

Naive Set Theory: Solutions Manual

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2 Misc. Exercises

2.1 Logical Operators

Exercise 2.1. We show that \wedge, \vee are commutative. We do this via truth table.


Proof. Consider the logical sentences p, q and the following truth table:

p	q	$p \vee q$	$q \vee p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F

Thus, $p \vee q \iff q \vee p$ 

Proof. Consider the logical sentences p and q and the following truth table:

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$q \wedge p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F


Thus, $p \wedge q \iff q \wedge p$. 

2.2 Logical Rules

Exercise 2.2. We show that $p \vee p \iff p$ and $p \wedge p \iff p$, via truth table.


Proof. Consider the logical sentence p and the following truth table:

p	$p \vee p$
T	T
F	F

Thus, $p \vee p \iff p$ 

Proof. Consider the logical sentence p and the following truth table:


p	$p \wedge p$
T	T
F	F

Thus, $p \iff p \wedge p$. 

Exercise 2.3. We show that $p \Rightarrow p \vee q$ via truth table.

Proof. Consider the logical sentences p and q and the following truth table:

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Thus, if p is true, $p \vee q$ is true, i.e. $p \Rightarrow p \vee q$. 

3 Unordered Pairs

Exercise 3.1. Consider the sets \emptyset , $\{\emptyset\}$, $\{\{\emptyset\}\}$, etc.; Consider all the pairs such as $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$, formed by two of them; consider the pairs formed by any such two pairs, or else mixed pairs formed by a singleton and any pair; and proceed ad infinitum. Are all the sets obtained in this way distinct from one another?

Yes, all sets obtained in this way are distinct.

Proof. By the axiom of pairing, we can form A and B as given, and by the axiom of specification, they are the only such sets which contain their elements. Suppose, to the contrary, that $A = B$.

If $A = B$, then for all $a \in A$, $a \in B$, and for all $b \in B$, $b \in A$. Now, either A and B are singletons, or they are pairs.

- *A and B are singletons:* Say, $A = \{a\}$, and $B = \{b\}$. Thus, by the *Axiom of Extension*, we have $a = b$. Implying that A and B were formed in the same way.
- *A and B are pairs:* Let $A = \{a, a'\}$, $B = \{b, b'\}$. Without loss of generality, suppose that $a = b$, and $a' = b'$. If this is the case, then by the *Axiom of Extension*, again, we have that a, b were obtained in the same fashion, as well as a', b' . But in this case, A and B were constructed in the same manner.

Either way, we have a contradiction. Thus, A and B are formed distinctly. 🌱

4 Unions and Intersections

Throughout these exercises we consider a arbitrary non-empty collection \mathcal{C} , of sets. For simplicity we will assume that $\mathcal{C} = \{A, B, C\}$ for arbitrary non-empty sets (unless specified) A, B, C and will make liberal use of the notation $\{x : S(x)\}$, in-place of the more precises yet cumbersome notation $\{x \in \bigcup \mathcal{C} : S(x)\}$.

Exercise 4.1. *We show the following:*

$$A \cup \emptyset = A \tag{1}$$

$$A \cup B = B \cup A \tag{2}$$

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C \tag{3}$$

$$A \cup A = A \tag{4}$$

$$A \subset B \iff A \cup B = B \tag{5}$$

Proof. (\iff) Since \emptyset has no elements, for all $a \in \bigcup \mathcal{C}$, $a \notin \emptyset$ and we have,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cup \emptyset = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in \emptyset\} &\iff x \in A \vee x \in \emptyset = \{x\} \\ &\iff x \in A \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $A \cup \emptyset = A$ 

Proof. (\iff)

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\} = \{x : x \in B \vee x \in A\} = B \cup A$$



Proof. (\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cup (B \cup C) &\iff x \in A \vee x \in B \cup C \\ &\iff x \in A \vee x \in B \vee x \in C \\ &\iff x \in \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\} \vee x \in C \\ &\iff x \in A \cup B \vee x \in C \\ &\iff x \in (A \cup B) \cup C \end{aligned}$$



Proof. (\iff)

$$A \cup A = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in A\} = \{x : x \in A\} = A$$



Proof.

(\Rightarrow) We note that $A \subset B$ iff for all $x \in A$, $x \in B$. Thus, we have that

$$x \in A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\} \Rightarrow x \in A \vee x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B$$

by the comments above. And likewise,

$$x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B \vee x \in A \Rightarrow x \in \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\} \Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$$

That is, $A \cup B = B$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $A \cup B = B$. Then,

$$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in \{x : x \in A \cup x \in B\} = A \cup B = B$$

That is, $A \subset B$.



Exercise 4.2. We show the following:

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \tag{1}$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A \tag{2}$$

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C \tag{3}$$

$$A \cap A = A \tag{4}$$

$$A \subset B \iff A \cap B = A \tag{5}$$

$$\tag{6}$$

Proof. (1) Suppose that $A \neq \emptyset$, then

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cap \emptyset = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in \emptyset\} &\Rightarrow x \in \emptyset \wedge x \in A \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} (\emptyset \subset A) \wedge (\emptyset \subset \emptyset) \\ \Rightarrow \emptyset \subset A \cap \emptyset \end{aligned}$$



Proof. (2) (\iff)

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} = \{x : x \in B \wedge x \in A\} = B \cap A$$

Proof. (3) (\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cap (B \cap C) &\iff x \in A \wedge x \in B \cap C = \{x : x \in B \wedge x \in C\} \\ &\iff x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C \\ &\iff x \in \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \wedge x \in C \\ &\iff x \in A \cap B \wedge x \in C \\ &\iff x \in (A \cap B) \cap C \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (4) (\iff)

$$A \cap A = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in A\} = \{x : x \in A\} = A$$

Proof. (5)

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that $A, B \neq \emptyset$. We note that $A \subset B$ iff for all $x \in A, x \in B$; then,

$$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A \cap B$$

And likewise,

$$x \in A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A$$

That is, $A \cap B = A$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $A \cap B = A$. Then,

$$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B$$

That is, $A \subset B$.

Exercise 4.3. We wish show that $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C) \iff C \subset A$:
We first show (1) in the following, noting that (2) was proved in the text;
From page fifteen,

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \tag{1}$$

and,

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \tag{2}$$

Proof. (\Rightarrow)


Suppose that not all of A, B, C are the emptyset. Then,

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \cup C$$

Now, either $x \in B$ or $x \in C$:

$$x \in B \wedge x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$x \in C \wedge x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \cap C \Rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

Either way, $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. To prove the reverse inclusion, we note that similar logic holds; either $x \in A \cap B$ or $x \in A \cap C$. 

Now, we show that $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C) \iff C \subset A$:

Proof.

(\Leftarrow)

Suppose that $C \subset A$. Then, for all $x \in C$, $x \in A$; By *Exercise 4.1.5* and the proof above, we have the following:

$$(A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C) = A \cap (B \cup C) \quad (3)$$


(\Rightarrow)

Suppose that $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in C &\Rightarrow x \in \{x : x \in A \cap B \vee x \in C\} \\ &= (A \cap B) \cup C \\ &= A \cap (B \cup C) \end{aligned}$$

by the assumption. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in C &\Rightarrow x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \cup C \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \end{aligned}$$

That is, $C \subset A$. 

5 Complements and Powers

Throughout these exercises we assume that "all sets are subsets of one and the same set \mathcal{E} , and that all complements (unless otherwise specified) are formed relative to that \mathcal{E} " (Halmos). Likewise, we will often use the more convenient, yet less accurate notation $\{x : S(x)\}$ in place of $\{x \in \mathcal{E} : S(x)\}$

Exercise 5.1. *We prove the following:*

$$A - B = A \cap B^c \tag{1}$$

$$A \subset B \iff A - B = \emptyset \tag{2}$$

$$A - (A - B) = A \cap B \tag{3}$$

$$A \cap (A - C) = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C) \tag{4}$$

$$A \cap B \subset (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C^c) \tag{5}$$

$$(A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C^c) \subset A \cup B \tag{6}$$

Proof. (1) (\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} A - B &= \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\} \\ &\iff x \in A \wedge x \notin B \\ &\iff x \in A \wedge x \in B^c \\ &\iff x \in A \cap B^c \end{aligned}$$



Proof. (2)

(\implies) Suppose that $A - B \neq \emptyset$, but $A \subset B$; since $A \subset B$, if $x \in A$, $x \in B$. Thus, if $x \in A - B = \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$, $x \notin B$. However $x \in A$, which implies $x \in B$: A contradiction.

(\impliedby) Suppose that $A - B = \emptyset$ and that there exists some $x \in A$ which is not in B , i.e. $A \not\subset B$. However this is a contradiction since

$$x \in A \wedge x \notin B \implies x \in \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\} = A - B$$

and yet $A - B = \emptyset$.



Proof. (3) (\iff)

By the proof above,

$$\begin{aligned}
A - (A - B) &= A - (A \cap B^c) = \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \notin A \cap B^c\} \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge x \notin A \cap B^c \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge x \notin B^c \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge x \in B \\
&\iff x \in \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} = A \cap B
\end{aligned}$$



Proof. (4) (\iff)

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in A \cap (B - C) &\iff x \in A \wedge x \in (B - C) \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge x \in \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in B \wedge x \notin C\} \\
&\iff x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \notin C \\
&\iff x \notin \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \in C\} \wedge x \in A \cap B \\
&\iff x \notin A \cap C \wedge x \in A \cap B \\
&\iff x \in \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \notin A \cap C \wedge x \in A \cap B\} \\
&\iff x \in (A \cap B) - (A \cap C)
\end{aligned}$$



Proof. (5) (\Rightarrow)

Consider $C \subset \bigcup \mathcal{C}$, as stated above.

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in A \cap B &\Rightarrow x \in \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \\
&\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B \tag{1} \\
&\Rightarrow (x \in A \wedge x \in B) \wedge (x \in C \vee x \in C^c)
\end{aligned}$$

$$x \in C \wedge (1) \Rightarrow x \in A \cap C \wedge x \in B \cap C \tag{2}$$

$$x \in C^c \wedge (1) \Rightarrow x \in A \cap C^c \wedge x \in B \cap C^c \tag{3}$$

Thus, either way, $x \in (A \cap C)$ or $x \in (B \cap C^c)$, i.e. $x \in (A \cap C) \cup (A \cap C^c)$




Proof. (6) (\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C^c) &\Rightarrow x \in A \cup C \wedge x \in B \cup C^c \\
&\Rightarrow (x \in A \vee x \in C) \wedge (x \in B \vee x \in C^c)
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

We note that either $x \in C$, or $x \in C^c$:

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in C \wedge (1) &\Rightarrow x \notin C^c \wedge (x \in B \vee x \in A) \\
&\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in C^c \wedge (1) &\Rightarrow x \notin C \wedge (x \in A \vee x \in B) \\
&\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Either way, $x \in A \cup B$. 

