

**Problem §1** Choose any three problems from 1.2(a-i) as a warmup. Then complete Exercise 1.3.

- 1.2: Use truth tables to prove:
  - 1.2.a:  $P \iff \neg(\neg P)$ .
  - 1.2.c:  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \iff (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$ .
  - 1.2.d:  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \iff (\neg P) \vee Q$ .

- 1.3: Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be statements.

(a) Prove that

$$P \vee \neg P$$

is true, and explain why this justifies the Law of the Excluded Middle (which states that exactly one of  $P$  and  $\neg P$  is true).

(b) Prove that

$$(\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$$

is true, and explain why this justifies the method of Proof by Contradiction (which states that in order to prove that  $P$  is true, it suffices to show that  $\neg P$  is false).

*Solution:*

1.2.a

$P$	$\neg P$	$\neg(\neg P)$
T	F	T
F	T	F

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1.2.c

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

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1.2.d

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\neg P \vee Q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

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1.3.a

$P$	$\neg P$	$P \underline{\vee} \neg P$
T	F	T
F	T	T

- Since the statement is true regardless of  $P$ ,  $P \underline{\vee} \neg P$  is true. This also justifies the Law of the Excluded Middle, as an XOR statement is true only when one, but not both, of the statements are true; hence only one of  $P$  and  $\neg P$  may be true at once in order for  $P \underline{\vee} \neg P$  to be true.

1.3.b

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$	$(\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

- Since the statement is true regardless of  $P$  or  $Q$ ,  $(\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$  is true. This also justifies Proof by Contradiction: if  $\neg P$  is false, then  $P$  is necessarily true in order for the above statement to be true as well (alternatively, from the Law of the Excluded Middle,  $\neg P$  being false necessarily implies that  $P$  is true).

**Problem §2** Complete Exercise 1.7: *Prove each of the following formulas:*

(a)  $S \cap (T \cup U) = (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U)$

(b)  $S \cup (T \cap U) = (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U)$

(c) Suppose  $S, T \subset U$ . Then

$$(S \cup T)^c = S^c \cap T^c \text{ and } (S \cap T)^c = S^c \cup T^c.$$

(d)  $S \Delta T = (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T) = (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$

*Solution:*

(a) *Proof.* Let  $e \in S \cap (T \cup U)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in S) \wedge (e \in T \vee e \in U) \\ &= (e \in S \wedge e \in T) \vee (e \in S \wedge e \in U). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $e \in (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U)$ , and so  $S \cap (T \cup U) \subset (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U)$ .

Conversely, let  $e \in (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in S \wedge e \in T) \vee (e \in S \wedge e \in U) \\ &= e \in S \wedge (e \in T \vee e \in U). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in S \cap (T \cup U)$ , and so  $(S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U) \subset S \cap (T \cup U)$ .

Since both are subsets of each other,  $S \cap (T \cup U) = (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U)$ .  $\square$

(b) *Proof.* Let  $e \in S \cup (T \cap U)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & e \in S \vee (e \in T \wedge e \in U) \\ &= (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge (e \in S \vee e \in U). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $e \in (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U)$ , and so  $S \cup (T \cap U) \subset (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U)$ .  
Conversely, let  $e \in (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge (e \in S \vee e \in U) \\ & e \in S \vee (e \in T \wedge e \in U). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in S \cup (T \cap U)$ , and so  $(S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U) \subset S \cup (T \cap U)$ .

Since both are subsets of each other,  $s \cup (t \cap u) = (s \cup t) \cap (s \cup u)$ .  $\square$

(c) *Proof.* Let  $e \in (S \cup T)^c$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & e \in U \wedge \neg(e \in S \vee e \in T) \\ & = e \in U \wedge (e \notin S \wedge e \notin T) \\ & = (e \in U \wedge e \notin S) \wedge (e \in U \wedge e \notin T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in S^c \cap T^c$ , and so  $(S \cup T)^c \subset S^c \cap T^c$ .

Conversely, let  $e \in S^c \cap T^c$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in U \wedge e \notin S) \wedge (e \in U \wedge e \notin T) \\ & = e \in U \wedge (e \notin S \wedge e \notin T) \\ & = e \in U \wedge \neg(e \in S \vee e \in T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in (S \cup T)^c$ , and so  $S^c \cap T^c \subset (S \cup T)^c$ .

Since both subsets are equal,  $(S \cup T)^c = S^c \cap T^c$ .

Now, let  $e \in (S \cap T)^c$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & e \in U \wedge \neg(e \in S \wedge e \in T) \\ & e \in U \wedge (e \notin S \vee e \notin T) \\ & (e \in U \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in U \wedge e \notin T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in S^c \cup T^c$ , and so  $(S \cap T)^c \subset S^c \cup T^c$ .

Conversely, let  $e \in S^c \cup T^c$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in U \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in U \wedge e \notin T) \\ & e \in U \wedge (e \notin S \vee e \notin T) \\ & e \in U \wedge \neg(e \in S \wedge e \in T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in (S \cap T)^c$ , and so  $S^c \cup T^c \subset (S \cap T)^c$ .

