

Homework Set 2

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1. Prove that $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ by giving a proof using logical equivalence.

Solution: We can prove this identity with the following steps.

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A \cap B} &= \{x | x \notin A \cap B\} \\ &= \{x | \neg(x \in (A \cap B))\} \\ &= \{x | \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} \\ &= \{x | x \notin A \vee x \notin B\} \\ &= \{x | x \in \overline{A} \vee x \in \overline{B}\} \\ &= \{x | x \notin \overline{A \cup B}\} \\ &= \overline{A \cup B}\end{aligned}$$

In Problems 2-4 mark each statement TRUE or FALSE. Assume that the statement applies to all sets.

2. $A - (B - C) = (A - B) - C$.

Solution: FALSE

Prove:

$$\begin{aligned}A - (B - C) &= A \cap \overline{(B - C)} \\ &= A \cap \overline{B \cap \overline{C}} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{B} \cup C)\end{aligned}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned}(A - B) - C &= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cap \overline{C} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{B} \cap \overline{C})\end{aligned}$$

As $\overline{B} \cup C \neq \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}$

So $A - (B - C) \neq (A - B) - C$

3. $(A - C) - (B - C) = A - B$.

Solution: FALSE

Prove:

$$\begin{aligned}(A - C) - (B - C) &= (A \cap \overline{C}) \cap \overline{(B \cap \overline{C})} \\ &= (A \cap \overline{C}) \cap (\overline{B} \cup C) \\ &= (A \cap \overline{C} \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C} \cap C) \\ &= (A \cap \overline{C} \cap \overline{B}) \cup \emptyset \\ &\neq A \cap \overline{B} \\ &= A - B\end{aligned}$$

4. $\overline{A \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{A}} = \overline{A}$

Solution: TRUE

Prove:

$$\overline{A \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{A}} = (\overline{A \cap B}) \cup \overline{A}$$

As $(\overline{A \cap B}) \subseteq \overline{A}$

So $(\overline{A \cap B}) \cup \overline{A} = \overline{A}$

That is $\overline{A \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{A}} = \overline{A}$

5. Find $\bigcap_{i=1}^{+\infty} [1 - \frac{1}{i}, 1]$.

Solution: $\forall i, j \in [1, +\infty)$, i and j are integers, and $i < j$
so that $1 - \frac{1}{i} < 1 - \frac{1}{j}$

we can prove that $[1 - \frac{1}{i}, 1] \cap [1 - \frac{1}{j}, 1] = [1 - \frac{1}{j}, 1]$

So $\bigcap_{i=1}^{+\infty} [1 - \frac{1}{i}, 1] = \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} [1 - \frac{1}{i}, 1] = [1 - \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{i}, 1] = 1$

6. Suppose $A = \{x, y\}$ and $B = \{x, \{x\}\}$. Mark the statement TRUE or FALSE: $\{x\} \subseteq A - B$.

Solution: It is FALSE.

$$\begin{aligned} A - B &= \{x | x \in A \cap \overline{B}\} \\ &= \{x | x \in A \wedge x \notin B\} \\ &= \{y\} \end{aligned}$$

So $\{x\} \not\subseteq A - B$

In the meanwhile:

$$\begin{aligned} B - A &= \{\{x\}\} \\ \text{So that } \{x\} &\not\subseteq B - A \quad \text{either} \end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Mark the statement TRUE or FALSE:

$$\{\{3\}\} \subseteq P(A).$$

Solution: It is TRUE.

Because $P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \dots, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}\}$

So $\{\{3\}\} \subseteq P(A)$ is TRUE.

8. Determine whether the set is finite or infinite. If the set is finite, find its size:

$$\{x | x \in N \text{ and } 4x^2 - 8 = 0\}.$$

Solution: As there are only two solutions to the equation $4x^2 - 8 = 0$, that is $\{2, -2\}$.

while it should also satisfy $\{x | x \in N\}$ which means x is an integer and $x \geq 0$.

So the set $\{x | x \in N \text{ and } 4x^2 - 8 = 0\}$ is finite and its size $|A| = 1$.

9. Determine whether the following set is countable or uncountable. If it is countably infinite, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of positive integers and the set:

The set of irrational numbers between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: This set is uncountable.

Let :

Set $A = \{\text{rational numbers between } \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{2}\}$

Set $B = \{\text{irrational numbers between } \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{2}\}$

Set $C = \{\text{real numbers between } \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{2}\}$

We know that all real numbers are uncountable, and real numbers between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is uncountable either, which means set C is uncountable.

