## Summary of Halmos' Naive Set Theory

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# Primitive Terms and Axioms

Let there be *sets*. We assume that everything is a set.

Let there be a binary relation of membership,  $\in$ . If  $x \in A$  we say that x belongs to A, x is an element of A, or x is contained in A. If this does not hold we write  $x \notin A$ .

**Axiom 1.1** (Axiom of Extensionality). Two sets are equal if and only if they have the same elements.

**Axiom 1.2** (Axiom of Comprehension, Aussonderungsaxiom). To every set A and to every condition S(x) there corresponds a set B whose elements are exactly those elements x of A for which S(x) holds.

**Axiom 1.3** (Axiom of Pairing). For any two sets, there exists a set that they both belong to.

**Axiom 1.4** (Union Axiom). For every set A, there exists a set that contains all the elements that belong to at least one element of A.

**Definition 1.5** (Subset). Let A and B be sets. We say that A is a *subset* of B, or B includes A, and write  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \supseteq A$ , iff every element of A is an element of B.

**Axiom 1.6** (Power Set Axiom). For any set A, there exists a set that contains all the subsets of A.

**Axiom 1.7** (Axiom of Infinity). There exists a set I such that:

- I has an element that has no elements
- for all  $x \in I$ , there exists  $y \in I$  such that the elements of y are exactly x and the elements of x.

#### The Subset Relation

**Theorem 2.1.** For any set A, we have  $A \subseteq A$ .

PROOF: Every element of A is an element of A.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 2.2.** For any sets A, B and C, if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$  then  $A \subseteq C$ .

PROOF: If every element of A is an element of B, and every element of B is an element of C, then every element of A is an element of C.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** For any sets A and B, if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$  then A = B.

PROOF: If every element of A is an element of B, and every element of B is an element of A, then A and B have the same elements, and therefore are equal by the Axiom of Extensionality.  $\square$ 

**Definition 2.4** (Proper Subset). Let A and B be sets. We say that A is a proper subset of B, or B properly includes A, and write  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \supseteq A$ , iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ .

## Comprehension Notation

**Definition 3.1.** Given a set A and a condition S(x), we write  $\{x \in A : S(x)\}$  for the set whose elements are exactly those elements x of A for which S(x) holds.

PROOF: This exists by the Axiom of Comprehension and is unique by the Axiom of Extensionality.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.2.** There is no set that contains every set.

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Proof:
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⟨1⟩1. Let: A be a set.

PROVE: There exists a set B such that B \notin A.

⟨1⟩2. Let: B = \{x \in A : x \notin x\}

⟨1⟩3. If B \in A then we have B \in B if and only if B \notin B.

⟨1⟩4. B \notin A
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## **Unordered Pairs**

<b>Theorem 4.1.</b> There exists a set with no elements.
PROOF: Immediate from the Axiom of Infinity. $\Box$
<b>Definition 4.2</b> (Empty Set). The <i>empty set</i> $\varnothing$ is the set with no elements.
<b>Theorem 4.3.</b> For any set A we have $\emptyset \subset A$ .
Proof: Vacuous.
<b>Definition 4.4</b> ((Unordered) Pair). For any sets $a$ and $b$ , the (unordered) pair $\{a,b\}$ is the set whose elements are just $a$ and $b$ .
PROOF: This exists by the Axioms of Pairing and Comprehension, and is unique by the Axiom of Extensionality. $\Box$
<b>Definition 4.5</b> (Singleton). For any set $a$ , the <i>singleton</i> $\{a\}$ is defined to be $\{a, a\}$ .

#### Unions

**Definition 5.1** (Union). For any set C, the *union* of C,  $\bigcup C$ , is the set whose elements are the elements of the elements of C.

We write  $\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{A}} t[X]$  for  $\bigcup \{t[X] \mid X \in \mathcal{A}\}.$ 

PROOF: This exists by the Union Axiom and Comprehension Axiom, and is unique by the Axiom of Extensionality.  $\Box$ 

Proposition 5.2.

$$\bigcup \varnothing = \varnothing$$

PROOF: There is no set that is an element of an element of  $\emptyset$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.3.** For any set A, we have  $\bigcup \{A\} = A$ .

