

# C1 Set Theory

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## 1 Primitive Notions

Let there be *sets*.

Let there be a binary relation called *membership*,  $\in$ . When  $x \in y$  holds, we say  $x$  is a *member* or *element* of  $y$ . We write  $x \notin y$  iff  $x$  is not a member of  $y$ .

## 2 The Axioms

**Axiom 1** (Extensionality). *If two sets have exactly the same members, then they are equal.*

As a consequence of this axiom, we may identify a set  $A$  with the class  $\{x : x \in A\}$ . The use of the symbols  $\in$  and  $=$  is consistent.

**Definition 2.** We say that a class  $\mathbf{A}$  is a *set* iff there exists a set  $A$  such that  $A = \mathbf{A}$ . That is, the class  $\{x : P(x)\}$  is a set iff

$$\exists A. \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow P(x)) .$$

Otherwise,  $\mathbf{A}$  is a *proper class*.

**Definition 3** (Subset). If  $A$  is a set and  $\mathbf{B}$  is a class, we say  $A$  is a *subset* of  $\mathbf{B}$  iff  $A \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ .

**Axiom 4** (Empty Set). *The empty class is a set, called the empty set.*

**Axiom 5** (Pairing). *For any objects  $a$  and  $b$ , the class  $\{a, b\}$  is a set, called a pair set.*

**Definition 6** (Union). For any class of sets  $\mathbf{A}$ , the *union*  $\bigcup \mathbf{A}$  is the class  $\{x : \exists A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}$ .

We write  $\bigcup_{P[x_1, \dots, x_n]} t[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  for  $\bigcup \{t[x_1, \dots, x_n] : P[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}$ .

**Proposition 7.** *If  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$  then  $\bigcup \mathbf{A} \subseteq \bigcup \mathbf{B}$ .*

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Axiom 8** (Union). *For any set  $A$ , the union  $\bigcup A$  is a set.*

**Proposition 9.** *For any sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the class  $A \cup B$  is a set.*

PROOF: It is  $\bigcup\{A, B\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition Schema 10.** *For any objects  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , the class  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  is a set.*

PROOF: By repeated application of the Pairing and Union axioms.  $\square$

**Definition 11** (Power Set). For any set  $A$ , the *power set* of  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{P}A$ , is the class of all subsets of  $A$ .

**Axiom 12** (Power Set). *For any set  $A$ , the class  $\mathcal{P}A$  is a set.*

**Axiom 13** (Subset, Aussonderung). *For any class  $\mathbf{A}$  and set  $B$ , if  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq B$  then  $\mathbf{A}$  is a set.*

**Proposition 14.** *For any set  $A$  and class  $\mathbf{B}$ , the intersection  $A \cap \mathbf{B}$  is a set.*

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 15.** *For any set  $A$  and class  $\mathbf{B}$ , the relative complement  $A - \mathbf{B}$  is a set.*

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 16.** *The universal class  $\mathbf{V}$  is a proper class.*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . ASSUME:  $\mathbf{V}$  is a set.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . LET:  $R = \{x : x \notin x\}$

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $R$  is a set.

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom.

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $R \in R$  if and only if  $R \notin R$

$\langle 1 \rangle 5$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This is a contradiction.

$\square$

**Definition 17** (Intersection). For any class of sets  $\mathbf{A}$ , the *intersection*  $\bigcap \mathbf{A}$  is the class  $\{x : \forall A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}$ .

We write  $\bigcap_{P[x_1, \dots, x_n]} t[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  for  $\bigcap \{t[x_1, \dots, x_n] : P[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}$ .

**Proposition 18.** *For any nonempty class of sets  $\mathbf{A}$ , the class  $\bigcap \mathbf{A}$  is a set.*

PROOF: Pick  $A \in \mathbf{A}$ . Then  $\bigcap \mathbf{A} \subseteq A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 19.** *If  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$  then  $\bigcap \mathbf{B} \subseteq \bigcap \mathbf{A}$ .*

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Proposition 20.** *For any set  $A$  and class of sets  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have*

$$A \cup \bigcap \mathbf{B} = \bigcap \{A \cup X \mid X \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Proposition 21.** *For any set  $A$  and class of sets  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have*

$$A \cap \bigcup \mathbf{B} = \bigcup \{A \cap X \mid X \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Proposition 22.** *For any set  $C$  and class of sets  $\mathbf{A}$ , we have*

$$C - \bigcup \mathbf{A} = \bigcap \{C - X \mid X \in \mathbf{A}\} .$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Proposition 23.** *For any set  $C$  and class of sets  $\mathbf{A}$ , we have*

$$C - \bigcap \mathbf{A} = \bigcup \{C - X \mid X \in \mathbf{A}\} .$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

### 3 Ordered Pairs

**Definition 24** (Ordered Pair). For any objects  $a$  and  $b$ , the *ordered pair*  $(a, b)$  is  $\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . We call  $a$  its *first coordinate* and  $b$  its *second coordinate*.

