

$$2.2/18. (B-A) \cup (C-A) \\ = (B \cup C) - A$$

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Discrete Mathematics

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Can do approach this by

1) Showing LHS is a subset of RHS  
and similarly  $RHS \subseteq LHS$

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

then  $x \in B-A$  or  $x \in C-A$

if in  $B-A$  then  $x \in (B \cup C) - A$

likewise, if in  $C-A$  then  $x \in (B \cup C) - A$ .

So  $(B-A) \cup (C-A) \subseteq (B \cup C) - A$

2) Use a membership table

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \frac{A}{0} & \frac{B}{0} & \frac{C}{1} & \frac{B-A}{0} & \frac{C-A}{1} & \frac{(B-A) \cup (C-A)}{1} & \text{LHS} \end{array}$$

integer  $n, 0 \leq n < 4$

Highlights of homework

- Exercise 18, Section 2.2 (p. 157 in preview)
- Exercise 40, Section 2.3 (p. 175 in preview)
- Exercise 42, Section 2.3 (p. 175 in preview)

- Exercise 74, Section 2.3 (p. 176 in preview)

show:  $\text{ceil}(\text{ceil}(x/2) / 2) = \text{ceil}(x / 4)$

proof: Let  $x$  be a real number. It is  $4n - r$ , for integer  $n$ ,  $0 \leq r < 4$

In the case  $0 \leq r < 2$

$$\text{ceil}(x / 2) = \text{ceil}(2n - r/2) = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ceil}(\text{ceil}(x/2)) = \text{ceil}(2n) = n$$

2.3/#40

(a)  $f: A \rightarrow B$

$$f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T) \quad \text{set equality problem}$$

LHS  $\subseteq$  RHS?

$$\text{let } y \in f(S \cup T) = \{f(x) \mid x \in S \vee x \in T\}$$

So there is an  $x \in S \cup T$  for which  $f(x) = y$

Does this mean that  $y \in f(S) \cup f(T)$

$$= \{f(x) \mid x \in S\} \cup \{f(x) \mid x \in T\} \quad ?$$

Yes, so  $LHS \subseteq RHS$ .

still to do: Show  $RHS \subseteq LHS$

# Comparing the Growth of Functions as Inputs ( $x$ or $n$ ) $\rightarrow \infty$

Section 3.2

Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are real-valued functions on a domain that includes nonnegative real numbers.  
We say that

Common

- $f$  is of order at most  $g$ , written  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$ , iff there exists  $C > 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq C|g(x)|, \quad \text{for all real numbers } x > k.$$

We call  $C, k$  **witnesses** to this **Big-O** relationship.

- $f$  is of order at least  $g$ , written  $f(x)$  is  $\Omega(g(x))$ , iff there exists  $C > 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \geq C|g(x)|, \quad \text{for all real numbers } x > k.$$

- $f$  is of order  $g$ , written  $f(x)$  is  $\Theta(g(x))$ , iff  $f$  is simultaneously of order at most  $g$  and of order at least  $g$ .

Note: Similar definitions hold for sequences (functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

Examples:

- Find witnesses that demonstrate  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x + 7$  is  $O(x^3)$ .

Comparing  $f$  w/  $g(x) = x^3$ .

To demonstrate, need  $k, C$

$$\text{Try } C = 5 \quad |3x^3 + 2x + 7| \leq |5x^3| \quad \text{for } x \geq \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } |3x^3 + 2x + 7| &\leq \underbrace{|3x^3|}_{\leq 3x^3 \text{ if } x > 0} + \underbrace{|2x|}_{\leq x^3 \text{ if } x > 2} + \underbrace{|7|}_{\leq x^3 \text{ if } x \geq 2} \leq 5x^3 \text{ if } x \geq 2 \\ C = 5, k = 2 &\text{ witnesses} \end{aligned}$$

- Show that  $f(x) = \frac{15\sqrt{x}(2x+9)}{x+1}$  is  $\Theta(x^{1/2})$ .

Say  $f$  is  $O(x^{1/2})$  and  $f$  is  $\Omega(x^{1/2})$

Triangle Ineq

$$|\text{sum}| \leq \sum | |$$

To show  $f$  is  $\Omega(x^{1/2})$ , notice

$$\frac{2x+9}{x+1} \geq \frac{x+9}{x+1} \geq \frac{x+9}{x+9} = 1$$

true  
for  $x > 0$

$$\text{So } 15\sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{2x+9}{x+1} \geq 15\sqrt{x} \quad \text{when } x > 0$$

Can use  $C = 15, k = 0$  as witnesses to  $f$  being  $\Omega(x^{1/2})$ .