

Puzzle: $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \sqrt{x+2} + 2 = 0$.

proof: $\sqrt{x+2} = -2$

$$(\sqrt{x+2})^2 = (-2)^2$$

$$x+2 = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

\leftarrow This step is incorrect.

Ex 3.6.3. If $x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge x \neq 2$, then there exist an unique $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\frac{2y}{y+1} = x$

Proof: let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and assume $x \neq 2$. Let $y = \frac{x}{2-x}$, which is well-defined since $x \neq 2$. Then:

$$\frac{2y}{y+1} = \frac{2 \frac{x}{2-x}}{\frac{x}{2-x} + 1} = \frac{2x}{x+2-x} = x. \quad \leftarrow \text{(exist).}$$

To see that the result is unique. suppose $\frac{2z}{z+1} = x$. Then $2z = x(z+1)$ and $z = \frac{x}{2-x} = y$. \leftarrow (unique).

Exercise 8: Let U be a set. $\forall A \subseteq U$, there is a unique $B \subseteq U$ such that $\forall C \subseteq U$, $C \setminus A = C \cap B$.

Given

$$A \subseteq U$$

$$B \subseteq U$$

Goal

$$\forall A \exists! B \forall C. C \setminus A = C \cap B.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \exists! B \forall C. C \setminus A = C \cap B.$$

$$\exists! B \forall C. \dots$$



$$B = U \setminus A.$$

$$\forall C \subset U. C \setminus A = C \cap (U \setminus A)$$

$$\hookrightarrow C \setminus A = C \cap (U \setminus A)$$

$$\hookrightarrow C \setminus A \subseteq C \cap (U \setminus A)$$

$$\hookrightarrow C \cap (U \setminus A) \subseteq C \setminus A$$

these are easy to prove.

$$C \subseteq U$$

$$A \subseteq U$$

$$\forall D (\forall C. C \setminus A = C \cap D) \rightarrow D = (U \setminus A)$$

$$\forall D (\forall C. C \setminus A = C \cap D)$$

$$C = U \hookrightarrow \forall D (U \setminus A = U \cap D)$$

$$D = U \setminus A$$

$$U \cap D = D$$

Proof: let u be a set and let $a \in u$.

Existence: Take $B = u \setminus A$. let arbitrary $C \subseteq u$. let $x = C \cap A$.
so $x \in C \cap x \notin A$. Since $C \subseteq u$ $x \in u$. so $x \in u \cap x \notin A$.
so $x \in u \setminus A$. Since $x \in C$. so $x \in C \cap (u \setminus A)$. let $x \in C \cap (u \setminus A)$
then $x \in C \cap (u \setminus A)$, $x \in C$, $x \in u$, $x \notin A$, so $x \in u \setminus A$.
Therefore $C \cap A = C \cap (u \setminus A)$ \square

Uniqueness, Suppose $D \subseteq u$, as the property, $C \cap A = C \cap D$ for every $C \subseteq u$. Taking $C = u$, we get that $u \cap A = u \cap D$.
Since $D \subseteq u$, we have $u \cap D = D$, so $D = u \cap A = B$. \square

Ex 3.6.4. Suppose A, B, C are sets. $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$, A has exactly one element, prove $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$

Given

Goal

$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$
 $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$
 $\exists! x \ x \in A$
 $\exists x \ x \in A \cap B$
 $\exists x \ x \in A \cap C$
 $b \in B \cap A$
 $c \in C \cap A$
 $b = x$
 $c = x$
 $b = c = x$

$\exists y \ y \in B \cap C$

Proof: Given A, B are not disjoint, there exist b that $b \in A$ and $b \in B$. Similarly, given A, C are not disjoint, there exist c such that $c \in A$ and $c \in C$. Since A has only one element, $b = c$. Therefore, $b \in C$ and $c \in B$. Since $b \in C$ and $b \in B$, B and C are not disjoint. \square