Exercise 5.2. We show that $\mathcal{P}(E) \cap \mathcal{P}(F) = \mathcal{P}(E \cap F)$:

Proof. Let E, F be sets such that $E, F \subset \mathcal{E}$; via *Axiom of Powers*, $\mathcal{P}(E)$, $\mathcal{P}(F)$; specifically, from the discussion in Halmos¹, $\mathcal{P}(E) = \{X : X \subset E\}$, and $\mathcal{P}(F) = \{X : X \subset F\}$. Then, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
X \in \mathcal{P}(E) \cap \mathcal{P}(F) &\iff X \in \mathcal{P}(E) \wedge X \in \mathcal{P}(F) \\
&\iff X \in \{Y : Y \subset E \wedge Y \subset F\} \\
&\iff X \subset E \wedge X \subset F \\
&\iff \forall x(x \in X \Rightarrow (x \in E \wedge x \in F)) \\
&\iff \forall x \in X, x \in E \cap F \\
&\iff X = \{x \in \mathcal{E} : x \in X\} \subset E \cap F \\
&\iff X \in \{Y : Y \subset E \cap F\} \\
&= \mathcal{P}(E \cap F)
\end{aligned}$$



Exercise 5.3. We show that $\mathcal{P}(E) \cup \mathcal{P}(F) \subset \mathcal{P}(E \cup F)$:

Proof. Let E, F be given as in the discussion of proof 5.2.0. We first claim that if A, B are sets, then $(x \subset A \vee x \subset B \Rightarrow x \subset A \cup B)$. Indeed; if $x \subset A$, then $x \subset A \cup B$ and likewise, $x \subset B$ implies $x \subset B \cup A$. With this in mind, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
X \in \mathcal{P}(E) \cup \mathcal{P}(F) &= \{X : X \in \mathcal{P}(E) \vee X \in \mathcal{P}(F)\} \\
&\iff X \in \mathcal{P}(E) \vee X \in \mathcal{P}(F) \\
&\iff X \in \{Y : Y \subset E\} \vee X \in \{Y : Y \subset F\} \\
&\iff X \in \{Y : Y \subset E \vee Y \subset F\} \\
&\Rightarrow X \in \{Y : Y \subset E \cup F\} \\
&= \mathcal{P}(E \cup F)
\end{aligned}$$

¹Halmos, P. "Naive Set Theory". pg 19

Exercise 5.4. We show that $\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}(X) = \mathcal{P}(\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X)$:

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be a non-empty collection of sets.

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} z \in \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}(X) &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(z \in \mathcal{P}(X)) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(\{z\} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(z \in X) \\ &\Rightarrow z \in \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X \\ &\Rightarrow \{z\} \subset \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X \\ &\Rightarrow z \in \mathcal{P}\left(\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X\right) \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} z \in \mathcal{P}\left(\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X\right) &\Rightarrow z \in \{Y : Y \subset \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X\} \\ &\Rightarrow z \subset \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(z \subset X) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(\forall v \in z)(v \in X) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(\forall v \in z)(\{v\} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(\forall v \in z)(v \in \mathcal{P}(X)) \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})(z \in \mathcal{P}(X)) \\ &\Rightarrow z \in \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}(X) \end{aligned}$$

And this completes the proof.

Exercise 5.5. We show that $\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}(X) \subset \mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X)$:

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be a collection of sets. A common fact used in the following proof is that if $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$, then $x \subset X$ for any set X . This is indeed true, since

$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{Y : Y \subset X\}$. With this in mind, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 z \in \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{P}(X) &\Rightarrow (\exists Y \in \mathcal{C})(z \in \mathcal{P}(Y)) \\
 &\Rightarrow z \subset Y \in \mathcal{C} \\
 &\Rightarrow z \subset \{x : x \in X (\forall X \in \mathcal{C})\} = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X \\
 &\Rightarrow (\forall s \in z)(s \in \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X) \\
 &\Rightarrow (\forall s \in z)(s \in \mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X)) \\
 &\Rightarrow z \in \mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X)
 \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Exercise 5.6. We show that $\bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{P}(E)} X = \emptyset$:

Proof. Let E be a set and consider $\mathcal{P}(E) = \{Y : Y \subset E\}$. We note that this is non-empty because $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(E)$, since \emptyset is a subset of every set. We also note that the statement $(x \in \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{P}(E)} X)$ is vacuously satisfied since \emptyset has no elements. Thus, we only show the forward inclusion:

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{P}(E)} X &\Rightarrow (\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(E))(x \in X) \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in \emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(E)
 \end{aligned}$$

And this completes the proof. 

Exercise 5.7. We show that $(E \subset F \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E) \subset \mathcal{P}(F))$:

Proof. Suppose that $E \subset F$ for sets E, F . Then, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e \in \mathcal{P}(E) &\Rightarrow e \subset E \\
 &\Rightarrow (\forall x \in e)(x \in E) \\
 &\Rightarrow (\forall x \in e)(x \in F) && \text{(by Assumption)} \\
 &\Rightarrow e \subset F \\
 &\Rightarrow e \in \mathcal{P}(F) && \text{(by Definition)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Exercise 5.8. We show that $E = \bigcup \mathcal{P}(E) = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{P}(E)} X$:

Proof. Let E be a set. Then, we have the following:

(\Leftarrow)


$$\begin{aligned}x \in \bigcup \mathcal{P}(E) &\Rightarrow (\exists Y \in \mathcal{P}(E))(x \in Y) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in Y \subset E \\ &\Rightarrow x \in E\end{aligned}$$

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}x \in E &\Rightarrow \{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(E) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(E) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup \{X : X \in \mathcal{P}(E)\} \\ &= \bigcup \mathcal{P}(E)\end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Exercise 5.9. We show that $\mathcal{P}\left(\bigcup E\right)$ is a set that includes E , typically, as a proper subset.

Proof. Indeed, $\mathcal{P}\left(\bigcup E\right) = \mathcal{P}(E) = \{X \in E : X \subset E\}$. If E is non-empty, then it is clear that $E \subsetneq \mathcal{P}(E)$. However, if $E = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{P}(E) = \emptyset$ and $E = \mathcal{P}(E)$. 

6 Ordered Pairs

Throughout this section, we will consider A, B, C, X, Y to be any sets, and will use the notation $\{x : S(x)\}$ in place of the more accurate, yet cumbersome notation $\{x \in \bigcup C : S(x)\}$.

Exercise 6.1. *We show the following:*

$$(A \cup B) \times X = (A \times X) \cup (B \times X) \quad (1)$$

$$(A \cap B) \times (X \cap Y) = (A \times X) \cap (B \times Y) \quad (2)$$

$$(A - B) \times X = (A \times X) - (B \times X) \quad (3)$$

$$(A = \emptyset \vee B = \emptyset) \iff (A \times B = \emptyset) \quad (4)$$

$$(A \subset X) \wedge (B \subset Y) \iff (A \times X \subset X \times Y) \quad (5)$$

Proof. (1)

(\Rightarrow)

$$(x, y) \in (A \cup B) \times X \iff (x, y) \in \{(a, b) : a \in A \cup B \wedge b \in X\}$$

$$\iff x \in A \cup B \wedge y \in X$$

$$\iff (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge y \in X$$

(by Distributivity) $\iff (x \in A \wedge y \in X) \vee (x \in B \wedge y \in X)$

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \cup X \wedge y \in A \cup X) \vee (x \in B \cup X \wedge y \in B \cup X)$$

(by Remarks in Text) $\Rightarrow \{x, \{x, y\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(A \cup X) \vee \{x, \{x, y\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(B \cup X)$

$$\iff (x, y) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A \cup X)) \vee (x, y) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(B \cup X))$$

(by Remarks in Text) $\iff (x, y) \in (A \times X) \cup (B \times X)$

(\Leftarrow)

$$(x, y) \in (A \times X) \cup (B \times X) \iff (x, y) \in (A \times X) \vee (x, y) \in (B \times X)$$

(by Definition) $\Rightarrow (x \in A \wedge y \in X) \vee (x \in B \wedge y \in X)$

$$\iff (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge y \in X$$

$$\iff x \in A \cup B \wedge y \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cup X \wedge y \in (A \cup B) \cup X$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}((A \cup B) \cup X)$$

$$\iff \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}((A \cup B) \cup X))$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in (A \cup B) \times X$$

Which completes the proof. 

Proof. (2)

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
(c, d) \in (A \cap B) \times (X \cap Y) &\iff c \in A \cap B \wedge d \in X \cap Y \\
&\iff (c \in A \wedge c \in B) \wedge (d \in X \wedge d \in Y) \\
\text{(by Commutativity)} &\iff (c \in A \wedge d \in X) \wedge (c \in B \wedge d \in Y) \\
&\Rightarrow (c \in A \cup X \wedge d \in A \cup X) \wedge (c \in B \cup Y \wedge d \in B \cup Y) \\
&\Rightarrow \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(A \cup X) \wedge \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(B \cup Y) \\
&\iff (c, d) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A \cup X)) \wedge (c, d) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(B \cup X)) \\
&\iff (c, d) \in A \times X \wedge (c, d) \in B \times X \\
&\iff (c, d) \in (A \times X) \cap (B \times X)
\end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
(c, d) \in (A \times X) \cap (B \times X) &\iff (c, d) \in (A \times X) \wedge (c, d) \in (B \times X) \\
&\iff (c \in A \wedge d \in X) \wedge (c \in B \wedge d \in X) \\
\text{(by Commutativity)} &\iff (c \in A \wedge c \in B) \wedge d \in X \\
&\iff (c \in (A \cap B)) \wedge d \in X \\
&\Rightarrow c \in (A \cap B) \cup X \wedge d \in (A \cap B) \cup X \\
&\Rightarrow \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}((A \cap B) \cup X) \\
&\Rightarrow (c, d) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}((A \cap B) \cup X)) \\
&\iff (c, d) \in (A \cap B) \times X
\end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Proof. (3)

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
(c, d) \in (A - B) \times X &\iff c \in (A - B) \wedge d \in X \\
&\iff (c \in A \wedge c \notin B) \wedge d \in X \\
&\iff (c \in A \wedge d \in X) \wedge (c \notin B \wedge d \in X) \\
\text{(since } c \notin B) &\Rightarrow (c, d) \in A \times X \wedge (c, d) \notin B \times X \\
&\iff (c, d) \in (A \times X) - (B \times X)
\end{aligned}$$


(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
(c, d) \in (A \times X) - (B \times X) &\iff (c, d) \in (A \times X) \wedge (c, d) \notin (B \times X) \\
&\Rightarrow (c \in A \wedge d \in X) \wedge (c \notin B \vee d \notin X) \\
(\text{since } (d \in X \wedge d \notin X, \rightarrow \leftarrow)) &\Rightarrow (c \in A \wedge d \in X) \wedge (c \notin B) \\
&\iff (c \in A \wedge c \notin B) \wedge d \in X \\
&\iff c \in (A - B) \wedge d \in X \\
&\Rightarrow \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}((A - B) \cup X) \\
&\iff \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}((A - B) \cup X)) \\
&\iff (c, d) \in (A - B) \times X
\end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Proof. (4)

(\Rightarrow) Suppose, without loss of generality, that $A = \emptyset$. Then, A contains no elements. Consider $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$. Then, since there are no $a \in A$, $\{(a, b) : x \in A \wedge x \in B\} = \emptyset$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose to the contrary that $A \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \emptyset$, but $A \times B = \emptyset$. Since $A \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \emptyset$, there exists some $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. And so, $\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(A \cup B)$ and further we have $(a, b) \in A \times B$. However, this is a contradiction since we assumed $A \times B = \emptyset$. 

