

Elements of Algebra I: Homework #1

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Problem 1

1. The elements of the set are all numbers between 1 and 3, excluding 1 and 3
2. An empty set

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \cap (B \setminus C) &:= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ and } x \notin C)\} \\
 &= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ and } x \notin C\} \\
 &= \{x : (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ and } x \notin C\} \\
 &= \{x : x \in A \cap B \text{ and } x \notin C\} \\
 &= (A \cap B) \setminus C
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \cap B)^c &:= \{x \in S \text{ and } x \notin (A \cap B)\} \\
 &= \{x \in S \text{ and } x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B\} \\
 &= \{x \in S \text{ and } x \notin A\} \cap \{x \in S \text{ and } x \notin B\} \\
 &= \{x \in S \text{ and } x \in A^c\} \cap \{x \in S \text{ and } x \in B^c\} \\
 &= A^c \cap B^c
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \times B) \cap (C \times D) &= \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\} \cap \{(x, y) : x \in C \text{ and } y \in D\} \\
 &= \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } x \in C \text{ and } y \in D\} \\
 &= \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } y \in D\} \\
 &= \{(x, y) : x \in A \cap C \text{ and } y \in B \cap D\} \\
 &= (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS = (\neg(p \rightarrow q)) &= \neg(\neg p \vee (p \wedge q)) = p \wedge \neg(p \wedge q) = p \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q) = (p \wedge \neg p) \vee (p \wedge \neg q) \\
 &= False \vee p \wedge \neg q = p \wedge \neg q = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6

Suppose the two numbers are a and b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a &= 2x + 1, b = 2y + 1 \\
 a + b &= 2x + 2y + 2 = 2(x + y + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

So the sum of the two odd number is even

Problem 7

Suppose $x+4$ is odd, then $\exists y \ x + 4 = 2y + 1 \ x + 7 = x + 4 + 3 = 2y + 1 + 3 = 2(y + 2)$

So $x+7$ is even.

On the other hand, suppose $x+7$ is even then $\exists y \ x + 7 = 2y \ x + 4 = x + 7 - 3 = 2y - 3 = 2(y - 2) + 1$

So $x+4$ is odd

Problem 8

$$A = \{1, 2\}$$

$$B = \{2, 3\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{1\}$$

$$B \setminus A = \{3\}$$