

Problem 3.7 list all of the subsets of $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}$

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Theorem 3.8 Let A be a set. Then

(a) $A \subseteq A$

Assume that set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

according to definition 3.6 A is a subset of A because every element within set A is in itself, which therefore makes it a subset.

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(b) $\emptyset \subseteq A$.

Assume that set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Every set also contains the empty set.

Therefore A can be rewritten as $A = \{\{\}, 1, 2, 3\}$

This means that according to definition 3.6 the empty set is a subset of set A .

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Problem 3.9 Suppose A and B are sets. Describe a skeleton proof for proving that $A \subseteq B$.

Assume that we have two sets A and B .

For A to be a subset of B every element in A must be in B

Let x be an arbitrary element in A

Since A is a subset of B , every element in A must also be in B

Therefore, x must be an element in B

Because x was chosen arbitrarily we have shown that every element in A is also in B , and therefore, $A \subseteq B$

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Problem 3.10 (Transitivity of Subsets). Suppose that A , B , and C are sets. If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$.

To prove that $A \subseteq C$ we must show that every element in A is also in C

Let x be an arbitrary element in A

Because $A \subseteq B$, x is in B

Furthermore, because $B \subseteq C$, x is in C

Therefore, x is an element of both A and C which implies that $A \subseteq C$.

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Problem 3.18 Suppose that the universe of discourse is $U = \{x, y, z, \{y\}, \{x, z\}\}$. Let $S = \{x, y, z\}$ and $T = \{x, \{y\}\}$. Find each of the following.

(a) $S \cap T$

$$S \cap T = \{x, y, z\} \cap \{x, \{y\}\} = \{x\}$$

(b) $(S \cup T)^c$

$$(S \cup T)^c = (\{x, y, z\} \cup \{x, \{y\}\})^c = \{\{x, z\}\}$$

(c) $T \setminus S$

$$T \setminus S = \{\{y\}\}$$

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Theorem 3.19 If A and B are sets such that $A \subseteq B$, then $B^c \subseteq A^c$.

To prove this theorem we need to show that every element in B^c is in A^c

Let x be an arbitrary element in B^c . Because $x \in B^c$, $x \notin B$

This means that x is also not an element of A

Therefore, x is an element of A^c

This shows that x is an element of B^c and A^c , which proves that $B^c \subseteq A^c$.

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Theorem 3.20 If A and B are sets, then $A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$

Let $x \in A \setminus B$,

This implies $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$

which also implies $x \in B^c$ and $x \in A$

Therefore showing that $x \in A \cap B^c$ (i)

Now let $y \in A \cap B^c$

this implies $y \in A$ and $y \in B^c$

this then implies $y \in A$ and $y \notin B$

therefore $y \in A \setminus B$ (ii)

from (i) and (ii) we have now proven that $A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$

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Theorem 3.21 (De Morgan's Law). If A and B are sets, then

(a) $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Let $x \in (A \cup B)^c$

This means $x \notin (A \cup B)$

which implies $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$

Therefore, $x \in A^c$ and $x \in B^c$

Hence, $x \in A^c \cap B^c$ (i)

Now let $y \in A^c \cap B^c$

this means $y \in A^c$ or $y \in B^c$

which implies $y \notin A$ or $y \notin B$

Therefore, $y \notin (A \cup B)$

Hence, $y \in (A \cup B)^c$ (ii)

From (i) and (ii) we have proven that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

(b) $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

we can use a similar proof for this theorem.

Let $x \in (A \cap B)^c$

this means $x \notin (A \cap B)$

which implies $x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$

therefore, $x \in A^c$ or $x \in B^c$

Hence, $x \in A^c \cup B^c$ (i)

Now, let $y \in A^c \cup B^c$

this means $y \in A^c$ and $y \in B^c$

which implies $y \notin A$ and $y \notin B$

therefore, $y \notin (A \cap B)$

hence $y \in (A \cap B)^c$ (ii)

from (i) and (ii) we have proven that $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

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Theorem 3.22 (Distribution of Union and Intersection). If A , B , and C are sets, then

(a) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Let x be any element of $A \cup (B \cap C)$

Then, $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$

this shows that $x \in A$ or $x \in (B \cap C)$

which implies that $x \in A$ or $(x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)$

which then implies that $(x \in A \text{ or } x \in B)$ and $(x \in A \text{ or } x \in C)$

therefore, $x \in A \cup B$ and $x \in A \cup C$

hence, $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ (i)

Now let y be any element of $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Then $y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

this shows that $y \in (A \cup B)$ and $y \in (A \cup C)$

which implies $(y \in A \text{ or } y \in B)$ and $(y \in A \text{ or } y \in C)$

which also implies $y \in A$ or $(y \in B \text{ and } y \in C)$

therefore $y \in A$ or $y \in (B \cap C)$

hence, $y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ (ii)

From (i) and (ii) we have now proven $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

(b) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Let x be any element of $A \cap (B \cup C)$

Then $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$

this shows that $x \in A$ and $x \in (B \cup C)$

which implies $x \in A$ and $(x \in B \text{ or } x \in C)$

which also implies $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in B)$ or $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)$

therefore $x \in (A \cap B)$ or $x \in (A \cap C)$

hence $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ (i)

Now let y be any element of $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Then, $y \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

this shows that $(y \in A \text{ and } y \in B)$ or $(y \in A \text{ and } y \in C)$

which implies that $y \in A$ and $(y \in B \text{ or } y \in C)$

which also implies that $y \in A$ and $y \in (B \cup C)$

therefore, $y \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ (ii)

From (i) and (ii) we have now proven $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

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Problem 3.23 For each of the statements (a)-(d) on the left, find an equivalent symbolic proposition chosen from the list (i)-(v) on the right. Note that not every statement on the right will get used.

(a) $A \subsetneq B = V$

(b) $A \cap B = \emptyset = (ii)$

(c) $(A \cup B)^c = \emptyset = (iii)$

(d) $(A \cap B)^c = \emptyset = (iV)$

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