Proof. (5)

(\Rightarrow) We show that if $A \subset X$ and $B \subset Y$, then $A \times B \subset X \times Y$. Since $A \subset X$, for all $a \in A$, $a \in X$ and likewise for B .

$$\begin{aligned}
(c, d) \in A \times B &\iff c \in A \wedge d \in B \\
(\text{by Assumption}) &\Rightarrow c \in X \wedge d \in Y \\
&\Rightarrow c \in X \cup Y \wedge d \in X \cup Y \\
&\Rightarrow \{\{c\}, \{c, d\}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(X \cup Y) \\
&\Rightarrow (c, d) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(X \cup Y)) \\
&\iff (c, d) \in X \times Y
\end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $A \times X \neq \emptyset$. And that $A \times B \subset X \times Y$. We show that $A \subset X$ and $B \subset Y$.

$$\begin{aligned} a \in A \wedge b \in B &\Rightarrow \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A \cup B)) \\ &\iff (a, b) \in A \times B \\ &\Rightarrow (a, b) \in X \times Y \\ &\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \{(x, y) : x \in X \wedge y \in Y\} \\ &\Rightarrow a \in X \wedge b \in Y \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof.



7 Relations

Exercise 7.1. We show that for each of *symmetric*, *reflexive*, and *transitive* properties, there exists a relation that does not have that property but does have the other two.

Proof. Let X be a set. We first show that if $X = \emptyset$, then any relation in X is an equivalence relation:

Lemma. Let $X = \emptyset$. Then, by a previous theorem, we have $X \times X = \emptyset$. And so, if R is a relation in X , $R = \emptyset$. However, R is an equivalence relation, since all statements are vacuously satisfied.

Likewise, suppose that $X = \{a\}$; i.e. X is a singleton. We claim, also that any relation in X is an equivalence relation:

Lemma. Let $X = \{a\}$. Then, by the comments of the previous section, we have $X \times X = \{(a, a)\}$. Thus, since R is the set $\{(a, b) : a \in X \wedge b \in X\}$ it follows that $R = \{(a, a)\}$ for any relation.² It is easy to verify that the transitive condition is vacuously satisfied for R . And, it is symmetric, since $(a, a) = (a, a)$. And, clearly, R is reflexive. Thus, R is an equivalence relation.

We also show that for $X = \{a, b\}$ each of which is distinct, there does not exist a relation, which is symmetric, reflexive, but not transitive:

Lemma. Let $X = \{a, b\}$. Then, the relation \mathcal{R} in question must contain $\{(a, a), (b, b)\} = I$. However, it is easy to verify that this is an equivalence relation.³ Thus, we must add an element of $X \times X$ which maintains its symmetry, yet is not transitive. However, this is not possible since either way (a, b) , (b, a) must be in \mathcal{R} and so we would have $\mathcal{R} = \{(a, a), (b, b), (a, b), (b, a)\}$. And, this is an equivalence relation since $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ for all $x \in X$ and, by the comments above, \mathcal{R} is symmetric, *as well as* transitive.⁴

Thus, let $X = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$, for distinct elements. We first show the relational properties which include reflexivity:

²see Halmos pg. 27

³see the above lemma

⁴this is left to the reader

Let \mathcal{R} be a relation in X which is reflexive. Then, we must have $I = \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \subset \mathcal{R}$, by definition. Thus, we show a representation of \mathcal{R} which is transitive, but not symmetric, and symmetric but not transitive:

- Consider $\mathcal{R} = I \cup \{(a, b), (b, a), (b, c), (c, b)\}$. Then, this relation is symmetric, since $(x, x) = (x, x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\{(a, b), (b, a), (b, c), (c, b)\} \subset \mathcal{R}$. However, \mathcal{R} is not transitive, since $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(b, c) \in \mathcal{R}$ and yet $(a, c) \notin \mathcal{R}$.
- Consider $\mathcal{R} = I \cup \{(a, b)\}$. Then, \mathcal{R} is transitive; note, we only need to check $(a, b), (a, a), (b, b)$ for transitivity, since they are the only ordered pairs which share a first, or second coordinate, where only (a, a) , or (a, b) come first. Correctly, $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(b, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ implies $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$; $(a, a) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ implies $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$. However, \mathcal{R} is not symmetric: $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$, however, $(b, a) \notin \mathcal{R}$.

Finally, we show the relation in X which is not reflexive. Let X be given as above:

- Consider $\mathcal{R} = \{(a, b), (b, a), (a, a), (b, b)\} \subset X \times X$. This is symmetric since $(x, x) = (x, x)$ for all $x \in X$ and $\{(a, b), (b, a)\} \subset \mathcal{R}$. It is, also, reflexive since $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(b, a) \in \mathcal{R}$ implies $(a, a) \in \mathcal{R}$; likewise, $(b, a) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ implies $(b, b) \in \mathcal{R}$.⁵ However, \mathcal{R} is not reflexive since $c \in X$, yet $(c, c) \notin \mathcal{R}$.



Exercise 7.2. We show that the set of all equivalence classes, X/\mathcal{R} , is indeed a set.

Proof. Let \mathcal{R} be an equivalence relation on a set X . We show that $X/\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$:

$$\begin{aligned} z \in X/\mathcal{R} &\Rightarrow (\exists x \in X)(z = \{x/\mathcal{R}\} = \{y \in X : (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}\} \subset X) \\ &\Rightarrow z \in \mathcal{P}(X) \\ &\Rightarrow \{z\} \subset X \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof.



⁵the others follow

8 Functions

Exercise 8.1. We show the special cases in which the projections are 1-1.

Proof. Without loss of generality, we only consider $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$, the range projection.

- We first note that if X, Y have a pair or more of distinct elements, then g is not 1-1:

Lemma 8.1. Suppose X, Y , have more than a pair of distinct elements, then g is not 1-1: To see this, let $\{a, b\} \subset X$, and $\{c, d\} \subset Y$, then $\{(a, c), (a, d), (b, c), (b, d)\} \subset X \times Y$. If we suppose g is one-to-one, then $g((a, c)) = g((b, d))$ implies $(a, c) = (b, d)$. But this is a contradiction, since $a = b$ and yet a, b are distinct.

- Next, if $X = \{x\}$ and $Y = \{y\}$, then we claim g is 1-1.

Lemma 8.2. Let $X = \{x\}$ and $Y = \{y\}$; then, $X \times Y = \{(x, y), (y, x)\}$. Upon inspection, we see that g is 1-1: if $(x, y) \neq (y, x)$, then $y \neq x$ and $y = g((x, y)) \neq x = g((y, x))$. We note that this covers the case in which $x = y$.

- Next, we show that if either X or Y is a singleton and the other is an arbitrary set, g is one-to-one.

Lemma 8.3. Suppose, without loss of generality, that X is the singleton. Then either $Y = \emptyset$ or $Y \neq \emptyset$. If $Y = \emptyset$, then $X \times Y = \emptyset$, by previous exercise; which is trivially 1-1. Else, we assume Y has more than a pair of distinct elements. Since $X = \{x\}$ for some x , it follows that $\{(a, b) : a \in X \wedge b \in Y\} = \{(x, b) : b \in Y\}$, which means g is 1-1.

- Lastly, if $X = Y = \emptyset$, then all conditions are vacuously satisfied, and so g is 1-1.



Exercise 8.2. We show that Y^\emptyset has exactly one element, namely \emptyset , whether Y is empty or not; i.e. $Y^\emptyset = \{\emptyset\}$.

Proof. Suppose that Y is a set. Consider $f = Y^\emptyset$. From page thirty, and by a previous theorem, we have $f \subset \mathcal{P}(\emptyset \times Y) = \mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$, where f is a set of elements which are ordered pairs. From the comments in section seven, \emptyset is a set of ordered pairs. It follows that $f = \{\emptyset\}$.



Exercise 8.3. We show that if $X \neq \emptyset$, then \emptyset^X is empty; i.e. $\emptyset^X = \emptyset$.

Proof. Suppose that there is some function $f \in \emptyset^X$. Then, for all $x \in X$, there exists some $b \in \emptyset$ such that $(x, b) \in f$. However, this is not true, since \emptyset contains no elements. Thus, $\emptyset^X = \emptyset$.



9 Families

Exercise 9.1. After the comments on page thirty-five, we formulate and prove a generalized version of the commutative law for unions.

