

Problems on Sets

Problem 1.14 $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

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

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

A is not a subset of B
since $1 \in A$ and $1 \notin B$

A set is a collection of elements.

$$S \cap T = \{u \mid u \in S \text{ and } u \in T\}$$

$$S \cup T = \{u \mid u \in S \text{ or } u \in T\}$$

A subset of S is a set A such that

if $a \in A$ then $a \in S$.

Write $A \subseteq S$.

Problem 1.15 $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $A = \{2, 4\}$

$$U \setminus A = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$\emptyset \subseteq A$$

$A \not\subseteq \emptyset$ since

$2 \in A$ and $2 \notin \emptyset$

$$U \setminus A = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$

The empty set \emptyset is the set with no elements

Problem 1.18 $A = \{0, 1\}$ and $B = \{u, v, w\}$

= Exercise 1.4

$$A \times B = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, u), (0, v), (0, w) \\ (1, u), (1, v), (1, w) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$S \times T = \{(s, t) \mid s \in S \text{ and } t \in T\}$$

$A \times B$ contains $6 = 2 \cdot 3$ elements.

If $|A| = a$ and $|B| = b$ then $|A \times B| = ab$.

Let S and T be sets.

The sets S and T are equal if S and T satisfy

$$S \subseteq T \text{ and } T \subseteq S.$$

Write $S = T$ if S and T are equal.

Problem 1.16 Prove that

If A and B are sets then $A \cap B \subseteq A$.

Proof Assume A and B are sets.

To show: $A \cap B \subseteq A$.

To show: If $x \in A \cap B$ then $x \in A$.

Assume $x \in A \cap B$. To show: $x \in A$.

Since $x \in A \cap B$ then $x \in A$ and $x \in B$.

So $x \in A$.

So $A \cap B \subseteq A$. \parallel

Problem 1.17 Prove that

$A = B$ if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

Proof: This statement is the definition of $A = B$. \parallel

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Problem 1.24 = Exercise 1.9 Prove that

$A \subseteq B$ if and only if $A \cup B = B$.

Proof: To show: (a) If $A \subseteq B$ then $A \cup B = B$.

(b) If $A \cup B = B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

(a) Assume $A \subseteq B$. To show: $A \cup B = B$.

To show: (aa) $A \cup B \subseteq B$.

(ab) $B \subseteq A \cup B$.

(aa) To show: If $x \in A \cup B$ then $x \in B$.

Assume $x \in A \cup B$. To show: $x \in B$

Since $x \in A \cup B$ then $x \in A$ or $x \in B$.

To show: $x \in B$.

Case 1: $x \in A$.

Since $A \subseteq B$ then $x \in B$.

Case 2: $x \in B$

Then $x \in B$.

So $A \cup B \subseteq B$.

(ab) To show: $B \subseteq A \cup B$.

To show: If $y \in B$ then $y \in A \cup B$.

Assume $y \in B$. By definition of $A \cup B$

then $y \in A \cup B$. So $B \subseteq A \cup B$. \square $A \cup B = B$.

(b) To show: If $A \cup B = B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

Assume $A \cup B = B$. To show: $A \subseteq B$.

To show: If $x \in A$ then $x \in B$.

Assume $x \in A$. To show: $x \in B$.

Since $x \in A$ then $x \in A \cup B$.

Since $A \cup B = B$ then $x \in B$.

So $A \subseteq B$. \square

Exercise 1.3 Prove that

if $A = B$ then $A \subseteq B$.

Proof Assume $A = B$. To show: $A \subseteq B$.

Since $A = B$ then $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

So $A \subseteq B$. \square

Exercise 1.4 Prove that

If $A \subseteq B$ then $A = B$. (*)

Counterexample:

Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Then $A \subseteq B$ (since $1 \in B$ and $2 \in B$).

Also $B \not\subseteq A$ since $3 \in B$ and $3 \notin A$.

So $A \neq B$ since $B \not\subseteq A$.

So (*) does not ^{always} hold.