PROOF: For any x, we have x is an element of an element of  $\{A\}$  if and only if x is an element of A.  $\square$ 

**Definition 5.4.** We write  $A \cup B$  for  $\bigcup \{A, B\}$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** For any set A, we have  $A \cup \emptyset = A$ .

PROOF:  $x \in A \cup \emptyset$  iff  $x \in A$  or  $x \in \emptyset$ , iff  $x \in A$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.6** (Idempotence). For any set A, we have  $A \cup A = A$ .

PROOF:  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$  is equivalent to  $x \in A$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.7.** For any sets A and B, we have  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A \cup B = B$ .

PROOF: For any x, the statement "if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$ " is equivalent to " $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  if and only if  $x \in B$ ".  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.8.** For any sets a and b, we have  $\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\}$ .

Proof: Immediate from definitions.  $\square$ 

#### Intersections

**Definition 6.1** (Intersection). For any sets A and B, the *intersection*  $A \cap B$  is defined to be  $\{x \in A : x \in B\}$ .

**Proposition 6.2.** For any set A, we have  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

PROOF: There is no x such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in \emptyset$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.3.** For any set A, we have

$$A \cap A = A$$
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PROOF: We have  $x \in A$  and  $x \in A$  if and only if  $x \in A$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.4.** For any sets A and B, we have  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A \cap B = A$ .

PROOF: For any x, the statement "if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$ " is equivalent to " $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  if and only if  $x \in A$ ".  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.5.** For any sets A, B and C, we have  $C \subseteq A$  if and only if  $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

PROOF: The statement "if  $x \in C$  then  $x \in A$ " is equivalent to the statement " $((x \in A \land x \in B) \lor x \in C) \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \land (x \in B \lor x \in C))$ ".  $\square$ 

**Definition 6.6** (Disjoint). Two sets A and B are disjoint if and only if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 6.7** (Pairwise Disjoint). Let A be a set. We say the elements of A are *pairwise disjoint* if and only if, for all  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x \cap y \neq \emptyset$  then x = y.

**Definition 6.8** (Intersection). For any nonempty set  $\mathcal{C}$ , the *intersection* of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\bigcap \mathcal{C}$ , is the set that contains exactly those sets that belong to every element of  $\mathcal{C}$ 

We write  $\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{A}} t[X]$  for  $\bigcap \{t[X] \mid X \in \mathcal{A}\}.$ 

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty set.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2.$  There exists a set I whose elements are exactly the sets that belong to every element of  $\mathcal{C}.$

PROOF: Pick  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , and take  $I = \{x \in A : \forall X \in \mathcal{C}.x \in X\}$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For any sets I, J, if the elements of I and J are exactly the sets that belong to every element of C then I = J.

PROOF: Axiom of Extensionality.

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## **Unordered Triples**

**Definition 7.1** ((Unordered) Triple). Given sets  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$ , define the (unordered) n-tuple  $\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$  to be

$$\{a_1,\ldots,a_n\} := \{a_1\} \cup \cdots \cup \{a_n\}$$
.

### Relative Complements

**Definition 8.1** (Relative Complement). For any sets A and B, the difference or relative complement A - B is defined to be

$$A - B := \{x \in A : x \notin B\} .$$

**Proposition 8.2.** For any sets A and E, we have  $A \subseteq E$  if and only if

$$E - (E - A) = A$$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: A and E be sets.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $A \subseteq E$  then E - (E - A) = A

 $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $A \subseteq E$ 

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $E - (E - A) \subseteq A$ 

PROOF: If  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin E - A$  then  $x \in A$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ .  $A \subseteq E - (E - A)$ 

PROOF: If  $x \in A$  then  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin E - A$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . If E - (E - A) = A then  $A \subseteq E$ .

PROOF: Since  $E - (E - A) \subseteq E$ .

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**Proposition 8.3.** For any set E we have

$$E - \emptyset = E$$

PROOF:  $x \in E$  if and only if  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin \emptyset$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.4.** For any set E we have

$$E - E = \emptyset$$
.

PROOF: There is no x such that  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin E$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.5.** For any sets A and E, we have

$$A \cap (E - A) = \emptyset$$
.

