow Q$
- f. $P \rightarrow (\sim Q)$

P	Q	$\sim P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$P \leftrightarrow Q$	$P \rightarrow (\sim Q)$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T	T

- ii. Consider the statement $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$.
- a. When is it false?

The implication $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$ is **false only** when:

1. $\sim Q$ is **True** (meaning Q is False)
2. $\sim P$ is **False** (meaning P is True)

Thus, $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$ is **false when P is True and Q is False**.

- b. Now consider $P \rightarrow Q$. When is it false?

The implication $P \rightarrow Q$ is **false only** when:

1. **P is True**
2. **Q is False**

- c. Do you believe these two compound statements mean the same thing?

$(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$ is **logically equivalent to** $P \rightarrow Q$ because they yield the same truth table and can be transformed into one another using logical rules.

- d. Construct the truth table for the statement $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$. Then revisit your answer to (c).

Truth table for $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$

P	Q	$\sim Q$	$\sim P$	$(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

Truth table for $P \rightarrow Q$

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Since both truth tables are **identical**, this confirms that the two statements $(\sim Q) \rightarrow (\sim P)$ and $P \rightarrow Q$ are **logically equivalent**.

iii. Construct the truth table for $P \text{ XOR } Q$.

P	Q	$P \text{ XOR } Q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

iv. Construct the truth table for the below

a. $\sim (P \wedge Q)$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$\sim (P \wedge Q)$
T	T	T	F
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T

b. $P \vee (Q \wedge R)$

P	Q	R	$Q \wedge R$	$P \vee (Q \wedge R)$
T	T	T	T	T

T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F	F

c. $P \vee (Q \vee R)$

P	Q	R	$Q \vee R$	$P \vee (Q \vee R)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F

d. $(P \vee Q) \vee R$

P	Q	R	$P \vee Q$	$(P \vee Q) \vee R$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F	F

e. $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow P$	$P \rightarrow Q \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T