And we also know rational numbers is countable and rational numbers between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is countable too, which means set A is countable.

We suppose that irrational numbers between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is countable, that is set B is countable.

According to the Theorem "If A and B are countable sets, then $A \cup B$ is also countable".

$C = A \cup B$, so C is countable. It is contradict with the known knowledge. So the hypothesis is false, which means irrational numbers between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is uncountable.

10. Show that $(0,1)$ has the same cardinality as $(0,2)$.

Solution:

According to SCHRDER-BERNSTEIN THEOREM: If A and B are sets with $|A| \leq |B|$ and $|B| \leq |A|$, then $|A| = |B|$.

So we only have to find a one-to-one functions f from A to B and g from B to A, then there is a one-to-one correspondence between A and B.

(i) Let f be the function $f(x) = 2x$, where the domain is $x \in (0, 1)$

So $\forall x \in (0, 1), f(x) \in (0, 2)$

And $\forall x_1, x_2 \in (0, 1), x_1 \neq x_2$,

$$f(x_1) - f(x_2) = 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2(x_1 - x_2) \neq 0$$

which means function f is a one-to-one function,

so that $|(0, 1)| \leq |(0, 2)|$

(ii) In the same way, let g be the function $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$, where the domain is $x \in (0, 2)$

we can draw a conclusion that $|(0, 2)| \leq |(0, 1)|$

From above, we know $|(0, 2)| = |(0, 1)|$, that's "(0,1) has the same cardinality as (0,2)".

Done

11. Suppose $f : N \rightarrow N$ has the rule $f(n) = 4n + 1$. Determine whether f is 1-1.

Solution: As f is one-to-one if and only if $f(a) \neq f(b)$ whenever $a \neq b$.

So $\forall a, b \in N$, while $a \neq b$, it is obviously that $f(a), f(b) \in N$

$$f(b) - f(a) = (4b + 1) - (4a + 1) = 4(b - a) \neq 0$$

that is $f(b) \neq f(a)$

We can determine that f is 1-1.

12. Suppose $f : N \rightarrow N$ has the rule $f(n) = 4n + 1$. Determine whether f is onto N .

Solution: According to the definition:

a function f is onto if $\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$

So $\forall b \in N$, we suppose there exists an $a \in N$ so that $f(a) = b$

namely, $f(a) = 4a + 1 = b$

$$\therefore a = \frac{b-1}{4}$$

However, a will not always be natural numbers, for example, while $b = 2$, then $a = \frac{1}{4}$

So, this function f is not onto N .

13. Suppose $f : Z \rightarrow Z$ has the rule $f(n) = 3n^2 - 1$. Determine whether f is 1-1.

Solution: As f is one-to-one if and only if $f(a) \neq f(b)$ whenever $a \neq b$.

$\forall a, b \in Z$ and $a \neq b$

$$\begin{aligned} f(b) - f(a) &= (3a^2 - 1) - (3b^2 - 1) \\ &= 3a^2 - 3b^2 \\ &= 3(a^2 - b^2) \\ &= 3(a + b)(a - b) \end{aligned}$$

as $a, b \in Z$, when $a = (-b) \neq 0$, $f(b) - f(a) = 0$

So $f(n) = 3n^2 - 1$ is not 1-1.

14. Suppose $f : Z \rightarrow Z$ has the rule $f(n) = 3n - 1$. Determine whether f is onto Z .

Solution: According to the definition:

a function f is onto if $\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$

$\forall b \in Z$, we suppose there exists an $a \in Z$ so that $f(a) = b$

namely, $f(a) = 3a - 1 = b$

$$\therefore a = \frac{b+1}{3}$$

However, a is not always integer. For example, when $b = 1$, $a = \frac{2}{3}$

So $f(n) = 3n - 1$ is not onto Z .

15. Suppose $f : N \rightarrow N$ has the rule $f(n) = 3n^2 - 1$. Determine whether f is 1-1.

Solution: As f is one-to-one if and only if $f(a) \neq f(b)$ whenever $a \neq b$.

$\forall a, b \in N$ and $a \neq b$

$$\begin{aligned} f(b) - f(a) &= (3a^2 - 1) - (3b^2 - 1) \\ &= 3a^2 - 3b^2 \\ &= 3(a^2 - b^2) \\ &= 3(a + b)(a - b) \end{aligned}$$

Because $a, b \in N$, and $a \neq b$, so $(a + b) > 0$, $(a - b) \neq 0$

So that $f(b) - f(a) = 3(a + b)(a - b) \neq 0$

So $f(n) = 3n^2 - 1$ is 1-1.