PROOF: There is no x such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in E - A$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.6.** Let A and E be sets. Then  $A \subseteq E$  if and only if

$$A \cup (E - A) = E$$
.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: A and E be sets.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $A \subseteq E$  then  $A \cup (E A) = E$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $A \subseteq E$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $A \cup (E A) \subseteq E$

PROOF: If  $x \in A$  or  $x \in E - A$  then  $x \in E$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ E \subseteq A \cup (E - A)$ 

PROOF: If  $x \in E$  then either  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ . In the latter case,  $x \in E - A$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . If  $A \cup (E - A) = E$  then  $A \subseteq E$ 

PROOF: Since  $A \subseteq A \cup (E - A)$ .

**Proposition 8.7.** Let A, B and E be sets. Then:

- 1. If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $E B \subseteq E A$ .
- 2. If  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E B \subseteq E A$  then  $A \subseteq B$ .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: A, B and E be sets.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $E B \subseteq E A$ .

PROOF: If  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin B$ , then we have  $x \in E$  and  $x \notin A$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . If  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E B \subseteq E A$  then  $A \subseteq B$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $A \subseteq E$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Assume:  $E B \subseteq E A$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Let:  $x \in A$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ x \in E$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5.  $x \notin E A$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6. \ x \notin E B$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 7. \ x \in B$

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**Example 8.8.** We cannot remove the hypothesis  $A \subseteq E$  in item 2 above. Let  $E = \emptyset$ ,  $A = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $B = \emptyset$ . Then  $E - B = E - A = \emptyset$  but  $A \nsubseteq B$ .

**Proposition 8.9** (De Morgan's Law). For any sets A, B and E, we have  $E - (A \cup B) = (E - A) \cap (E - B)$ .

PROOF:  $(x \in E \land \neg (x \in A \lor x \in B)) \Leftrightarrow (x \in E \land x \notin A \land x \in E \land x \notin B)$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.10** (De Morgan's Law). For any sets A, B and E, we have  $E - (A \cap B) = (E - A) \cup (E - B)$ .

PROOF:  $(x \in E \lor \neg (x \in A \land x \in B)) \Leftrightarrow (x \in E \land x \notin A) \lor (x \in E \land x \notin B)$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.11.** For any sets A, B and E, if  $A \subseteq E$  then

$$A - B = A \cap (E - B) .$$

PROOF: If  $A \subseteq E$  then we have  $(x \in A \land x \notin B) \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \land x \in E \land x \notin B)$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.12.** For any sets A and B, we have  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A - B = \emptyset$ .

PROOF: Both are equivalent to the statement that there is no x such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.13.** For any sets A and B, we have

$$A - (A - B) = A \cap B .$$

PROOF:  $(x \in A \land \neg (x \in A \land x \notin B)) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \land x \in B$ .  $\square$ 

Proposition 8.14. For any sets A, B and C, we have

$$A \cap (B - C) = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C) .$$

PROOF:  $(x \in A \land x \in B \land x \notin C) \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \land x \in B \land \neg (x \in A \land x \in C))$ .

**Proposition 8.15.** For any sets A, B, C and E, if  $(A \cap B) - C \subseteq E$  then we have

$$A \cap B \subseteq (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap (E - C))$$
.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x \in A \cap B$ 

PROVE:  $x \in (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap (E - C))$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Case:  $x \in C$ 

PROOF: Then  $x \in A \cap C$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Case:  $x \notin C$ 

PROOF: Then  $x \in E$  and so  $x \in B \cap (E - C)$ .

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**Proposition 8.16.** For any sets A, B, C and E, we have

$$(A \cup C) \cap (B \cup (E - C)) \subseteq A \cup B$$
.

PROOF: The statement  $(x \in A \lor x \in C) \land (x \in B \lor (x \in E \land x \notin C))$  implies  $x \in A \lor x \in B$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.17** (De Morgan's Law). Let E be a set and C a nonempty set. Then

$$E - \bigcup \mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} (E - X) .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 8.18** (De Morgan's Law). Let E be a set and  $\mathcal C$  a nonempty set. Then

$$E - \bigcap \mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} (E - X) .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

## Symmetric Difference

**Definition 9.1** (Symmetric Difference). For any sets A and B, the *symmetric difference* A+B is defined to be

$$A+B:=(A-B)\cup(B-A).$$

**Proposition 9.2.** For any sets A and B, we have

$$A + B = B + A$$

PROOF: From the commutativity of union.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 9.3.** For any sets A, B and C, we have

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$
.