**Theorem 25.** *For any objects  $(a, b)$ , we have  $(a, b) = (c, d)$  if and only if  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If  $(a, b) = (c, d)$  then  $a = c$  and  $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . ASSUME:  $(a, b) = (c, d)$

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $a = c$

PROOF: Since  $\{a\} = \bigcap(a, b) = \bigcap(c, d) = \{c\}$ .

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$ .  $\{a, b\} = \{c, d\}$

PROOF:  $\{a, b\} = \bigcup(a, b) = \bigcup(c, d) = \{c, d\}$ .

$\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $b = c$  or  $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . CASE:  $b = c$

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

$\langle 3 \rangle 2$ .  $\{c, d\} = \{a\}$

$\langle 3 \rangle 3$ .  $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . CASE:  $b = d$

PROOF: We have  $a = c$  and  $b = d$  as required.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $a = c$  and  $b = d$  then  $(a, b) = (c, d)$

PROOF: Trivial.

$\square$

**Definition 26** (Cartesian Product). The *Cartesian product* of classes  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is the class

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \{(x, y) : x \in \mathbf{A}, y \in \mathbf{B}\} .$$

**Lemma 27.** For any objects  $x$  and  $y$  and set  $C$ , if  $x \in C$  and  $y \in C$  then  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{PP}C$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Corollary 27.1.** For any sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the Cartesian product  $A \times B$  is a set.

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom applied to  $\mathcal{PP}(A \cup B)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 28.** If  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{A}$  then  $x, y \in \bigcup \bigcup \mathbf{A}$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

## 4 Relations

**Definition 29** (Relation). A *relation* is a class of ordered pairs. It is *small* iff it is a set.

When  $\mathbf{R}$  is a relation, we write  $x\mathbf{R}y$  for  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}$ .

**Definition 30** (Domain). The *domain* of a class  $\mathbf{R}$  is  $\text{dom } \mathbf{R} = \{x : \exists y.(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}\}$ .

**Definition 31** (Range). The *range* of a class  $\mathbf{R}$  is  $\text{ran } \mathbf{R} = \{y : \exists x.(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}\}$ .

**Definition 32** (Field). The *field* of a class  $\mathbf{R}$  is  $\text{fld } \mathbf{R} = \text{dom } \mathbf{R} \cup \text{ran } \mathbf{R}$ .

**Proposition 33.** If  $R$  is a set then  $\text{dom } R$ ,  $\text{ran } R$  and  $\text{fld } R$  are sets.

PROOF: Apply the Subset Axiom to  $\bigcup \bigcup R$ .  $\square$

**Definition 34** (Single-Rooted). A class  $\mathbf{R}$  is *single-rooted* iff, for all  $y \in \text{ran } \mathbf{R}$ , there is only one  $x$  such that  $x\mathbf{R}y$ .

**Definition 35** (Inverse). The *inverse* of a class  $\mathbf{F}$  is the class  $\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$ .

**Theorem 36.** For any class  $\mathbf{F}$ , we have  $\text{dom } \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \text{ran } \mathbf{F}$  and  $\text{ran } \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 37.** For a relation  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $(\mathbf{F}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{F}$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Definition 38** (Composition). The *composition* of classes  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  is the class  $\mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F} = \{(x, z) \mid \exists y.(x, y) \in \mathbf{F} \wedge (y, z) \in \mathbf{G}\}$ .

**Theorem 39.** For any classes  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $(\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G})^{-1} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{F}^{-1}$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Definition 40** (Restriction). The *restriction* of the class  $\mathbf{F}$  to the class  $\mathbf{A}$  is the class  $\mathbf{F} \upharpoonright \mathbf{A} = \{(x, y) : x \in \mathbf{A} \wedge (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$ .

**Definition 41** (Image). The *image* of the class  $\mathbf{A}$  under the class  $\mathbf{F}$  is the class  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) = \{y : \exists x \in \mathbf{A}. (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$ .

**Theorem 42.**

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) \cup \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 43.**

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\bigcup \mathbf{A}\right) = \bigcup \{\mathbf{F}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 44.**

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}) \subseteq \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) \cap \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$$

*Equality holds if  $\mathbf{F}$  is single-rooted.*

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 45.**

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\bigcap \mathbf{A}\right) \subseteq \bigcap \{\mathbf{F}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

*Equality holds if  $\mathbf{F}$  is single-rooted.*

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 46.**

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B}) \subseteq \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$$

*Equality holds if  $\mathbf{F}$  is single-rooted.*

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Definition 47** (Reflexive). A binary relation  $\mathbf{R}$  on  $\mathbf{A}$  is *reflexive* on  $\mathbf{A}$  if and only if  $\forall x \in \mathbf{A}. x\mathbf{R}x$ .