Proposition 9.1. Let K be an arbitrary, non-empty set, and let $p \in \text{Aut}(K^K)$ be an element of the set of one-to-one and onto functions from K to K . We note that in the current notation this means that p is the family and $\{p_i\}$ denotes the values of p evaluating some $i \in K$. Let $\{A_k\}$ be a family of functions with domain K . We claim that $\bigcup_{k \in K} A_k = \bigcup_{i \in K} A_{p_i}$.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in \bigcup_{k \in K} A_k &\Rightarrow (\exists k_0 \in K)(x \in A_{k_0}) \\
 \text{(since } p \text{ is onto)} &\Rightarrow (x \in A_{k_0}) \wedge (\exists s \in K)(k_0 = p_s) \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in A_{k_0} = A_{p_s} \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_{i \in K} A_{p_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in \bigcup_{i \in K} A_{p_i} &\Rightarrow (\exists s \in K)(x \in A_{p_s}) \\
 \text{(since } p_s \in K \text{ and onto)} &\Rightarrow (x \in A_{p_s}) \wedge (\exists k_0 \in K)(p_s = k_0) \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in A_{p_s} = A_{k_0} \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_{k \in K} A_k
 \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

To illustrate the previous proof, consider $K = \{0, 1\}$ and $p_i = \begin{cases} 1 & i = 0 \\ 0 & i = 1 \end{cases}$; it is easy to show that p is 1-1 and onto. From the statement above, we have

$$\bigcup_{k \in K} A_k = A_0 \cup A_1 \tag{1}$$

$$\bigcup_{i \in K} A_{p_i} = A_{p_0} \cup A_{p_1} = A_1 \cup A_0 \tag{2}$$

Exercise 9.2. We show that if both $\{A_i\}$ and $\{B_i\}$ are families of sets, with domains I, J , then

$$\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) = \bigcup_{i,j} (A_i \cap B_j) \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) \cup \left(\bigcap_j B_j\right) = \bigcap_{i,j} (A_i \cup B_j) \quad (2)$$

Where the symbols such as $\bigcap_{i,j}$ mean $\bigcap_{(i,j) \in I \times J}$

Proof. (1)

(\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) &\iff x \in \left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \wedge x \in \left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) \\ &\iff (\exists i_0 \in I)(x \in A_{i_0}) \wedge (\exists j_0 \in J)(x \in B_{j_0}) \\ &\iff (\exists (i_0, j_0) \in I \times J)(x \in (A_{i_0} \cap B_{j_0})) \\ &\iff x \in \bigcup_{i,j} (A_i \cap B_j) \end{aligned}$$



Proof. (2)

(\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) \cup \left(\bigcap_j B_j\right) &\iff x \in \left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) \vee x \in \left(\bigcap_j B_j\right) \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(x \in A_i) \vee (\forall j \in J)(x \in B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(\forall j \in J)(x \in A_i \vee x \in B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(\forall j \in J)(x \in A_i \cup x \in B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall (i, j) \in I \times J)(x \in (A_i \cup B_j)) \\ &\iff x \in \bigcap_{(i,j) \in I \times J} (A_i \cup B_j) \end{aligned}$$



Exercise 9.3. Let $\{A_i\}, \{B_j\}$ be families of sets with domains $I \neq \emptyset, J \neq \emptyset$, respectively. We show that

$$\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) = \bigcup_{i,j} (A_i \times B_j) \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcap_j B_j\right) = \bigcap_{i,j} (A_i \times B_j) \quad (2)$$

Proof. (1)

(\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) \in \left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) &\iff a \in \bigcup_i A_i \wedge b \in \bigcup_j B_j \\ &\iff (\exists i_0 \in I)(\exists j_0 \in J)(a \in A_{i_0} \wedge b \in B_{j_0}) \\ &\iff (\exists (i_0, j_0) \in I \times J)((a, b) \in A_{i_0} \times B_{j_0}) \\ &\iff (a, b) \in \bigcup_{(i,j) \in I \times J} (A_i \times B_j) \end{aligned}$$



Proof. (2) Suppose that for each $i \in I, A_i \neq \emptyset$ and for each $j \in J, B_j \neq \emptyset$.

(\iff)

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) \in \left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) \times \left(\bigcap_j B_j\right) &\iff a \in \bigcap_i A_i \wedge b \in \bigcap_j B_j \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(a \in A_i) \wedge (\forall j \in J)(b \in B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(\forall j \in J)(a \in A_i \wedge b \in B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall i \in I)(\forall j \in J)((a, b) \in A_i \times B_j) \\ &\iff (\forall (i, j) \in I \times J)((a, b) \in A_i \times B_j) \\ &\iff (a, b) \in \bigcap_{i,j} A_i \times B_j \end{aligned}$$




Exercise 9.4. Suppose that for each $i \in I, X_i$ is non-empty. Consider the family of sets $\{X_i\}$ with domain I . We show that $\bigcap_i X_i \subset X_j \subset \bigcup_i X_i$ for each index $j \in I$.

Proof. Let $\{X_i\}$ be stated as above, and let $j \in I$ be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned}x \in \bigcap_i X_i &\Rightarrow (\forall i \in I)(x \in X_i) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in X_j \quad (\text{since } j \in I)\end{aligned}$$

Which proves the first inclusion. For the second, suppose $j \in I$ is arbitrary, then we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}x \in X_j &\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_j X_j \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \left(\bigcup_j X_j \cup \bigcup_{z \in I-J} X_z \right) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_i X_i\end{aligned}$$

Which prove the second inclusion. 

Exercise 9.5. We show the minimality condition of intersection and unions:
(1) That is, if $X_j \subset Y$ for each index j and some set Y , then $\bigcup_i X_i \subset Y$ and that it is unique; (2) Likewise, if $Y \subset \bigcap_j X_j$ for each index j and some set Y , then $Y \subset \bigcap_i X_i$ and it is unique.

Proof. (1) Suppose that $\{X_i\}$ is a family of sets with domain I , such that $j \in I$, and let Y be a set. Then, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}(\forall j)(X_j \subset Y) &\Rightarrow \bigcup_j X_j \subset Y \\ &\Rightarrow \bigcup_i X_i \subset Y\end{aligned}$$



Proof. (2) Suppose that $\{X_i\}$ is a family of sets with domain I , such that $j \in I$. And let Y be a set. Then, we have the following:

$$Y \subset \bigcap_j X_j \Rightarrow Y \subset \bigcap_i X_i$$



10 Inverses and Composites

Exercise 10.1. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Let $\{A_i\}$ be a family of subsets of X . Define $f' : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$, as the mapping from each A_i to the image subset, $f'(A_i)$, as stated in the text. We claim that

$$f'\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) = \bigcup_i f'(A_i)$$


Proof. After the comments on page thirty-four, we note that $A : I \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$, for some index set $I \neq \emptyset$. Then, we have the following:

(\Rightarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \bigcup_i f'(A_i) &\Rightarrow (\exists i_0 \in I)(x \in f'(A_{i_0})) \\ (\text{since } A_{i_0} \subset \bigcup_i A_i) &\Rightarrow x \in f'\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f'\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) &\Rightarrow (\exists i_0 \in I)(x \in f'(A_{i_0})) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \left(\bigcup_{z \in I - \{i_0\}} f'(A_z)\right) \cup f'(A_{i_0}) = \bigcup_i f'(A_i) \end{aligned}$$

And the result follows. 

Exercise 10.2. We show that, in general,

$$f'\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) = \bigcap_i f'(A_i)$$

does not hold.

The following proof was suggested by David. H..

Proof. Consider $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $Y = \{d, e\}$ and suppose all the elements are

distinct. Then define $f' : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$ as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\emptyset) &= \emptyset \\ f'(\{a\}) &= \{d\} \\ f'(\{b\}) &= \{e\} \\ f'(\{c\}) &= \{d\} \\ f'(\{a, b\}) &= \{d, e\} \\ f'(\{b, c\}) &= \{d\} \\ f'(\{a, c\}) &= \{e\} \\ f'(\{a, b, c\}) &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Then, let $\{A_i\}$ be a family of subsets of X with domain $I = 2$, such that $A_0 = \{a\}$ and $A_1 = \{a, c\}$. Then, we have the following:


$$\begin{aligned} f'\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) &= f'(\{a\}) = \{d\} \\ \bigcap_i f'(A_i) &= f'(A_0) \cap f'(A_1) = \{d\} \cap \{e\} = \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof. 

Exercise 10.3. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We show that f maps X onto Y iff for every non-empty subset B of Y , $f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) If f maps X onto Y , then for every $y \in Y$, there exists an $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$. Since this is the case, if B is a non-empty subset of Y , then for any $b \in B$, $b \in Y$. And we have that there exists an $x_0 \in X$ such that $f(x_0) = b$; therefore, $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\} \neq \emptyset$.


(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$ for any $B \subset Y$. In particular, for each $y \in Y$, $\{y\} \subset Y$ and $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{x \in X : f(x) = y\} \neq \emptyset$. The result follows immediately. 

Exercise 10.4. In the context of page forty-one, $R :=$ "son", $S :=$ "brother", what do R^{-1} , S^{-1} , RS and $R^{-1}S^{-1}$ mean?

Proof. (R^{-1}): From the comments on page forty-one, xRy implies that x is son-related to y . That is, y is the father of x . Thus, $yR^{-1}x$ means that y has the father relation to x .


(S^{-1}): Likewise, xSy means that x bears the brother-relation to y . That is, x is the brother of y . Thus, $yS^{-1}x$ implies y is the brother of x .

$(T = R \circ S)$: Also, by the previous comments, if xTz , then there exists y such that xSy and yRz . Thus, x is the brother of y and z is the son to y . That is, x is the uncle of z .

$(T = R^{-1} \circ S^{-1})$: Likewise, if xTz , then there exists a y such that $xS^{-1}y$ and $yR^{-1}z$. Thus, x is the brother of y and y is the father to z . Thus, x is the uncle of z . 

Exercise 10.5. Assume that for each of the following $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We show the following:


1. If $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ such that $g \circ f$ is the identity on X , then f is 1-1 and g maps Y onto X .
2. $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ for all $A, B \subset X$ iff f is 1-1.
3. $f(X - A) \subset Y - f(A)$ for all subsets A of X iff f is 1-1.
4. $Y - f(A) \subset f(X - A)$ for all subsets A of X iff f maps X onto Y .

Proof. (1): Suppose that $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ such that $g \circ f$ is the identity on X . Since $g \circ f$ is the identity on X , for all $x \in X$, $g(f(x)) = x$. Thus, if $f(x_0) = f(x_1)$, then $x_0 = g(f(x_0)) = g(f(x_1)) = x_1$ and f is 1-1. To show that g maps Y onto X let $x \in X$, then $x = g(f(x))$ where $f(x) \in Y$. Thus, g maps Y onto X . 

Proof. (2):

(\Rightarrow) By assumption, we have that $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ for all $A, B \subset X$. Suppose that $f(x) = f(y)$ for some $x, y \in X$. If $x = y$, then we are done. So, suppose that $x \neq y$. Letting $A = \{x\}, B = \{y\}$, we have that $f(A \cap B) = \emptyset \neq \{f(x) = f(y)\} = f(A) \cap f(B)$, a contradiction.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that f is 1-1. If $y \in f(A \cap B)$, then $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in A \cap B$. Thus, $x \in A$ and $x \in B$. This implies that $f(x) = y \in f(A)$ and $f(x) = y \in f(B)$. Thus, $y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$.