PROOF: Each is the set of all x that belong to either exactly one or all three of  $A,\,B$  and C.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 9.4.** For any set A, we have

$$A + \emptyset = A$$
.

Proof:

$$A + \emptyset = (A - \emptyset) \cup (\emptyset - A)$$
$$= A \cup \emptyset$$
$$= A$$

Proposition 9.5. For any set A we have

$$A + A = \emptyset$$
.

Proof:

$$A + A = (A - A) \cup (A - A)$$
$$= \emptyset \cup \emptyset$$
$$= \emptyset$$

#### Power Sets

**Definition 10.1** (Power Set). For any set A, the *power set* of A,  $\mathcal{P}A$ , is the set whose elements are exactly the subsets of A.

PROOF: This exists by the Power Set Axiom and Axiom of Comprehension, and is unique by the Axiom of Extensionality.  $\Box$ 

Proposition 10.2.

$$\mathcal{P}\emptyset = \{\emptyset\}$$

PROOF: The only subset of  $\emptyset$  is  $\emptyset$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 10.3.** For any set a, we have

$$\mathcal{P}\{a\} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\} .$$

PROOF: The only subsets of  $\{a\}$  are  $\emptyset$  and  $\{a\}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 10.4.** For any sets a and b, we have

$$\mathcal{P}\{a,b\} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\} .$$

PROOF: The only subsets of  $\{a,b\}$  are  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$  and  $\{a,b\}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 10.5.** For any nonempty set C we have

$$\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}X = \mathcal{P}\left(\bigcap \mathcal{C}\right) \ .$$

Proof:

$$x \in \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}X \Leftrightarrow \forall X \in \mathcal{C}.x \subseteq X$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall X \in \mathcal{C}.\forall y \in x.y \in X$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall y \in x.\forall X \in mathcalC.y \in X$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \subseteq \bigcap \mathcal{C}$$

**Proposition 10.6.** For any set C we have

$$\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}X \subseteq \mathcal{P} \bigcup \mathcal{C} \ .$$

PROOF: If there exists  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $x \subseteq X$  then  $x \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 10.7.** For any set E, we have

$$\bigcap \mathcal{P}E = \varnothing \ .$$

PROOF: Since  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}E$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 10.8.** For any sets E and F, if  $E \subseteq F$  then  $\mathcal{P}E \subseteq \mathcal{P}F$ .

PROOF: If  $E \subseteq F$  and  $X \subseteq E$  then  $X \subseteq F$ .  $\square$ 

#### **Ordered Pairs**

**Definition 11.1** (Ordered Pair). For any sets a and b, the ordered pair (a,b) is defined by

$$(a,b) := \{\{a\}, \{a,b\}\}\$$
.

**Proposition 11.2.** For any sets a, b, x and y, if (a,b) = (x,y) then a = x and b = y.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: a, b, x and y be sets.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Assume: (a,b) = (x,y)

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ a = x$ 

PROOF:  $\{a\} = \bigcap (a, b) = \bigcap (x, y) = \{x\}.$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ \{a,b\} = \{x,y\}$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Case: a = b

 $\langle 2 \rangle 1. \ x = y$ 

PROOF: Since  $\{x, y\} = \{a, b\}$  is a singleton.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . b = y

PROOF: b = a = x = y

 $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . Case:  $a \neq b$ 

 $\langle 2 \rangle 1. \ x \neq y$ 

PROOF: Since  $\{x, y\} = \{a, b\}$  is not a singleton.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . b = y

PROOF:  $\{b\} = \{a, b\} - \{a\} = \{x, y\} - \{x\} = \{y\}.$ 

**Definition 11.3** (Cartesian Product). For any sets A and B, the Cartesian product  $A \times B$  is

$$A \times B := \{ p \in \mathcal{PP}(A \cup B) : \exists a \in A. \exists b \in B. p = (a, b) \}$$
.

