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Homework 1

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6. Prove (a) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ and (b) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

a) recall: we want to show $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$. Then,

\Rightarrow Let $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$. Then $x \in B$ or $x \in C$, and $x \in A$. If $x \in B$, then $x \in A \cap B$. So $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

If $x \in C$, then $x \in A \cap C$. So $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

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

If $x \in A \cap B$, then $x \in A$ and $x \in B$. Then $x \in B \cup C$.

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

If $x \in A \cap C$, then $x \in A$ and $x \in C$. Then $x \in B \cup C$.

$\therefore x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$. This is the distributive law of intersection

over union!

b) \Rightarrow Let $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$. Then $x \in A$ or $x \in B \cap C$. If $x \in A$,

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

If $x \in B \cap C \Rightarrow x \in B$ and $x \in C$. $\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B)$ and

$x \in (A \cup C)$.

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

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

If $x \in A$, then $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ directly.

If $x \notin A$, then for $x \in A \cup B$ we must have $x \in B$, and
for $x \in A \cup C$, we must have $x \in C$.

$$\therefore x \in B \cap C$$

$$\therefore x \in A \cup (B \cap C) \rightarrow \text{Distributive law of union over intersection!}$$

11. Prove by induction that $n \leq 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(1)$: $1 \leq 2^1$, thus it holds.

$$P(k)$$
: $k \leq 2^k$

Now, for $n = k+1$, We want to show $k+1 \leq 2^{k+1}$

~~$$k+1 \leq k+k+1 \leq 2k+1 \leq 4k+1 \leq 2 \cdot 2^k + 1$$~~

We have $k \leq 2^k$

~~$$= 2k \cdot 2^k + 1 = 2^{k+1} + 1$$~~

$$\therefore 2k \leq 2k \cdot 2$$

$$2k \leq 2^{k+1}$$

$$k+k \leq 2^{k+1}$$

$$k+1 \leq k+k \leq 2^{k+1} \therefore k+1 \leq 2^{k+1} \quad \square$$

12. Show that for a finite set A of cardinality n , cardinality of $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is 2^n .

We will prove this by induction on n .

$P(0)$: If $|A| = 0$, then $A = \emptyset$.

The only subset of \emptyset is \emptyset itself.

$$\therefore \mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset\} \rightarrow |\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^0 = 1$$

\therefore base case holds

Now, assume that for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, every set of cardinality k has a power set of size 2^k . That is, for B with $|B| = k$, then $|\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^k$.

We want to show it also holds for $k+1$.

Let $|A| = k+1$, and take an element $a \in A$. Then, we can define

$$B = A \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow |B| = k$$

Now, consider how to construct the power set of A . Every subset of A either contains a or it does not.

So we can partition $\mathcal{P}(A)$ into two disjoint parts.

1. Subsets of A with no a . That is, $\mathcal{P}(B)$.
2. Subsets of A with a . That is, $\{S \cup \{a\} : S \in \mathcal{P}(B)\}$.

$$\therefore \mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B) \cup \{S \cup \{a\} : S \in \mathcal{P}(B)\}$$

$|\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^k$ by the inductive hypothesis

Every set $S \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ will have a one-to-one correspondence with $S \cup \{a\}$, since we are simply adding a .

$$\therefore |\{S \cup \{a\} : S \in \mathcal{P}(B)\}| = 2^k$$

Since the two sets are disjoint,

recall, there are sets of sets, so there is no intersection

$$|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^k + 2^k = 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$$

Thus, by induction, the statement holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

15. Prove that $n^3 + 5n$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(1): 1^3 + 5 \cdot 1 = 6 \quad \therefore P(1) \text{ holds}$

$P(k):$ Assume $k^3 + 5k$ is divisible by 6 for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. That is,
 $k^3 + 5k = 6a$, for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We want to show it also holds for $k+1$.

$$(k+1)^3 + 5(k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 5k + 5$$

$$= k^3 + 5k + 3k^2 + 3k + 6$$

$$= 6a + 3k(k+1) + 6$$

$$= 6a + 6\left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2}\right) + 6$$

$\therefore k(k+1)$ will
always be even.

$\therefore P(k+1)$ holds.

\therefore by induction, $n^3 + 5n$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

19. Give an example of a countably infinite collection of finite sets A_1, A_2, \dots , whose union is not a finite set.

Consider $A_n = \{d \in \mathbb{N} : d \mid n\}$

It is both finite and $\{A_n\}$ is countably infinite.

Now, every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ divides some natural number. $n \mid n, n \mid 2n, \dots$

$$\therefore \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \mathbb{N}$$

Bonus: Prove that $|\{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0\}| = |\mathbb{N}|$.

We want to find a bijective function from one set to the other.

Define $f: \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as follows

If $f(1) = 1$. If $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, then

$$f(q) = p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_n^{2r_n}$$

If $q \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{N}$, then

$$f(q) = p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_n^{2r_n} q_1^{2s_1-1} \cdots q_m^{2s_m-1}$$

(a) Compute $f(4/15)$. Find q such that $f(q) = 108$.

$$4/15 = \frac{2^2}{3^1 \cdot 5^1} \quad \therefore f(4/15) = 2^4 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 = 240$$

$$108 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \rightarrow 2^2 \cdot 3^3 = p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_n^{2r_n} q_1^{2s_1-1} \cdots q_m^{2s_m-1}$$

$$\therefore p_1^{r_1} = 2^1 \text{ and } q_1^{s_1} = 3^2 \quad \therefore q = 2/3^2 = 2/9$$

(b) Prove that f is a bijection.

①: We want to show f is injective. That is, $f(\frac{t}{q_1}) = f(\frac{t}{q_2}) \rightarrow \frac{t}{q_1} = \frac{t}{q_2}$

Let $f(q_1) = f(q_2)$. Then

$$p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_n^{2r_n} = q_1^{2s_1} \cdots q_m^{2s_m}, \text{ where } p_1, \dots, p_n \text{ and } q_1, \dots, q_m \text{ are}$$

unique prime numbers and $r_1, \dots, r_n, s_1, \dots, s_m$ are unique exponents by the fundamental theorems of arithmetic.

$$\therefore f(q_1) = f(q_2) \text{ only if } p_1^{r_1} = q_1^{s_1}, \dots, p_n^{r_n} = q_m^{s_m} \quad \therefore t_1 = t_2$$

②: Surjective

We want to show that $\forall q \in \mathbb{Q}, q > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $q = p_1^{z_1} \dots p_n^{z_n}$

or that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists q \in \mathbb{Q}, q > 0$ s.t. $f(q) = n$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then n is given by

$$f(q) = p_1^{z_1} \dots p_n^{z_n} \quad \text{or} \quad f(q) = p_1^{z_1} \dots p_n^{z_n} q_1^{z_{n+1}} \dots q_m^{z_{n+m}}$$

The fundamental theorem of arithmetic guarantees that each

$$q = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_n^{r_n} \quad \text{or} \quad q = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_n^{r_n} / q_1^{s_1} \dots q_m^{s_m} \quad \text{is unique}$$

\therefore so all of \mathbb{N} gets mapped.