Now take $y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$. Then $y \in f(A)$ so there is some $a \in A$ with $f(a) = y$. Also, $y \in f(B)$, so there is some $b \in B$ such that $y = f(b)$. Now $f(a) = y = f(b)$, so f being 1-1 now implies $a = b$. Thus, $a \in A \cap B$ and $f(a) = y \in f(A \cap B)$. 

Proof. (3):

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that $f(x) = f(y)$ for some $x, y \in X$. Let $A = \{x, y\}$. Then, $f(X - \{x, y\}) \subset Y - f(\{x, y\}) = Y - \{f(x) = f(y)\} = Y - \{f(x)\}$. By the comments on page thirty-nine, we have that


$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}f((X - A)) &\subset f^{-1}(Y - \{f(x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow X - A &= X - f^{-1}(\{f(x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow X - \{x, y\} &= X - \{x\} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\{x, y\} = \{x\}$ i.e. $y = x$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that f is 1-1. And let $y \in f(X - A)$ for any non-empty subset $A \subset X$. Then, there exists an $x_0 \in X - A$ such that $f(x_0) = y$. Suppose to the contrary that $y \notin Y - f(A)$. Then, $f(x_0) = y \in (Y - f(A))^c = f(A)$. This implies that there exists some $a \in A$ such that $f(x_0) = y = f(a)$. However, this is a contradiction since f being 1-1 implies $a = x_0 \in A$. 

Proof. (4):

(\Rightarrow) Let $y \in Y$ and consider an arbitrary subset A of X . Now, either $y \in f(A)$ or it is not. If it is, we are done. So suppose that it is not. Then, $y \in Y - f(A) \subset f(X - A)$ and so, there exists some $x_0 \in X - A$ such that $y = f(x_0)$; and the result follows.


(\Leftarrow) Let $A \subset X$ and suppose that $y \in Y - f(A)$. Since f maps X onto Y , there exists some $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x) \in Y - f(A)$. Thus, $x \notin A$ and so $x \in A^c = X - A$. It follows from the definition that $y = f(x) \in f(X - A)$ and the result follows. 

11 Numbers

Exercise 11.1. Let $\{A_i\}$ be a family of non-empty successor sets for some non-empty domain I . We show that


$$\bigcap_i A_i$$

is a successor set.


Proof. For all $i \in I$, A_i is a successor set, and so $0 \in A_i$. This implies that $0 \in \bigcap_i A_i$. Likewise, suppose that $n \in \bigcap_i A_i$; then $n \in A_i$ for all $i \in I$ and so $n^+ \in A_i$ for each $i \in I$; from the definition of intersection $n^+ \in \bigcap_i A_i$. This completes the proof. 

12 Peano Axioms


Exercise 12.1. We prove that if $n \in \omega$ then $n \neq n^+$.

Proof. Suppose, to the contrary, that $n = n^+$ for some $n \in \omega$. Then, from the axiom of extension we have that $n^+ \subset n$. However, then we would have that $n^+ = n \cup \{n\} \subset n$ implying that $n \in n$ which is a contradiction. 


Exercise 12.2. Let $n \in \omega$. We show that if $n \neq 0$, then $n = m^+$ for some $m \in \omega$ — We note that this shows any element $n \in \omega$ has a predecessor.

Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction: Let S be that subset of ω for which if $n \neq 0$, then $n = m^+$ for some $m \in \omega$. We note that $1 \in S$, since $1 = 0^+$ and $0 \in \omega$. Suppose that for some $n \in \omega$, $n = m^+$ for some $m \in \omega$; indeed, if $n^+ = m$ for some $m \in \omega$ we have $(n^+)^+ = m^+ = z$ for some $z \in \omega$ by the induction hypothesis. This completes the proof. 

Exercise 12.3. We prove that ω is transitive. That is, if $x \in y$ and $y \in \omega$, then $x \in \omega$.

Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction. Let S be the set of all $z \in \omega$ such that if $x \in z$, then $x \in \omega$. We note that $\{\} = 0 \in S$, vacuously. Thus, let $y \in S$. We show that $y^+ \in S$. That is, let x be any element in y^+ : $x \in y^+ = y \cup \{y\}$. Then, either $x \in y$ or $x = y$. In the former cases, we that $x \in \omega$, by assumption; in the later case we have that $y = x \in S$. Thus, $\omega = S$ and so ω is transitive. 

Exercise 12.4. We show the following: if E is non-empty subset of some natural number, then there exists an element $k \in E$ such that $k \in m$ whenever m is an element of E and distinct from k — This says that any finite set has a lower bound, namely a greatest lower bound.


Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction. Let S be the set of $z \in \omega$ such that the above holds. We note that $\{\} = 0 \in S$, vacuously. Suppose that $n \in S$ for some $n \in \omega$; we show that $n^+ \in S$. Suppose that E is a non-empty subset of $n^+ = n \cup \{n\}$. If E is a singleton, then we are done; the above is vacuously satisfied. We note that if $E = n$, then we are done, by the induction hypothesis. Thus, there exists some $k \in E$, as specified above. We claim that this k , so specified, will work even if $n \in E$; Indeed from a previous proof, we know that no element is equal to its successor and so it follows that for any $a \in E$, $a \in n$. In particular, this is true for k . Therefore, $S = \omega$. 

13 Arithmetic

In many of these exercises, we use induction. As pointed out in the *Axiom of Substitution*, and the conversation I had with S. Bleiler, and later sections, it is still valid to start induction at some $x \in \omega$; we have used this fact a couple times.

Exercise 13.1. *Prove that if $m < n$ for some natural numbers m, n , then $m + k < n + k$ for any $k \in \omega$.*


Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction. Suppose that for some natural numbers $m, n, m < n$. Let S be the set of all $z \in \omega$ such that $m + z < n + z$. We show that $S = \omega$. Indeed; we note that since $m + 0 = m$ and $n + 0 = n$, it follows that $m = m + 0 < n + 0 = n$, and so, $0 \in S$. Now, suppose that $k \in S$ for some $k \in \omega$. We show that $k^+ \in S$.

Note, $s_n(k^+) = (s_n(k))^+ = s_n(k) \cup \{s_n(k)\}$, and by the definition of $<$, and the induction hypothesis, we have that $\{s_n(k)\} \subset s_m(k) \subset (s_m(k) \cup \{s_m(k)\}) = s_m(k^+)$. This implies that $s_n(k^+) = s_n(k) \cup \{s_n(k)\} \subset s_m(k) \cup \{s_m(k)\} = s_m(k^+)$. That is, $S = \omega$ 


Exercise 13.2. *Prove that if $m < n$ for some $m, n \in \omega$, and $k \neq 0$, then $m \cdot k < n \cdot k$.*

Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction. Suppose that $m < n$ for some $m, n \in \omega$. Let S be the set of $z \in \omega$, which satisfy the following statement: if $z \neq 0$, then $m \cdot z < n \cdot z$. We note that $1 \in S$. Suppose that $k \in S$ for some $k \in \omega$; we show that $k^+ \in S$. Indeed: by definition of product, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_m(k^+) &= p_m(k) + m && (1) \\
 &= s_m(p_m(k)) && (1) \\
 &< s_m(p_n(k)) && (2) \\
 &= p_n(k) + m && (2) \\
 &< p_n(k) + n && (3) \\
 &= p_n(k^+) && (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

We only note that (1),(2), and (3) follow from the inductive hypothesis and the previous exercise. Therefore, $S = \omega$. 

Lemma 13.1. *For any $n \in \omega$, n is transitive.*

Proof. Suppose that $E = n \in \omega$ and $y \in E$. Since $y \in E$, y is a proper subset of E . Now, if $x \in y$, then x is a proper subset of y and it follows directly that $x \subset y \subset E$. That is, x is a proper subset of E . That is $x \in E$. 


Lemma 13.2. *If $m, n \in \omega$ such that $m \neq n$, then $m \in n$ iff $m \subset n$*

Proof. Let m, n be stated as above.

(\Rightarrow)

Suppose that $m \in n$. We show that $m \subset n$: let $x \in m$, then by the lemma above, $x \in n$. Thus, $m \subset n$.


(\Leftarrow)

Suppose that $m \subset n$. If $m = n$, then we are done. Otherwise, $m \neq n$. If this is the case, then $n \in m$ cannot happen (for then m would be a subset of one of its elements), and therefore $m \in n$; this is by the comparability of $x, y \in \omega$. 


Exercise 13.3. We prove that if E is a non-empty set of natural numbers, then there exists an element $k \in E$ such that $k \leq m$ for all $m \in E$. — This statement says that any non-empty subset in ω has a minimum.

Proof. Let $E \subset \omega$ such that $E \neq \emptyset$. Since E is non-empty, we can form the intersection of elements in E . Consider

$$z = \bigcap_{x \in E} x$$

It follows directly from the formulation of z that $z \subset x$, for all $x \in E$: $z \leq x$. Thus, it is only necessary to prove that $z \in E$. From the previous lemma we see that since $z \in x$ for all $x \in E$, and $x \in E$, that $z \in E$. The result follows. 

Exercise 13.4. A set E is called finite if it is equivalent to some natural number; otherwise E is infinite. We use this definition to prove that ω is infinite.

Proof. Suppose, to the contrary that ω is finite. Then, there exists a 1-1 and onto function, f , from ω to n for some $n \in \omega$: $f \subset \omega \times n$. Since f is 1-1 and onto, for every $y \in n$, there exists a unique $x \in \omega$ such that $(x, y) \in f$. Let g be the union of all such x , which is an element of ω . Then, $g^+ = g \cup \{g\}$ is in ω but not in g . Since f is a function, we must have $(g^+, y_1) \in f$ for some $y_1 \in n$; likewise since f is onto, there exists some $x \in g$ such that $(x, y_1) \in f$. From here we see that we must have $(g^+, y_1) = (x, y_1)$, implying $g^+ = x$; which is a contradiction since $g^+ \notin g$, whereas $x \in g$. 

Exercise 13.5. If A is a finite set, then A is not equivalent to a proper subset of A . The contrastive of this statement is that if A is equivalent to a proper subset of A , then A is not finite (infinite). We use this definition to show that ω is infinite.