**Proposition 11.4.** For any sets A, B and X, we have

$$(A - B) \times X = (A \times X) - (B \times X) .$$

Proof: Easy.
<b>Proposition 11.5.</b> For any sets A and B, we have $A \times B = \emptyset$ if and only if $A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$ .
Proof: Easy. $\square$
<b>Proposition 11.6.</b> For any sets $A$ , $B$ , $X$ and $Y$ , if $A \subseteq X$ and $B \subseteq Y$ then $A \times B \subseteq X \times Y$ . The converse holds assuming $A \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \emptyset$ .
Proof: Easy.

#### Relations

**Definition 12.1** (Relation). A *relation* is a set of ordered pairs.

If R is a relation, we write xRy for  $(x,y) \in R$ .

Given sets X and Y, a relation between X and Y is a subset of  $X \times Y$ .

Given a set X, a relation on X is a relation between X and X.

**Definition 12.2** (Domain). The *domain* of a relation R is the set

$$dom R := \{x \in \bigcup \mid R : \exists y . (x, y) \in R\} .$$

**Definition 12.3** (Range). The range of a relation R is the set

$$\operatorname{ran} R := \{ y \in \bigcup \bigcup R : \exists x. (x, y) \in R \} \ .$$

**Definition 12.4** (Reflexive). Let R be a relation on X. Then R is *reflexive* iff, for all  $x \in X$ , we have xRx.

**Definition 12.5** (Symmetric). Let R be a relation on X. Then R is *symmetric* iff, whenever xRy, then yRx.

**Definition 12.6** (Transitive). Let R be a relation on X. Then R is transitive iff, whenever xRy and yRz, then xRz.

**Definition 12.7** (Equivalence Relation). Let R be a relation on X. Then R is an *equivalence relation* iff it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

**Definition 12.8** (Partition). Let X be a set. A partition of X is a pairwise disjoint set of nonempty subsets of X whose union is X.

**Definition 12.9** (Equivalence Class). Let R be an equivalence relation on X. Let  $x \in X$ . The *equivalence class* of x with respect to R is

$$x/R := \{ y \in X : xRy \} .$$

We write X/R for the set of all equivalence classes with respect to R.

**Definition 12.10** (Induced). Let P be a partition of X. The relation *induced* by P is X/P where x(X/P)y iff there exists  $X \in P$  such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$ .

**Theorem 12.11.** Let R be an equivalence relation on X. Then X/R is a partition of X that induces the relation R.

Proof: Easy.

**Theorem 12.12.** Let P be a partition of X. Then X/P is an equivalence relation on X, and P = X/(X/P).

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Definition 12.13** (Composition). Let R be a relation between X and Y, and S a relation between Y and Z. The *composite* or *relative product*  $S \circ R = SR$  is the relation between X and Z defined by

$$x(S \circ R)z \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in Y(xRy \land ySz)$$
.

**Proposition 12.14.** Let R be a relation between X and Y, S a relation between Y and Z, and T a relation between Z and W. Then

$$T(SR) = (TS)R$$
.

Proof: Easy.

**Example 12.15.** Composition of relations is not commutative in general. Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  where  $a \neq b$ . Let  $R = \{(a, a), (b, a)\}$  and  $S = \{(a, b), (b, b)\}$ . Then SR = S but  $RS = R \neq S$ .

**Proposition 12.16.** A relation R is transitive if and only if  $RR \subseteq R$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Definition 12.17** (Inverse). Let R be a relation between X and Y. The *inverse* or *converse*  $R^{-1}$  is the relation between Y and X defined by

$$yR^{-1}x \Leftrightarrow xRy$$
.

**Proposition 12.18.** For any relation R, we have

$$dom R^{-1} = ran R .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 12.19.** For any relation R, we have

$$ran R^{-1} = dom R .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 12.20.** Let R be a relation between X and Y, and S a relation between Y and Z. Then

$$(SR)^{-1} = R^{-1}S^{-1}$$
.

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 12.21.** A relation R is symmetric if and only if  $R \subseteq R^{-1}$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Definition 12.22** (Identity Relation). For any set X, the *identity relation*  $I_X$  on X is

$$I_X = \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$$
.

