

# Homework 5

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1. (a)  $\{\emptyset\}$   
 (b)  $\{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{0, 1, 3\}\}$   
 (c)  $\{a \in \mathbb{N} \mid a \text{ is even}\}$   
 (d) 4  
 (e) 3
2. (a) *Proof.*  $\forall x(x \cup \emptyset = x)$

Let  $x$  be a set

By the definition of union,  $x \cup \emptyset = \{a \mid a \in x \vee a \in \emptyset\}$

We know that  $\forall a(a \notin \emptyset)$

Because  $a \notin \emptyset$ , we can simplify  $a \in x \vee a \in \emptyset$  to  $a \in x$

Therefore,  $x \cup \emptyset = \{a \mid a \in x\}$

By definition,  $\{a \mid a \in x\} = x$

Finally,  $x \cup \emptyset = x$

$\forall x(x \cup \emptyset = x)$

□

- (b) *Proof.*  $\forall x(x \cap \emptyset = \emptyset)$

Let  $x$  be a set

By the definition of intersection,  $x \cap \emptyset = \{a \mid a \in x \wedge a \in \emptyset\}$

We know that  $\forall a(a \notin \emptyset)$

Because  $a \notin \emptyset$ ,  $a \in x \wedge a \in \emptyset$  is always false

Therefore,  $x \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

So,  $\forall x(x \cap \emptyset = \emptyset)$

□

- (c) *Proof.*  $\forall x \forall y(x \cap y \subseteq x)$

Let  $x, y$  be sets

By the definition of intersection,  $x \cap y = \{a \mid a \in x \wedge a \in y\}$

If  $a \in x \cap y$ , then  $a \in x$

Therefore, by the definition of a subset,  $x \cap y \subseteq x$

Finally,  $\forall x \forall y(x \cap y \subseteq x)$

□

- (d) *Proof.*  $\forall x \forall y(x \subseteq x \cup y)$

Let  $x, y$  be sets

By the definition of union,  $x \cup y = \{a \mid a \in x \vee a \in y\}$

So,  $\forall a(a \in x \rightarrow a \in x \cup y)$

By this statement,  $x \subseteq x \cup y$

Therefore,  $\forall x \forall y(x \subseteq x \cup y)$

□

- (e) *Proof.*  $\forall x \forall y(x \cap y \subseteq x \cup y)$

Let  $x, y$  be sets

By proof (c),  $x \cap y \subseteq x$

By proof (d),  $x \subseteq x \cup y$

By the definition of a subset,  $a \in x \cap y \rightarrow a \in x$

By the definition of a subset,  $a \in x \rightarrow a \in x \cup y$

By applying the hypothetical,  $a \in x \cap y \rightarrow a \in x \cup y$

According to the def. of subset,  $x \cap y \subseteq x \cup y$

Therefore,  $\forall x \forall y(x \cap y \subseteq x \cup y)$

□

3. *Proof.*  $\forall x \forall y ((x \cup y) \setminus (x \cap y) = (x \setminus y) \cup (y \setminus x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x \cup y) \setminus (x \cap y) = \\
& = \{a \mid a \in x \vee a \in y\} \setminus \{a \mid a \in x \wedge a \in y\} && \text{Def. of union} \\
& = \{a \mid (a \in x \vee a \in y) \wedge \neg(a \in x \wedge a \in y)\} && \text{Def. of set subtraction} \\
& = \{a \mid (a \in x \vee a \in y) \wedge (a \notin x \vee a \notin y)\} && \text{DeMorgan's} \\
& = \{a \mid ((a \in x \vee a \in y) \wedge a \notin x) \vee ((a \in x \vee a \in y) \wedge a \notin y)\} && \text{Distribution} \\
& = \{a \mid ((a \in x \wedge a \notin x) \vee (a \in y \wedge a \notin x)) \vee ((a \in x \wedge a \notin y) \vee (a \in y \wedge a \notin y))\} && \text{Distribution} \\
& = \{a \mid (a \in y \wedge a \notin x) \vee (a \in x \wedge a \notin y)\} && \text{Negation and Domination} \\
& = \{a \mid a \in (y \setminus x) \vee a \in (x \setminus y)\} && \text{Def. of set subtraction} \\
& = (x \setminus y) \cup (y \setminus x) && \text{Def. of union}
\end{aligned}$$

□

4. *Proof.*  $\forall x (P(x) \not\subseteq x)$

Let  $x$  be a set  
Assume  $P(x) \subseteq x$   
By the definition of the power set,  $x \in P(x)$   
By def. of subset, if  $x \in P(x) \wedge P(x) \subseteq x$ , then  $x \in x$   
We have proved that  $\forall x (x \notin x)$   
Therefore,  $\forall x (P(x) \not\subseteq x)$

□

5. (a) *Proof.*  $\forall x \forall y (P(x) \cup P(y) \subseteq P(x \cup y))$

Let  $x, y$  be sets  
By definition of power set,  $P(x) \cup P(y) = \{a \mid a \subseteq x\} \cup \{b \mid b \subseteq y\}$   
By definition of union,  $P(x) \cup P(y) = \{a \mid a \subseteq x \vee a \subseteq y\}$   
By def. of power set,  $P(x \cup y) = \{a \mid a \subseteq x \cup y\}$   
By proof (2d), we know that  $\forall x \forall y (x \subseteq x \cup y)$   
So, if  $a \subseteq x \wedge x \subseteq x \cup y$ , then by subset transitivity,  $a \subseteq x \cup y$   
Similarly, if  $a \subseteq y \wedge y \subseteq x \cup y$ , then by subset transitivity,  $a \subseteq x \cup y$   
Thus,  $a \in P(x) \cup P(y) \rightarrow a \in P(x \cup y)$   
By def. of subset,  $P(x) \cup P(y) \subseteq P(x \cup y)$   
Therefore,  $\forall x \forall y (P(x) \cup P(y) \subseteq P(x \cup y))$

□

(b) *Proof.*  $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \cup P(y) \neq P(x \cup y))$

Let  $x, y$  be sets s.t.  $x = \{0\}$  and  $y = \{1\}$   
 $P(x) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}\}$   
 $P(y) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$   
 $P(x) \cup P(y) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}\}$   
 $P(x \cup y) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$   
In this case,  $P(x) \cup P(y) \neq P(x \cup y)$

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