**Definition 48** (Symmetric). A binary relation  $\mathbf{R}$  is *symmetric* iff, whenever  $x\mathbf{R}y$ , then  $y\mathbf{R}x$ .

**Definition 49** (Transitive). A binary relation  $\mathbf{R}$  is *transitive* iff, whenever  $x\mathbf{R}y$  and  $y\mathbf{R}z$ , then  $x\mathbf{R}z$ .

## 5 $n$ -ary Relations

**Definition 50.** Given objects  $a, b, c$ , define the *ordered triple*  $(a, b, c)$  to be  $((a, b), c)$ .

Define  $(a, b, c, d) = ((a, b, c), d)$ , etc.

Define the *1-tuple*  $(a)$  to be  $a$ .

**Definition 51** ( $n$ -ary Relation). Given a class  $\mathbf{A}$ , an  *$n$ -ary relation* on  $\mathbf{A}$  is a class of ordered  $n$ -tuples, all of whose components are in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## 6 Functions

**Definition 52** (Function). A *function* is a relation  $\mathbf{F}$  such that, for all  $x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$ , there is only one  $y$  such that  $x\mathbf{F}y$ . We call this unique  $y$  the *value* of  $\mathbf{F}$  at  $x$  and denote it by  $\mathbf{F}(x)$ .

We say  $\mathbf{F}$  is a function *from*  $\mathbf{A}$  *into*  $\mathbf{B}$ , or  $\mathbf{F}$  *maps*  $\mathbf{A}$  *into*  $\mathbf{B}$ , and write  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , iff  $\mathbf{F}$  is a function,  $\text{dom } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{A}$ , and  $\text{ran } \mathbf{F} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ .

If, in addition,  $\text{ran } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}$ , we say  $\mathbf{F}$  is a function from  $\mathbf{A}$  *onto*  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Theorem 53.** For a class  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  is a function if and only if  $\mathbf{F}$  is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 54.** A relation  $\mathbf{F}$  is a function if and only if  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 55.** For any function  $\mathbf{G}$  and classes  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\bigcup \mathbf{A}) &= \bigcup \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\} \\ \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\bigcap \mathbf{A}) &= \bigcap \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\} \quad (\text{if } \mathbf{A} \neq \emptyset) \\ \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 56.** Assume that  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are functions. Then  $\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$  is a function, its domain is  $\{x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{G} : \mathbf{G}(x) \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}\}$ , and for  $x$  in its domain,

$$(\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G})(x) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{G}(x)) .$$

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Definition 57** (One-to-one). A function  $\mathbf{F}$  is *one-to-one* or an *injection* iff it is single-rooted.

**Theorem 58.** Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a one-to-one function. For  $x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{F}(x)) = x$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Theorem 59.** Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a one-to-one function. For  $y \in \text{ran } \mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}^{-1}(y)) = y$ .

PROOF: Easy.  $\square$

**Definition 60** (Identity Function). For any class  $\mathbf{A}$ , the *identity* function on  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\text{id}_{\mathbf{A}} = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}$ .

**Theorem 61.** Let  $F : A \rightarrow B$ . Assume  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $F$  has a left inverse (i.e. there exists  $G : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $G \circ F = \text{id}_A$ ) if and only if  $F$  is one-to-one.

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle$ 1. If  $F$  is one-to-one then  $F$  has a left inverse.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $F$  is one-to-one.

⟨2⟩2.  $F^{-1} : \text{ran } F \rightarrow A$

⟨2⟩3. PICK  $a \in A$

⟨2⟩4. Define  $G : B \rightarrow A$  by:

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} F^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{ran } F \\ a & \text{if } x \in B - \text{ran } F \end{cases}$$

⟨2⟩5.  $\forall x \in A. G(F(x)) = x$

⟨1⟩2. If  $F$  has a left inverse then  $F$  is one-to-one.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $F$  has a left inverse  $G$ .

⟨2⟩2. LET:  $x, y \in A$  with  $F(x) = F(y)$

⟨2⟩3.  $x = y$

PROOF:  $x = G(F(x)) = G(F(y)) = y$ .