**Proposition 12.23.** Let R be a relation between X and Y. Then

$$I_Y R = RI_X = R .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 12.24.** A relation R on a set X is reflexive if and only if  $I_X \subseteq R$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

#### **Functions**

**Definition 13.1** (Function). Let X and Y be sets. A function, map, mapping, transformation or operator f from X to Y,  $f: X \to Y$ , is a relation f between X and Y such that, for all  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique  $f(x) \in Y$ , called the value of f at the argument x, such that  $(x, f(x)) \in f$ .

**Definition 13.2** (Onto). Let  $f: X \to Y$ . We say f maps X onto Y iff ran f = Y.

**Definition 13.3** (Image). Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . The *image* of A under f is

$$f(A) := \{ f(x) : x \in A \}$$
.

**Definition 13.4** (Inclusion Map). Let Y be a set and  $X \subseteq Y$ . Then the inclusion map  $i: X \hookrightarrow Y$  is the function defined by i(x) = x for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 13.5.** For any set X, the identity relation  $I_X$  is a function  $X \to X$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Definition 13.6** (Restriction). Let  $f: Y \to Z$  and  $X \subseteq Y$ . The restriction of f to X is the function  $f \upharpoonright X : X \to Z$  defined by

$$(f \upharpoonright X)(x) = f(x) \qquad (x \in X)$$
.

Given sets X, Y and Z with  $X \subseteq Y$ , if  $f: X \to Z$  and  $g: Y \to Z$ , we say g is an extension of f to Y iff  $f = g \upharpoonright X$ .

**Definition 13.7** (Projection). Given sets X and Y, the *projection* maps  $\pi_1: X \times Y \to X$  and  $\pi_2: X \times Y \to Y$  are defined by

$$\pi_1(x,y) = x, \qquad \pi_2(x,y) = y \qquad (x \in X, y \in Y) .$$

**Definition 13.8** (Canonical Map). Let X be a set and R an equivalence relation on X. The *canonical map*  $\pi: X \to X/R$  is the map defined by  $\pi(x) = x/R$ .

**Definition 13.9** (One-to-One). A function  $f: X \to Y$  is one-to-one, or a one-to-one correspondence, iff, for all  $x, y \in X$ , if f(x) = f(y) then x = y.

**Proposition 13.10.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- 1. f is one-to-one.
- 2. For all  $A, B \subseteq X$ , we have  $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ .
- 3. For all  $A \subseteq X$ , we have  $f(X A) \subseteq Y f(A)$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 13.11.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Then f maps X onto Y if and only if, for all  $A \subseteq X$ , we have  $Y - f(A) \subseteq f(X - A)$ .

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

#### **Families**

**Definition 14.1** (Family). Let I and X be sets. A family of elements of X indexed by I is a function  $a: I \to X$ . We write  $a_i$  for a(i), and  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$  for a.

**Proposition 14.2** (Generalized Associative Law for Unions). Let  $\{I_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a family of sets. Let  $K = \bigcup_{j\in J} I_j$ . Let  $\{A_k\}_{k\in K}$  be a family of sets indexed by K. Then

$$\bigcup_{k \in K} A_k = \bigcup_{j \in J} \bigcup_{i \in I_j} A_i .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 14.3** (Generalized Commutative Law for Unions). Let  $\{I_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a family of sets. Let  $f: J \to J$  be a one-to-one correspondence from J onto J. Then

$$\bigcup_{j\in J} I_j = \bigcup_{j\in J} I_{f(j)} .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 14.4** (Generalized Associative Law for Intersections). Let  $\{I_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a nonempty family of nonempty sets. Let  $K = \bigcup_{j\in J} I_j$ . Let  $\{A_k\}_{k\in K}$  be a family of sets indexed by K. Then

$$\bigcap_{k \in K} A_k = \bigcap_{j \in J} \bigcap_{i \in I_j} A_i .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 14.5** (Generalized Commutative Law for Intersections). Let  $\{I_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a nonempty family of sets. Let  $f: J \to J$  be a one-to-one correspondence from J onto J. Then

$$\bigcap_{j \in J} I_j = \bigcap_{j \in J} I_{f(j)} .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 14.6.** Let B be a set and  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  a family of sets. Then

$$B \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (B \cap A_i)$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 14.7.** Let B be a set and  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  a nonempty family of sets. Then

$$B \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} (B \cup A_i)$$

Proof: Easy.

