

M1F Notes

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1 Sets

Definition 1.0.1. A set S is a collection of objects (called *elements* of the set). If x is an *element* of S let us write $x \in S$ otherwise $x \notin S$.

Remark 1.1. The order of the elements or any repetition is unimportant.

Example 1.1.

$$\{1, 3\} = \{3, 1, 1\}$$

Definition 1.0.2. For two sets S and T let us write $S \subseteq T$ (S is contained in T) if

$$x \in S \Rightarrow x \in T$$

Result 1.0.1. $S = T$ iff $S \subseteq T$ and $T \subseteq S$.

Remark 2.1. $S \notin S$ (Foundation Axiom)

Nonetheless, elements can be sets.

Definition 1.0.3. \emptyset is the set with no elements.

Property 3.1. $\emptyset \subseteq S$ and $S \subseteq S$ for all sets S

1.1 Set Operators

Definition 1.1.1. The intersection $S \cap T$ of two sets S and T is

$$\{x \mid x \in S \text{ and } x \in T\}$$

Definition 1.1.2. The union $S \cup T$ of two sets S and T is

$$\{x \mid x \in S \text{ or } x \in T\}$$

Definition 1.1.3. The difference $S \setminus T$ of two sets S and T is

$$(S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$$

Definition 1.1.4. The symmetric difference $S \Delta T$ of two sets S and T is

$$\{x \mid x \in S \text{ and } x \notin T\} \cup \{x \mid x \in T \text{ and } x \notin S\}$$

Definition 1.1.5. In $A \subseteq \Omega$ then

$$A^C = \{x \in \Omega \mid x \notin A\} = \Omega \setminus A$$

Remark 5.1. The complement is only used when the reference set Ω is clear.

Some sets we will work with in this course are

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

\mathbb{R} reals

\mathbb{C} complex numbers

Definition 1.1.6. \mathbb{N} is defined by two axioms:

1. $0 = \emptyset \in \mathbb{N}$
2. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $n + 1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n \cup \{n\} \in \mathbb{N}$

Example 6.1.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 0 + 1 = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\} \\ 2 &= 1 + 1\{\emptyset\} \cup \{\{\emptyset\}\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Intervals in \mathbb{R}

Definition 1.2.1. If $a \leq b$:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq t \leq b\} \\ (a, b) &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | a < t < b\} \\ [a, b) &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq t < b\} \\ (a, b] &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | a < t \leq b\} \\ [a, \infty) &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | a < t\} \\ (-\infty, b] &= \{t \in \mathbb{R} | t \leq b\} \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Infinite Unions and Intersections

Definition 1.3.1. Suppose that, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we are given a set A_n .

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{n=a}^{\infty} A_n &= \{x | \text{there exists a } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq a : x \in A_n\} \\ \bigcap_{n=a}^{\infty} A_n &= \{x | \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq a : x \in A_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}] &= [0, 1) \\ \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n}) &= \{1\} \end{aligned}$$

2 Proofs

2.1 Elements of the propositional calculus

Definition 2.1.1. A statement (proposition) is an assertion that can be either true (T) or false (F).

Remark 1.1. In maths such an assertion usually takes the form: "If such and such assumptions are made, then we can infer such and such conclusions"

Example 1.1. • $n = 3$

- $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$
- If it n^2 is odd, then n is odd too.
- If it rains, then it is cloudy.
- For all real numbers ≥ 0 there exists a square root.

Definition 2.1.2. A proof is a chain of statements linked by logical implications (inferences) that establish the truth of the last statement. In the course of the proof one is allowed to "call up"

- assumptions that are made.
- statements proven previously.
- axioms (statements that are generally accepted and never proven).

"Grammar elements" of mathematical statements are Quantifiers:

Type	Sign	Meaning
Existential	\exists	there exists
	\exists_1	there exists a unique
Universal	\forall	for all
	$\therefore, $	such that

Ways to form new statements from old ones:

- If P is a statement then $\text{not}P$ "non- P " is the statement which is true if P is false and false if P is true.
- If P and Q are statements then we can form:

Sign	Meaning
$P \wedge Q, P \& Q$	P and Q .
$P \vee Q$	either P or Q or both.
$P \underline{\vee} Q$	either P or Q but not both.
$P \Rightarrow Q$	If P then Q .
$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	P if and only if Q .

Remark 2.1. $P \Rightarrow Q$ means any of the following:

- If P then Q .
- Q if P .
- P is true only if Q is true.
- P only if Q .
- P is sufficient for Q .
- Q is necessary for P .
- If Q is false then P is false.
- $\text{not}Q \Rightarrow \text{not}P$

Similarly, $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ means any of the following:

- $(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$
- P if and only if Q . P is necessary and sufficient for Q .

The rigorous definition of $P \wedge Q$, $P \Rightarrow Q$ can be made through a truth table

Definition 2.1.3. $P \wedge Q$ is defined by:

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

Definition 2.1.4. Also, $P \Rightarrow Q$ is defined by:

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Example 4.1. The statement "If $x \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n^2 < 0\}$ then x is a sheep." is true as well as the statement "If $x \in \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n^2 < 0\}$ then x is not a sheep."

2.2 Inference rules

Example 0.2. *Premise 1.* If it is raining then it's cloudy.

Premise 2. It's raining.

Conclusion. It is cloudy.

We can write this more abstractly as follows:

P: it is raining

Q: it is cloudy

In this form:

Premise 1. $P \Rightarrow Q$

Premise 2. P

Conclusion. Q

This is an example of an inference rule which we write like this:

$$((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P) \Rightarrow Q$$

There are other inference rules

$$\begin{aligned} ((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) &\Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R) \\ ((P \vee Q) \wedge \overline{P}) &\Rightarrow Q \\ (P \wedge Q) &\Rightarrow P \\ ((P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \Rightarrow R)) &\Rightarrow P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R) \\ ((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \Rightarrow (P \wedge Q))) &\Rightarrow (R \Rightarrow R) \\ ((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (P \Rightarrow \overline{Q})) &\Rightarrow \overline{P} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise proof that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n^2 \text{ odd} \Rightarrow n \text{ odd}$$