Since both are subsets of each other,  $(S \cap T)^c = S^c \cup T^c$ .  $\square$

(d) *Proof.* Let  $e \in (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge \neg(e \in S \wedge e \in T) \\ & (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge (e \notin S \vee e \notin T) \\ & ((e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge e \notin S) \vee ((e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge e \notin T) \\ & ((e \in S \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in T \wedge e \notin S)) \vee ((e \in S \wedge e \notin T) \vee (e \in T \wedge e \notin T)) \\ & (e \in T \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in S \wedge e \notin T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e \in (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ , and so  $(S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T) \subset (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ .

Conversely, let  $e \in (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (e \in T \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in S \wedge e \notin T) \\ & (e \in S \wedge e \notin T) \vee (e \in T \wedge e \notin S) \\ & ((e \in S \wedge e \notin S) \vee (e \in T \wedge e \notin S)) \vee ((e \in S \wedge e \notin T) \vee (e \in T \wedge e \notin T)) \\ & ((e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge e \notin S) \vee ((e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge e \notin T) \\ & (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge (e \notin S \vee e \notin T) \\ & (e \in S \vee e \in T) \wedge \neg(e \in S \wedge e \in T). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the statement  $e \in (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$ , and so  $(S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S) \subset (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$ . Since both are subsets of each other,  $(S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T) = (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ .  $\square$

From these problems, we observe that sets and logical statements are quite similar. A set is analogous to a logical statement, and the operators union and intersection resemble the logical “or” and “and” respectively (specifically, given sets  $S, T$ ,  $e \in S \cup T$  is equivalent to  $e \in S \vee e \in T$ , and  $e \in S \cap T$  is equivalent to  $e \in S \wedge e \in T$ ). Given a well defined complement of  $S$ , the complement  $S^c$  is analogous to the logical “not” (just as only one of  $P$  and  $\neg P$  may be true, only one of  $e \in S^c$  and  $e \in S$  may be true). The symmetric difference is analogous to the “xor” operator in the sense that an element  $e$  being in  $S \Delta T$  meaning  $e$  is in  $S$  or  $T$ , but not both, is similar in structure to notion that  $P \vee Q$  means that in order to be true, either  $P$  or  $Q$  could be true, but not both.

**Problem §3** Complete Exercise 1.16:

- Let  $S, T$  be finite sets with  $|S| = |T|$ , and let  $f : S \rightarrow T$  be a function from  $S$  to  $T$ . Prove the following are equivalent:
  - $f$  is injective.
  - $f$  is surjective.
  - $f$  is bijective.

and Exercise 1.17:

- Give an example of a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that is injective, but not surjective.
- Give an example of a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that is surjective, but not injective.

*Solution:*

- (1.16)

*Proof.* Let  $n = |S| = |T|$ . We start by showing  $f$  injective implies  $f$  surjective. Let  $f$  be an injective function, and suppose that  $f$  is not surjective. Then  $\exists t \in T$  such that  $\forall s \in S, f(s) \neq t$ ; and so  $|\text{im } S| < n$ . By the definition of a function, every  $s \in S$  is mapped to some element  $f(s) \in T$ ; and since  $|S| = n$  and  $|\text{im } S| < n$ , at least one  $e \in \text{im } S$  is mapped to by at least two distinct elements  $s, s' \in S$  (analogously, imagine each  $e \in \text{im } S$  represents a “hole”, and each  $s \in S$  a pigeon; since there are at most  $n - 1$  holes, and  $n$  pigeons, by the PHP, at least one hole must have at least two distinct pigeons). But this implies that  $e = f(s) = f(s'), s \neq s'$ , a contradiction to injectivity. Thus, if  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  must be surjective as well.

Now, we show that  $f$  surjective implies  $f$  injective. Let  $f$  be a surjective function, and suppose that  $f$  is not injective. Then  $\exists s, s' \in S$  such that  $f(s) = f(s'), s \neq s'$ . By definition of a function, each  $s \in S$  is mapped to one and only one  $f(s) \in \text{im } S$ . But since  $f$  is not injective, at least one  $f(s) \in \text{im } S$  is mapped to by at least two distinct  $s, s' \in S$  (i.e.  $\exists s, s' \in S, \exists f(s), f(s') \in \text{im } S, f(s) = f(s'), s \neq s'$ ), which implies that  $|\text{im } S| < n$  (equivalently, at least one  $t \in T$  is not mapped to by any  $s \in S$ ), a contradiction to surjectivity. Thus, if  $f$  is surjective, then  $f$  must be injective as well.

Since  $f$  injective implies  $f$  surjective, and  $f$  surjective implies  $f$  injective, if  $f$  is either injective or surjective, it is bijective as well; and trivially,  $f$  bijective implies both injective and surjective. Thus the three statements are equivalent.  $\square$

- (1.17)

– Let

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{N} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ n &\longmapsto f(n) = n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is injective, as no two  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  share a  $\text{succ}(n)$  unless  $n_1 = n_2$  (equivalently,  $n_1 + 1 = n_2 + 1$  implies  $n_1 = n_2$ ).  $f$  is also not surjective, as  $1 \notin \text{im } f$ .

– Let

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{N} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ n &\longmapsto f(n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is surjective, as for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , take  $n = 2k \in \mathbb{N}$ ; then we get  $f(n) = \left\lceil \frac{2k}{2} \right\rceil = k$ . On the other hand,  $f$  is not injective. Let  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2$ . Then  $f(n_1) = f(n_2) = 1$ , but  $n_1 \neq n_2$ .