16. Suppose $f : N \rightarrow N$ has the rule $f(n) = 4n^2 - 1$. Determine whether f is onto N .

Solution: According to the definition:

a function f is onto if $\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$

$\forall b \in N$, we suppose there exists an natural number a that $b = 4a^2 - 1$

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{b+1}{4}}$$

However a is not always natural number.

For example, $b = 1$, then $a = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

So, we can say that $f(n) = 4n^2 - 1$ is not onto N .

17. Suppose $g : R \rightarrow R$ where $g(x) = \lfloor \frac{x-1}{2} \rfloor$.

(i) Is g 1-1?

(ii) Is g onto R

Solution:

(i) g is not 1-1.

For example, $a = 1.1$, $b = 1.2$, obviously, $a \neq b$

then $g(a) = \lfloor \frac{1.1-1}{2} \rfloor = 0 = \lfloor \frac{1.2-1}{2} \rfloor = g(b)$

It is contradict with the definition of one-to-one function. So g is not 1-1.

(ii) g is not onto R

Because the range of function g is Z , so we can choose a fraction from R .

For example, $g(a) = \lfloor \frac{a-1}{2} \rfloor = \frac{3}{2}$

when $a < 3$, $g(a) < \lfloor \frac{3-1}{2} \rfloor = 1$

when $3 \leq a < 5$, $g(a) = 1$

when $a > 5$, $g(a) > \lfloor \frac{5-1}{2} \rfloor = 2$

so there is no a that can let function g be $\frac{3}{2}$, which $\frac{3}{2} \in R$.

In questions 18-19 suppose $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $f : B \rightarrow C$ where $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $C = \{2, 3, 6, 8\}$, and g and f are defined by $g = \{(a, 2), (b, 1), (c, 3), (d, 2)\}$ and $f = \{(1, 8), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$.

18. Find $f \circ g$.

Solution: For all $x \in A$

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

$$\therefore f \circ g(a) = f(g(a)) = f(2) = 3$$

$$f \circ g(b) = f(g(b)) = f(1) = 8$$

$$f \circ g(c) = f(g(c)) = f(3) = 2$$

$$f \circ g(d) = f(g(d)) = f(2) = 3$$

$$\text{So } f \circ g = \{(a, 3), (b, 8), (c, 2), (d, 3)\}$$

19. Find f^{-1} .

Solution: We can see that f is one-to-one, so there exists an f^{-1} that $f^{-1} \circ f(x) = x$ when $x \in B$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(f(1)) = f^{-1}(8) = 1$$

$$f^{-1}(f(2)) = f^{-1}(3) = 2$$

$$f^{-1}(f(3)) = f^{-1}(2) = 3$$

$$\text{So } f^{-1} = \{(8, 1), (3, 2), (2, 3)\}$$

20. Suppose $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $f : B \rightarrow C$, where $f \circ g$ is 1-1 and g is 1-1. Must f be 1-1?

Solution: The statement that " f be 1-1" is FALSE.

We can create a counterexample:

$A = \{1\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$, $C = \{4\}$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $f : B \rightarrow C$ are defined by $g = \{(1, 2)\}$ and $f = \{(2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

$$\text{So } f \circ g = \{(1, 4)\}$$

Obviously, g and $f \circ g$ are 1-1, but f is not 1-1.

21. Suppose $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $f : B \rightarrow C$, where $f \circ g$ is 1-1 and f is 1-1. Must g be 1-1?

Solution: We suppose that g is not 1-1.

Which means there exists $a, b \in A$ and $a \neq b$, but $g(a) = g(b) = c$

So that $f \circ g(a) = f(g(a)) = f(c) = f(g(b)) = f \circ g(b)$

It is contradict with the premise that $f \circ g$ is 1-1.

So our hypothesis is false, which means g is 1-1.

22. Verify that $a_n = 3^n + 1$ is a solution to the recurrence relation $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2}$.

Solution: when $n > 2$

$$\begin{aligned} 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} &= 4 \times (3^{n-1} + 1) - 3 \times (3^{n-2} + 1) \\ &= 4 \times 3^{n-1} + 4 - 3 \times 3^{n-2} - 3 \\ &= (4 - 1) \times 3^{n-1} + 1 \\ &= 3^n + 1 \\ &= a_n \end{aligned}$$

23. You take a job that pays \$25,000 annually.

(a) How much do you earn n years from now if you receive a three percent raise each year?