Proof. We show that $\omega \sim A$, where $A = \omega - \{0\}$. First, it is clear that A is a non-empty proper subset of ω . Consider the map $f \subset \omega \times \omega$, given by $f(n) = n^+$. First, we show that f is indeed a function, and then that it is 1-1 and onto:

- *Well-Defined:* Suppose that $x = y$ for some $x, y \in \omega$. From a previous theorem, we have $x^+ = y^+$. This shows that f is well-defined.

- *Everywhere-Defined*: This follows directly from the definition of ω as being a successor set. This shows that f is everywhere defined.
- *1-1*: Suppose that $n^+ = m^+$. Again, from a previous exercise (page 46), we have $n = m$. This shows that f is 1-1.
- *Onto*: Suppose that $n \in A = \omega - \{0\}$. Then no $n \in A$ is 0. Thus, by a previous theorem, we have that $n = m^+ = f(m)$ for some $m \in \omega$. This implies that f is onto.



Exercise 13.6. We prove that union of a finite set of finite sets is finite.

Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction. Let S be a finite set, such that $\#(S) = n$, for some $n \in \omega$. Let B be the set of all $N \in \omega$ such that $\bigcup S$ is finite.

Note $0 \in B$ since, if $\#(S) = 0$, then $S = \{\}$ and $\bigcup\{\} = \{\}$ (which is finite). Next, suppose that $k \in B$: that is, if S is a finite set such that $\#(S) = k$, then $\bigcup S$ is finite. We show that $k^+ \in B$. Suppose that $\#(S) = k^+$. Then, there exists some 1-1 and onto function f i.e. $f : k^+ \leftrightarrow S$. And we have the following:

$$\bigcup S = \bigcup_{i \in k^+} f(i) = \left(\bigcup_{i \in k} f(i) \right) \cup f(k)$$

From the comments on page 53, and the induction hypothesis, we see that $k^+ \in B$. Thus, $B = \omega$.



Exercise 13.7. We prove the following: If E is finite, then $\mathcal{P}(E)$ is finite and, moreover, $\#(\mathcal{P}(E)) = 2^{\#(E)}$.

Proof. It is only necessary to show that if $\#(E) = n$ for some $n \in \omega$, then $\#\mathcal{P}(E) = 2^{\#(E)}$; we conclude that $2^{\#(E)} \in \omega$ by a previous exercise. We proceed by mathematical induction.

Let S be the set of all $N \in \omega$ such that $\#(E) = N$ and $\#\mathcal{P}(E) = 2^{\#(E)}$. Note that $0 \in S$, since $\#(E) = 0$ implies $E = \{\}$ and $\#\mathcal{P}(E) = \#\{\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset}\}\} = 2 = 2^0$. Next, assuming that $k \in S$, we show that $k^+ \in S$:


Suppose that $\#(E) = k^+ = k + 1$, and consider the set $E^* = E - \{0\}$. Note, $\#(E^*) = k$. We note that either 0 is in a subset of E , or it is not. If it is not, then we are forming subsets of E^* . From the inductive hypothesis, there are $2^{\#(E^*)} = 2^k$ subsets of E^* . By similar logic, there are 2^k subsets which include 0. It follows that there are $2^k + 2^k = 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1} = 2^{\#(E)}$ subsets of E . Thus, $k + 1 = k^+ \in S$. That is, $S = \omega$.



Exercise 13.8. If E is a non-empty finite set of natural numbers, then there exists an element $k \in E$ such that $m \leq k$ for all $m \in E$ — This statement says that for any finite set E , non-empty, of natural numbers, there is an upper bound, actually a maximum.

Proof. Let E be a finite, non-empty, subset of natural numbers. We proceed by mathematical induction. Let S be the set of all $N \in \omega$ such that $\#(E) = N$ and there exists a $k \in E$ such that the above holds.

Note that $1 \in S$; $1 = \#(E)$ implies $E = n$ for some $n \in \omega$, and clearly $n \leq n$. Next, assuming that $k \in S$, for some $k \geq 1$, we show that $k^+ \in S$:

Suppose that $\#(E) = k^+ = k + 1$. Fix some $x \in E$, and consider $E^* = E - \{x\}$. We note that $\#(E^*) = k$, and so, it follows from the induction hypothesis that there exists some $g \in E^*$ such that $m \leq g$, for all $m \in E^*$. By the comparability of elements in ω , we must have that either $x \in g$, or $g \in x$; we only note that $x \neq g$, since otherwise we would have $\#(E) = k$. In the former case, if $x \in g$, then $x < g$, and in particular $x \leq g$. In the later case, supposing that $g \in x$, we have $g < x$; and, again, in particular $g \leq x$. But then $m \leq g$ and $g \leq x$ for all $m \in E = E^* \cup \{x\}$, implying $m \leq x$ for all $m \in E$ by the transitivity of \leq . This shows that $k^+ \in S$, and so $S = \omega$. 

14 Order

Exercise 14.1. *We express the conditions of antisymmetry and totality for a relation R by means of equations involving R and its inverse — This exercise illustrates that we can determine a partial, or total order, by looking at the co(domains), of a relation.*

Proof. From the comments on page 54 and the notation in section 10, we adopt the usual assumptions and notation. That is, assume that R is a relation in X . And, we have the following:

Antisymmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} & xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x = y \\ \text{iff } & (R(x) = y \wedge R^{-1}(x) = y) \Rightarrow R(x) = R^{-1}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Totality:

$$(\forall x, y \in X)(xRy \vee yRx) \iff (\forall x, y \in X)(R(x) = y \vee R^{-1}(x) = y)$$



15 Axiom of Choice


Exercise 15.1. We prove that every relation includes a function with the same domain.

Proof. Suppose that X and Y are sets and let R be a relation from X into Y . By definition, $R \subset X \times Y$, and so if X or Y is empty, the $X \times Y$ is empty and we are done. Otherwise, there exists at least an element in each of X, Y . Let X_R be the subset of X given by the first coordinates of R . Claim: there exists some function $f : X_R \rightarrow Y$.

Let $y \in Y$ be arbitrary and consider $T_y = \{x \in X_R : xRy\}$. Let I be the set of $z \in Y$ such that $T_z \neq \emptyset$. Then, define $T = \bigcup_{y \in I} \{T_y\} = \{T_i\}$. Assuming the axiom of choice, and by the comments on page sixty, $\{T_i\}$ is a family of non-empty sets indexed by I and so, there exists a family $\{t_i\}, i \in I$ such that $t_i \in T_i$ for each $i \in I$. Since R is a relation on X_R , so defined, it follows that $f = \{(t_i, b) : i \in I \wedge b = R(t_i)\}$ is a candidate function.

Indeed; we verify that f is well-defined and everywhere defined:

- *Well-Defined:* Suppose that $t_i = t_j$ for some $i, j \in I$. By construction, and the previous supposition, we have that $T_{t_i} = \{x \in X_R : xRt_i\} = \{x \in X_R : xRt_j\} = T_{t_j}$. Thus, $(t_i, R(t_i)) = (t_j, R(t_j)) = f(t_i) = f(t_j)$.
- *Every-Where Defined:* This is clear by construction.

Thus, f is a function. 

16 Zorn's Lemma

Exercise 16.1. We show that Zorn's Lemma is equivalent to the axiom of choice.

Proof. Let X be a set and define \mathcal{F} to be the following set of functions:

$$f \in \mathcal{F} \iff \begin{cases} \text{dom } f \subset \mathcal{P}(X) \\ \text{Im } f \subset X \\ (\forall A \in \text{dom } f)(f(A) \in A) \end{cases}$$


Next, consider the relation \leq , in X , given by the following: for all $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{F}$, $f_1 \leq f_2$ iff f_2 is an extension of f_1 i.e. $f_1 \subset f_2$. As the comments on page 65 point out, \leq is a partial ordering. We note that (\mathcal{F}, \leq) is a partially ordered set. Assuming *Zorn's Lemma*, we show that there exists some maximal element $f \in \mathcal{F}$:

\mathcal{F} is already partially ordered. So, let \mathcal{X} be a chain in \mathcal{F} . Note that \mathcal{X} is a collection of ordered pairs, satisfying the above criterion. We claim that $\bigcup \mathcal{X}$ is the upper bound for \mathcal{X} ; we only need to show that $\bigcup \mathcal{X}$ is a function:

- *Function:* Suppose that $(a, x), (a, y) \in \bigcup \mathcal{X}$, then $(a, x) \in f$ for some $f \in \mathcal{X}$ and, likewise, $(a, y) \in g$ for some $g \in \mathcal{X}$. Then, since \mathcal{X} is a chain, either $f \leq g$, $f = g$, $g \leq f$. Without loss of generality, we have $(a, x), (a, y) \in g$. Since g is a function, we have $x = y$. The fact that $\bigcup \mathcal{X}$ is every-where defined is obvious.
- The rest of the properties follow by definition.

By *Zorn's Lemma*, there exists a maximal element in \mathcal{F} , call it f . To complete the proof, we show that $\text{dom } f = \mathcal{P}(X) - \{\emptyset\}$:

- Suppose that $\text{dom } f \neq \mathcal{P}(X) - \{\emptyset\}$. Then, there exists some $a \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $a \notin \text{dom } f$. Let $g = f \cup \{(a, b)\}$, for any $b \in X$. It is clear that $g \in \mathcal{F}$ and that $g \geq f$. However, this contradicts the maximality of f .

We note that using the *Axiom of Choice* to prove *Zorn's Lemma* was shown in text. This completes the proof. 

Exercise 16.2. We prove that the following is equivalent to the axiom of choice: *Every partially ordered set has a maximal chain* — This is the *Hausdorff Maximality Principal (HMP)*.

Proof. We show that *HMP* is equivalent to *Zorn's Lemma* and use the fact that *Zorn's Lemma* is equivalent to the *Axiom of Choice* to conclude.

- (\Rightarrow) Suppose the *HMP*. Let (X, \leq) be the partially ordered set, and A the maximal chain. By the assumptions of *Zorn's Lemma*, A has an upper-bound, call it a . Now, $a \in A$, since otherwise, we could form $B = A \cup \{a\}$,

which is again a totally ordered set, containing A ; for all $s \in B$, the elements of A are comparably, likewise, $s \leq a$. To complete the proof in this direction, we note that if $z \in X$ is any element such that $z \geq a$, then z is an upper-bound and must be in A , by the previous discussion. This implies that $a \geq z$ for all $z \in X$. Specifically, since A is partially ordered, we have $a \leq z$ and $z \leq a$ implying $a = z$. Thus, a is maximal.

