Why

We often unite the elements of one set with another.

Discussion

Let A and B denote sets. We call $\cup\{A, B\}$ the *pair union* of A and B. We denote the union of the pair $\{A, B\}$ by $A \cup B$. Clearly the pair union does not depend on the order of A and B. In other words, $A \cup B = B \cup A$.

Facts

Here are some basic facts about unions of a pair of sets.[1] Let A and B denote sets.

Proposition 1 (Identity Element)**.** $A \cup \varnothing = A$

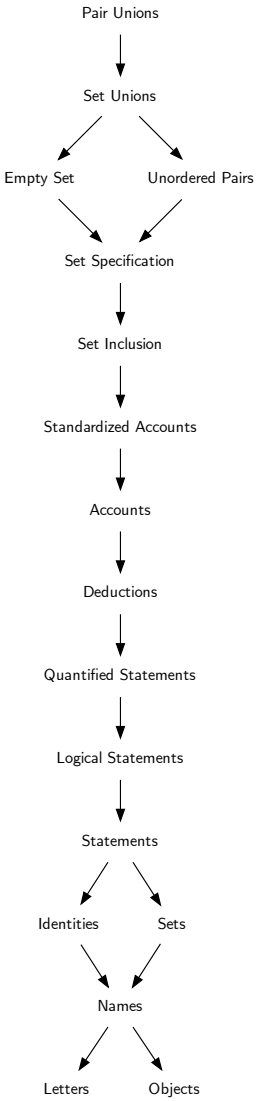
Proposition 2 (Commutativity)**.** $A \cup B = B \cup A$

Proposition 3 (Associativity)**.** $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

Proposition 4 (Idempotence)**.** $A \cup A = A$.

Proposition 5. $A \subset B \longleftrightarrow A \cup B = B$

[1] Proofs will appear in the next edition.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