(b) How much do you earn n years from now if you receive a five percent raise each year?

(c) How much do you earn n years from now if each year you receive a raise of \$1000 plus two percent of your previous year's salary.

Solution:

(a).Consider the salary sequence $\{a_n\}$:

$$a_1 = 25000$$

$$a_2 = 25000 \times (1 + 3\%)$$

...

$$a_n = 25000 \times (1 + 3\%)^{n-1}$$

...

So it is a geometric progression.

$$S_n = 25000 \times \frac{1 - (1 + 3\%)^n}{1 - (1 + 3\%)} = 25000 \times \frac{100}{3} \times ((1 + 3\%)^n - 1)$$

(b).It is the same condition with problem(a), so the answer is:

$$S_n = 25000 \times \frac{1 - (1 + 5\%)^n}{1 - (1 + 5\%)} = 25000 \times \frac{100}{5} \times ((1 + 5\%)^n - 1)$$

(c).Consider the salary sequence $\{a_n\}$:

$$a_1 = 25000$$

$$\text{when } n > 1, a_n = a_{n-1} + 1000 + 2\% \times a_{n-1} = 1.02a_{n-1} + 1000$$

So we suppose $a_n + t = 1.02(a_{n-1} + t)$

$$\therefore a_n = 1.02a_{n-1} + 0.02t$$

$$\therefore t = 50000$$

$$\therefore a_n + 50000 = 1.02(a_{n-1} + 50000) = 1.02(1.02(a_{n-2} + 50000))$$

$$= \dots = 1.02^{n-1}(a_1 + 50000) = 1.02^{n-1} \times 75000$$

$$\text{So } a_n = 1.02^{n-1} \times 75000 - 50000$$

$$\text{So } S_n = 75000 \times \frac{1 - 1.02^n}{1 - 1.02} - 50000n$$

24. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Find A^n where n is a positive integer.

Solution 1:

$$\therefore A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^n = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)^n$$

$$= C_n^0 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^n + C_n^1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + C_n^{n-1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{n-1} + C_n^n \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$$

Solution 2:

$$\therefore \text{let } |\lambda E - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -5 \\ -2 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

we can get that $\lambda_1 = \frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2}$ and $\lambda_2 = \frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2}$ is eigenvalues of A

we let $(\lambda_1 E - A)v = 0$ and $v = (x_1, x_2)^T$

we can get one solution that $v_1 = (10, 1 + \sqrt{41})^T$ is an eigenvectors of A

In the same way, we let $(\lambda_2 E - A)v = 0$ and $v = (x_1, x_2)^T$

we can get one solution that $v_2 = (10, 1 - \sqrt{41})^T$ is another eigenvectors of A

$$\text{So, we let } P = (v_1^T, v_2^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 10 \\ 1 + \sqrt{41} & 1 - \sqrt{41} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{We can get } \text{adj}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{41} & -10 \\ -1 - \sqrt{41} & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } P^{-1} = \frac{1}{p} \text{adj}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{-20\sqrt{41}} & \frac{-10}{-20\sqrt{41}} \\ \frac{-1-\sqrt{41}}{-20\sqrt{41}} & \frac{10}{-20\sqrt{41}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2} \end{pmatrix} P$$

$$\therefore A^n = \left[P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2} \end{pmatrix} P \right]^n = \underbrace{P^{-1} \text{Diag}(A) P \cdot P^{-1} \text{Diag}(A) P \cdots P^{-1} \text{Diag}(A) P}_n$$

$$= P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2} \end{pmatrix}^n P$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{-20\sqrt{41}} & \frac{-10}{-20\sqrt{41}} \\ \frac{-1-\sqrt{41}}{-20\sqrt{41}} & \frac{10}{-20\sqrt{41}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 10 \\ 1 + \sqrt{41} & 1 - \sqrt{41} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{10(1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n - \frac{10(1+\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n & \frac{10(1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n - \frac{10(1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n \\ \frac{10(-1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n + \frac{10(1+\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n & \frac{10(-1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n + \frac{10(1-\sqrt{41})}{-20\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n + \frac{1+\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n & -\frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n + \frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n - \frac{1+\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n & \frac{1+\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2})^n - \frac{1-\sqrt{41}}{2\sqrt{41}} \times (\frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2})^n \end{pmatrix}$$