- (\Leftarrow) Suppose *Zorn's Lemma*. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set. Consider \mathcal{F} be the set of all totally ordered subsets of X . The inclusion order on \mathcal{F} is a partial order. Note that if S is a maximal element in \mathcal{F} , then it will be a maximal chain in X . We show that any chain A in \mathcal{F} has an upper-bound:
 - (The following was suggested by this example): Indeed, consider $A' = \bigcup_{E \in A} E$. By definition, A' contains all elements of A . We only show that $A' \in \mathcal{F}$: To show this take x and y , elements of A' . Then there are sets E_x and E_y , members of A , with $x \in E_x$ and $y \in E_y$. Since A is partially ordered by inclusion, $E_x \subset E_y$ or $E_y \subset E_x$, that is, either $x, y \in E_y$ or $x, y \in E_x$. Since both E_x and E_y are linearly ordered in X then either $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$. This shows that A' is a totally ordered set, and so a chain in X i.e. $A' \in \mathcal{F}$.

This completes the proof. 

Exercise 16.3. We show that the following statements are equivalent to the axiom of choice: (i) Every partially ordered set has a maximal chain — This is the Hausdorff Maximality Principle (ii) Every chain in a partially ordered set is included in some maximal chain. (iii) Every partially ordered set in which each chain has a least upper bound has a maximal element.

Proof. To do so, we show that $i \Rightarrow ii \Rightarrow iii \Rightarrow ZL \Rightarrow i$, noting that *Zorn's Lemma* is equivalent to the axiom of choice. Throughout these exercises, we assume that (X, \leq) is the partially ordered set in discussion.

- (i \Rightarrow ii) Suppose that every partially ordered set has a maximal chain. Since (X, \leq) is partially ordered, there exists some maximal chain $A \subset X$. We note that for chains, inclusion is the partial order. Thus, by definition, for all other chains $A' \subset X$, we must have $A' \subset A$, since otherwise, $A \subsetneq A'$, contradicting the maximality of A .
- (ii \Rightarrow iii) Suppose that every chain in a partially ordered set is included in some maximal chain. Let (X, \leq) be such a partially ordered set. Then, there exists some maximal chain A such that $A' \subset A$ for all other chains $A' \subset X$. We show that each chain A' of X has a least upper bound:
 - Let G be the set of all upper-bounds of some chain A' . Then, we have $A' \leq g$ for all $g \in G$. Likewise $G \cap A' = A'$ implying A' is the least upper-bound of A' .

From the antecedent in (iii), we see that A has a maximal element in A , call it a . We also note that a is maximal in X : If not, then we can define $T = A \cup \{a\}$, which is a totally ordered set in which $A \subset T$; contradicting the maximality of A .

- (iii \Rightarrow *Zorn's Lemma*) Suppose that every partially ordered set in which each chain has a least upper bound has a maximal element. Let X be such a set. Then for any chain $A \subset X$, A has a l.u.b. call it δ_A . In particular, δ_A is an upper-bound. By assumption X has a maximal element.
- (*Zorn's Lemma* \Rightarrow i) This was proved in the previous exercise.




17 Well Ordering

Exercise 17.1. A subset A of a partially ordered set X is cofinal in X in case for each element $x \in X$, there exists an element $a \in A$ such that $x \leq a$. We prove that every totally ordered set has a cofinal well ordered subset.

Proof. Let (X, \leq) be a non-empty totally ordered set. If X has a maximum element, then we are done. Thus, suppose that X has no maximum. Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all well ordered subsets of X with the following order: for all $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$, $f \preceq g$ iff f is an initial segment of g . We seek to apply *Zorn's Lemma*.

- From the previous result, \preceq is a partial order on \mathcal{F} .
- Suppose that Z is chain in \mathcal{F} . We show that Z has an upper bound in \mathcal{F} . Consider $\bigcup Z$. It is clear that $Z \preceq \bigcup Z$. We show that $\bigcup Z$ is well ordered; Indeed, these are the comments on page 67.

We have satisfied the assumptions in *Zorn's Lemma*, and so it follows that there exists some maximal element $M \in \mathcal{F}$. We claim that M is a well ordered cofinal subset of X .

First, it is a subset. Second, it is well ordered by the definition of \mathcal{F} . Next, if $x \in X$, then for any $m \in M$, either $m \leq x$, $x \leq m$ or $x = m$. But, since M is maximal, if $m \leq x$, then $x \in M$; otherwise, we could form $N = M \cup \{x\}$ which is a contradiction to the maximality of M . Thus, M is the well ordered cofinal subset of X . 


Exercise 17.2. Does any such condition apply to partially ordered sets?

Proof. 

Exercise 17.3. We prove that a totally ordered set is well ordered iff the set of strict predecessors of each element is well ordered.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that we have a well ordered set (X, \leq) . Note that the set of strict predecessors of some $x \in X$ forms a subset. The rest follows from the definition.


(\Leftarrow) Suppose that (X, \leq) is a partially ordered set and that for any $x \in X$ the strict initial segment $s(x)$ is well ordered. Let J be a subset of X . Pick some $j_0 \in J$ and consider $s(j_0) = \{x \in X : x < j_0\}$. If $s(j_0) = \emptyset$, j_0 is the least element, and we are done. Otherwise, $s(j_0) \neq \emptyset$. But since $s(j_0)$ is well ordered, we have $J \cap s(j_0) \subset s(j_0)$ and $J \cap s(j_0) \subset J$. Implying that $J \cap s(j_0)$ has a least element in J , call it z . We note that z is the least element for J ; Otherwise, there is some $x \in J$, $x \neq z$ such that $x < z < j$ for all $j \in J$ and in particular for j_0 . This implies that $x \in s(j_0)$. However, then we must have $x \in J \cap s(j_0)$ and so $x = z$; a contradiction. 

Exercise 17.4. We prove that the well ordering theorem implies the Axiom of Choice.

Proof. The following proof was adapted from this website:

Let C be a collection of nonempty sets. Then $\bigcup_{S \in C} S$ is a set. By the well-ordering principle, $\bigcup_{S \in C} S$ is well-ordered under some relation $<$. Since each S is a nonempty subset of $\bigcup_{S \in C} S$, each S has a least member m_S with respect to the relation $<$. Define $f : C \rightarrow \bigcup_{S \in C} S$ by $f(S) = m_S$. We show that f is a choice function:

- *Well-Defined:* Suppose that $(a, x), (a, y) \in f$. Then, there exists some $S_1 \in C$ such that $x \in S_1$. Likewise, there exists some $S_2 \in C$ such that $y \in S_2$. Without loss of generality, it follows that $x, y \in S_2$, and so $x = y = m_{S_2}$.
- *Everywhere Defined:* This follows from the discussion above.

Therefore, f is a choice function. Hence, the axiom of choice holds. 

Exercise 17.5. We prove that if R is a partial order in a set X , then there exists a total order S in X such that $R \subset S$; in other words, every partial order can be extended to a total order without enlarging the domain.

Proof. Let (R, \leq) be a partially ordered subset of X . Let C be the set of all A in R of partial orders, with respect to \leq . Let (C, \subset) be the partial ordered set⁶. Let \mathcal{X} be the collection of all chains in C . Note that for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$ $y \leq \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{X}} y$. Thus, every chain has an upper-bound. By *Zorn's Lemma*, C has a maximal element. Denote this by c . Claim: c is a total order in X :

- Since $c \in C$, c is a partial order in X . Since it is maximal, for all $c' \in C$, we have $c' \subset c$. Thus, for all $x, y \in X$, either $(x, y), (y, x) \in c$. Either way, we must have $x \leq y, y \leq x$ or $x = y$.




⁶This has been shown other exercises.

18 Transfinite Recursion

Exercise 18.1. We prove that a similarity preserves \prec (in the same sense in which the definition demands the preservation of \leq).

Proof. Let (X, \preceq) , (Y, \leq) be two partially ordered sets and that there exists some function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, 1-1 and onto. f has the property that for all $a, b \in X$ with $a \preceq b$ iff $f(a) \leq f(b)$, for all $f(a), f(b) \in Y$.

Suppose, to the contrary, that $a \prec b$ and $f(a) \geq f(b)$. However, this is a contradiction, since, by definition, we must have $b \preceq a$. Thus f preserves strict order. 


Exercise 18.2. We prove the following statement: A 1-1 function, f that maps one partially ordered set onto another is a similarity iff f preserves $<$ (strict order).

Proof. Throughout this exercise, we assume that (X, \preceq) and (Y, \leq) are partially ordered sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is 1-1 and onto.

- (\Rightarrow): Suppose that f is a similarity, then the previous exercise prove this conclusion.
- (\Leftarrow): Suppose that f is as stated above, such that for any $a, b \in X$ we have $a \prec b$ iff $f(a) < f(b)$. To show that f is a similarity, we show that $a = b$ iff $f(a) = f(b)$:
 - (\Leftarrow): Since f is 1-1, then $f(a) = f(b)$ implies $a = b$.
 - (\Rightarrow): Suppose, to the contrary, that $a = b$ and, (without loss generality) $f(a) < f(b)$. Since f preserves strict order, we must have $a \prec b$. However, this is a contradiction.

This completes the proof. 


Exercise 18.3. We show that a subset Y of a well ordered set X is, again, well ordered.

Proof. Let (X, \leq) be a well-ordered set, and $Y \subset X$. If $Y = X$ or $Y = \emptyset$, then Y is clearly a well-order. Thus, suppose that Y is proper subset of X . Suppose that Y was *not* well-ordered. Then, some subset, Z of Y does not have a least element. However, $Z \subset X$, and so by definition of a well-ordered set, it has a least element. A contradiction. 


Exercise 18.4. We prove that each subset of a well-ordered set X is similar either to X , or an initial segment of X .

Proof. Suppose that (X, \preceq) is a well-ordered set. If $X = \emptyset$, then every subset of X is equivalent to X . So, suppose $X \neq \emptyset$, and let S be a non-empty subset of X . Since $X \subset X$, X has a least element, call it x . Likewise, S has a least element, s . Consider the map f given by $f(s) = x$. And then, since $X - \{x\} \subset X$ it has a least element, call it x' . Likewise, $S - \{s\}$ has a least element, call it s' and define $f(s') = x'$, and so on. We show that f is a sequence of type S in X . Now, either this process terminates, or it does not. If it does, then it terminates at some x^* , s^* i.e. $f(s^*) = x^*$. Claim: $S \cong s(x^*)$.