**Definition 14.8** (Cartesian Product of a Family of Sets). Let  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  be a family of sets. The *Cartesian product*  $\times_{i\in I} A_i$  is the set of all families  $\{a_i\}_{i\in I}$  such that  $\forall i\in I.a_i\in A_i$ .

We write  $A^I$  for  $\times_{i \in I} A$ .

**Definition 14.9** (Projection). Let  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  be a family of sets and  $i\in I$ . The projection function  $\pi_i: \times_{i\in I} A_i \to A_i$  is defined by  $\pi_i(a) = a_i$ .

**Proposition 14.10.** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  and  $\{B_j\}_{j\in J}$  be families of sets. Then

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} \bigcup_{j \in I} (A_i \times B_j) .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 14.11.** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  and  $\{B_j\}_{j\in J}$  be nonempty families of sets. Then

$$\left(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i\right) = \bigcap_{i \in I} \bigcap_{i \in I} (A_i \times B_i) .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 14.12.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of subsets of X. Then

$$f\left(\bigcup_{i\in I}A_i\right) = \bigcup_{i\in I}f(A_i) .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Example 14.13.** It is not true in general that, if  $f: X \to Y$  and  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a nonempty family of subsets of X, then  $f(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} f(A_i)$ .

Take  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $Y = \{c\}$  where  $a \neq b$ . Take  $I = \{i, j\}$  with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $A_i = \{a\}$  and  $A_j = \{b\}$ . Let f be the unique function  $X \to Y$ . Then  $f(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = f(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  but  $\bigcap_{i \in I} f(A_i) = \{c\}$ .

## **Inverses and Composites**

**Definition 15.1** (Inverse). Given a function  $f: X \to Y$ , the *inverse* of f is the function  $f^{-1}: \mathcal{P}Y \to \mathcal{P}X$  defined by

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}$$
.

We call  $f^{-1}(B)$  the inverse image of B under f.

**Proposition 15.2.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Then f maps X onto Y if and only if the inverse image of any nonempty subset of Y is nonempty.

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 15.3.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Then f is one-to-one if and only if the inverse image of any singleton subset of Y is a singleton.

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 15.4.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Let  $B \subseteq Y$ . Then

$$f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$$
.

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 15.5.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then

$$A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$$
.

Equality holds if f is one-to-one.

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 15.6.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Let  $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of subsets of Y. Then

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{i\in I} B_i\right) = \bigcup_{i\in I} f^{-1}(B_i) .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 15.7.** Let  $f: X \to Y$ . Let  $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a nonempty family of subsets of Y. Then

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{i\in I} B_i\right) = \bigcap_{i\in I} f^{-1}(B_i) .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 15.8.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Y - B) = X - f^{-1}(B)$ .

Proof: Easy.

**Proposition 15.9.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be one-to-one. Then the inverse of f as a relation,  $f^{-1}$ , is a function  $f^{-1}: \operatorname{ran} f \to X$ , and for all  $y \in \operatorname{ran} f$ , we have  $f^{-1}(y)$  is the unique x such that f(x) = y.

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 15.10.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$ . Then  $gf: X \to Z$  and, for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) .$$

Proof: Easy.

**Example 15.11.** Example 12.15 shows that function composition is not commutative in general.

**Proposition 15.12.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$ . Then

$$(gf)^{-1}=f^{-1}g^{-1}:\mathcal{P}Z\to\mathcal{P}X\ .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 15.13.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to X$ . If  $gf = I_X$  then f is one-to-one and g maps Y onto X.

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

#### Numbers

**Definition 16.1** (Successor). The *successor* of a set  $x, x^+$ , is defined by

$$x^+ := x \cup \{x\} .$$

**Definition 16.2.** We define

$$0 = \emptyset$$

$$1 = 0^{+}$$

$$2 = 1^{+}$$

etc.

**Definition 16.3** (Characteristic Function). Let X be a set and  $A \subseteq X$ . The characteristic function of A is the function  $\chi_A : X \to 2$  defined by

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 16.4.** Let X be a set. The function  $\chi : \mathcal{P}X \to 2^X$  that maps a subset A of X to  $\chi_A$  is a one-to-one correspondence.

Proof: Easy.  $\square$