□

## 7 The Axiom of Choice

**Axiom 62** (Choice). *For any relation  $R$  there exists a function  $H \subseteq R$  with  $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } R$ .*

**Theorem 63.** *Let  $F : A \rightarrow B$ . Then  $F$  has a right inverse if and only if  $F$  maps  $A$  onto  $B$ .*

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. If  $F$  has a right inverse then  $F$  maps  $A$  onto  $B$ .

PROOF: If  $H : B \rightarrow A$  is a right inverse, then for any  $y$  in  $B$ , we have  $y = F(H(y))$ .

⟨1⟩2. If  $F$  maps  $A$  onto  $B$  then  $F$  has a right inverse.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $F$  maps  $A$  onto  $B$ .

⟨2⟩2. PICK a function  $H$  with  $H \subseteq F^{-1}$  and  $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } F^{-1}$

PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.

⟨2⟩3.  $\text{dom } H = B$

PROOF:  $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } F^{-1} = \text{ran } F = B$  by ⟨2⟩1.

⟨2⟩4. For all  $y \in B$  we have  $F(H(y)) = y$

⟨3⟩1. LET:  $y \in B$

⟨3⟩2.  $(y, H(y)) \in F^{-1}$

⟨3⟩3.  $F(H(y)) = y$

□

## 8 Sets of Functions

**Definition 64.** Let  $A$  be a set and  $\mathbf{B}$  be a class. Then  $\mathbf{B}^A$  is the class of all functions  $A \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ .

## 9 Dependent Products

**Definition 65.** Let  $I$  be a set and  $H_i$  a set for all  $i \in I$ . Define

$$\prod_{i \in I} H_i = \{f : f \text{ is a function, } \text{dom } f = I, \forall i \in I. f(i) \in H_i\} .$$

**Theorem 66.** *The Axiom of Choice is equivalent to the statement: For any set  $I$  and any function  $H$  with domain  $I$ , if  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$*

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. If the Axiom of Choice is true then, for any set  $I$  and any function  $H$  with domain  $I$ , if  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$ .
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: The Axiom of Choice.
- ⟨2⟩2. LET:  $I$  be a set.
- ⟨2⟩3. LET:  $H$  be a function with domain  $I$ .
- ⟨2⟩4. ASSUME:  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ .
- ⟨2⟩5. LET:  $R = \{(i, x) : i \in I, x \in H(i)\}$
- ⟨2⟩6. PICK a function  $F \subseteq R$  with  $\text{dom } F = \text{dom } R$   
 PROVE:  $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$   
 PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.
- ⟨2⟩7.  $\text{dom } H = I$   
 PROOF: We have  $\text{dom } R = I$  since for all  $i \in I$  there exists  $x$  such that  $x \in H(i)$ .
- ⟨2⟩8.  $\forall i \in I. F(i) \in H(i)$   
 PROOF: Since  $iRF(i)$ .
- ⟨1⟩2. If, for any set  $I$  and any function  $H$  with domain  $I$ , if  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$ , then the Axiom of Choice is true.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: For any set  $I$  and any function  $H$  with domain  $I$ , if  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$
- ⟨2⟩2. LET:  $R$  be a relation
- ⟨2⟩3. LET:  $I = \text{dom } R$
- ⟨2⟩4. Define the function  $H$  with domain  $I$  by: for  $i \in I$ ,  $H(i) = \{y : iRy\}$
- ⟨2⟩5.  $H(i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$
- ⟨2⟩6. PICK  $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$   
 PROOF: By ⟨2⟩1
- ⟨2⟩7.  $F$  is a function
- ⟨2⟩8.  $F \subseteq R$   
 PROOF: For all  $i \in I$  we have  $F(i) \in H(i)$  and so  $iRF(i)$ .
- ⟨2⟩9.  $\text{dom } F = \text{dom } R$

□

## 10 Equivalence Relations

**Definition 67** (Equivalence Relation). An *equivalence relation* on  $\mathbf{A}$  is a binary relation on  $\mathbf{A}$  that is reflexive on  $\mathbf{A}$ , symmetric and transitive.



**Theorem 68.** *If  $\mathbf{R}$  is a symmetric and transitive relation then  $\mathbf{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $\text{fld } \mathbf{R}$ .*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . LET:  $x \in \text{fld } \mathbf{R}$

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $y$  such that either  $x\mathbf{R}y$  or  $y\mathbf{R}x$

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $x\mathbf{R}y$  and  $y\mathbf{R}x$

PROOF: Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is symmetric.

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $x\mathbf{R}x$

PROOF: Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is transitive.

□

**Definition 69** (Equivalence Class). If  $\mathbf{R}$  is an equivalence relation and  $x \in \text{fld } \mathbf{R}$ , the *equivalence class* of  $x$  modulo  $\mathbf{R}$  is

$$[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = \{t : x\mathbf{R}t\} .$$