- The fact that f is a function is clear by previous definition. It only need to be shown that f is 1-1, onto and preserves \prec . The fact that f is 1-1 is clear. Thus, if $\bar{x} \prec x^*$, then by construction, $s(\bar{x}) = f(t)$ for some $t \in S$.
- f preserves \prec : This follows from the definition of initial segments give on page 65, 78.

Otherwise, the process does not terminate. In this case, the claim is that $S \cong X$. The fact that f is a 1-1 and onto function is shown similarly as before. Likewise for \prec . 

Exercise 18.5. We prove that if (X, \prec) , (Y, \leq) are well ordered sets, and $X \cong Y$, then the similarity maps the least upper bound (if any) of each subset of X onto the least upper bound of the image of that subset.

Proof. Let X, Y be stated as above. And suppose that $S \subset X$ has a least upper bound, s^* . This implies that for all $s \in S$, $s \leq s^*$ and for any other upper bound $x \in X$, $x \leq s^*$ implies $x = s^*$. Suppose, to the contrary, that $f(s^*)$ was not the least upper-bound of $f(S)$. Since f is order preserving, we have that $f(s^*)$ is an upper-bound for $f(S)$. Let $\alpha \neq f(s^*)$ be the l.u.b. of $f(S)$ (since f is onto there exists some $x \in X$ such that $\alpha = f(x)$). Thus from here, $\alpha = f(x)$; for all $f(s) \in f(S)$, we have $f(s) \leq f(x)$, and that for any other upper-bound z of $f(S)$, $z \leq f(x)$ implies $z = f(x)$, in particular, this implies that $s^* \geq x$. But then, since f is order-preserving, we have that $f(s) \leq f(x)$ implies that $s \leq x$ for all $s \in S$. But since s^* is the l.u.b. for S , we must have $s^* \leq x$. Since X , and consequently S is well-ordered, it is partially ordered, and so $s^* = x$, a contradiction. 

19 Ordinal Numbers

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20 Sets Of Ordinal Numbers

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21 Ordinal Arithmetic

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22 The Schröder-Bernstein Theorem

Exercise 22.1. Let X , and Y be sets. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$, is a function, and $g : Y \rightarrow X$, is a function. We prove that there exist subsets $A \subset X$, $B \subset Y$ such that $f(A) = B$, and $g(Y - B) = X - A$. (This statement is used to prove the Schröder-Bernstein theorem.)

Proof. Let X , Y , f and g be stated as above. Throughout this exercise, we will use $f[A]$ instead of the more common, yet less accurate, $f(A)$. We look at four cases:

- f onto, and g is not: In this case, we have $f[X] = Y$, and $g[Y - f(X)] = g[Y - Y] = g[\emptyset] = \{\} = X - X$. Thus, choosing $A = X \subset X$ and $B = \{\} \subset Y$, the result follows.
- g onto, and f is not: In this case, we have $f[\emptyset] = \emptyset$, and $g[Y - \emptyset] = g(Y) = X = X - \{\}$. Thus, choosing $A = \{\} \subset X$, and $B = \{\} \subset Y$, the result follows.
- f onto, g onto: Again, in this case, letting $A = \emptyset \subset X$ we have $f[\emptyset] = \emptyset$, and $g[Y - \emptyset] = g[Y] = X = X - \emptyset$; the result follows.
- f not onto, g not onto: We point out that since neither f nor g is onto, there exists some $\bar{x} \in X$ such that the fiber of \bar{x} under g is empty. Likewise, there exists some $\bar{y} \in Y$ such that the fiber of \bar{y} under f is empty. Let $F_{\{\}}$ be the set of all such $\bar{x} \in X$.

For any $x \in X$ such that the fiber of x under g is not empty, either $g^{-1}[x] = \{f(x)\}$ or $f(x) \in g^{-1}[x]$, and $g^{-1}[x] \neq \{f(x)\}$. In the first case, let $F_{\{f(x)\}}$ be the set of all $x \in X$ such that $g^{-1}[x] = \{f(x)\}$ and then let F_x be the set of all $x \in X$ for which $f(x) \in g^{-1}[x]$, and $g^{-1}[x] \neq \{f(x)\}$. From the section on relations, we have that X is partitioned by $F_{\{\}}$, F_x and $F_{\{f(x)\}}$. That is, these sets are pairwise disjoint, and their union is X .

These sets have some interesting properties. Namely $g[Y - f[F_{\{\}}]] = g[f[F_x] \cup f[F_{\{f(x)\}}]]$. This is from the fact that $F_{\{\}}$, F_x , and $F_{\{f(x)\}}$ partition X and that if g is not mapping from to the set $F_{\{\}}$, then it must map to the other two. Likewise, $g[Y - f[F_{\{f(x)\}}]] = g[f[F_x] \cup f[F_{\{\}}]]$.

The claim is that the subset A of X , so desired is, $F_{\{\}} \cup F_{\{f(x)\}}$. We

compute:

$$\begin{aligned}
g\left[Y - (f[F_{\{x\}}] \cup f[F_{\{f(x)\}}])\right] &= g\left[Y - f[F_{\{x\}}]\right] \cup g\left[Y - f[F_{\{f(x)\}}]\right] \\
&= g\left[f[F_x] \cup f[F_{\{f(x)\}}]\right] \cup g\left[f[F_x] \cup f[F_{\{x\}}]\right] \\
&= g\left[f[F_x]\right] \cup g\left[f[F_{\{x\}}]\right] \\
&= g\left[f[F_x]\right] \cup \emptyset \\
&= g\left[f[F_x]\right] \\
&= F_x
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$


Where the second line follows from the comments above, and (1) is from the construction of F . Indeed, from the comments above, $X - (F_{\{x\}} \cup F_{\{f(x)\}}) = F_x$.



Exercise 22.2. We prove the Schröder-Bernstein theorem using the above exercise.

Proof. Suppose that $X \lesssim Y$, and $Y \lesssim X$. Then, there exist some $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that f is 1-1 and onto a subset Y' of Y . Likewise, there exists some $g : Y \rightarrow X$ which is 1-1 and onto a subset X' of X . We note that if either $X' = X$ or $Y' = Y$, then we are done. So, suppose that $X' \neq X$ and $Y' \neq Y$. Likewise, if either X' or Y' was the empty set, then we are done, since it is trivially true that $X \sim Y$. So, suppose that $X' \subsetneq X$, such that $X' \neq \emptyset$, and $Y' \subsetneq Y$ and $Y' \neq \emptyset$.

So, consider $f|_{X-X'}$ and $g|_{Y-Y'}$. From the previous theorem, there exists a subset $X'' \subset X - X'$ and some $Y'' \subset Y - Y'$ such that $f|_{X-X'}[X''] = Y''$ and $g|_{Y-Y'}[(Y - Y') - Y''] = (X - X') - X''$. We claim that $\emptyset = (X - X') - X''$ i.e. $X'' = X - X'$; if not, then $g|_{Y-Y'}[(Y - Y') - Y''] \neq \emptyset$ and so there is some $g(y) \in X'$ such that $y \in (Y - Y') - Y''$. But then, we have $f(g(y)) \in Y' \not\subset (Y - Y') - Y''$; this implies that $y \in Y'$, a contradiction. Thus, $X'' = X - X'$.

Since this is the case, $f|_{X-X'}[X''] \subset Y'$. But then, $g|_{Y-Y'}[(Y - Y') - Y''] = g|_{Y-Y'}[X''] = (X - X') - X'' = \emptyset$. This implies that $Y - Y' = \emptyset$, or in other words, $Y = Y'$. A contradiction. 

23 Countable Sets

Exercise 23.1. We prove that the set of all finite subsets of a countable set is countable.

Proof. The following proof was suggested by this website:


Let $A(n)$ be the set of subsets of A with no more than n elements. Thus, $A(0) = \{a\}$, $A(1) = A(0) \cup \{\{a\} : a \in A\}$ and for all $n \geq 0$:

$$A(n+1) = \{a(n) \cup a(1) : a(n) \in A(n) \wedge a(1) \in A(1)\}$$

We verify, by induction, that each $A(n)$ is countable. Let A be countable. Then, $A(1)$ is countable, by construction. Suppose $A(n)$ is countable. Then by since the union of countable sets is countable, $A(n+1)$ is also countable.

Denote with A_f as the set of finite subsets of A . It is apparent that every finite subset is in some $A(n)$, and so:

$$A_f = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(n)$$


And since the union of countable subsets is countable, A_f is countable. 

Exercise 23.2. We prove that if every countable subset of a totally ordered set X is well ordered, then X itself is well ordered.

Proof. Let $A \subset X$ be an arbitrary countable subset. Then, A is well-ordered, and every subset a of A is well-ordered, so they have least elements. Let $\bigcup_n A_n$ be the union of all countable subsets of X . Since $\bigcup_n A_n$ is the union of well-ordered sets, it is well-ordered. The claim is that $\bigcup_n A_n = X$:


Suppose otherwise; Since $\bigcup_n A_n \subset X$, it follows that $X = \bigcup_n A_n \cup (X - \bigcup_n A_n) = \bigcup_n A_n \cup Y$. Since $\bigcup_n A_n$ is the union of all countable subsets of X , Y must be finite; otherwise, we have missed a countable subset. But, since Y is finite, Y is included in some countable subset of X . Thus,

$$X = \bigcup_n A_n \cup Y = \bigcup_n A_n$$


This contradiction concludes the proof. 

24 Cardinal Arithmetic

Exercise 24.1. We prove that if a, b, c and d are cardinal numbers such that $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$, then $a + c \leq b + d$.

Proof. Let a, b, c, d be stated as given. By definition, there exists sets A, B, C, D (without loss of generality, pairwise disjoint) with cardinality a, b, c, d , respectively. Using the stated conditions, we have $A \lesssim B, C \lesssim D$. Thus, there exists $B' \subset B$, and $D' \subset D$ such that $A \sim B'$ and $C \sim D'$ i.e. $\text{card } A = \text{card } B'$ and $\text{card } C = \text{card } D'$. Then, $a + b = b' + d' \leq b + d$. 

Exercise 24.2. We prove that if a, b, c and d are cardinal numbers such that $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$, then $ac \leq bd$.

Proof. We proceed in a fashion similar to exercise 24.1. Let a, b, c, d be stated as given. By definition, there exists sets A, B, C, D (without loss of generality, pairwise disjoint) with cardinality a, b, c, d , respectively. Using the stated conditions, we have $A \lesssim B, C \lesssim D$. Thus, there exists $B' \subset B$, and $D' \subset D$ such that $A \sim B'$ and $C \sim D'$ i.e. $\text{card } A = \text{card } B'$ and $\text{card } C = \text{card } D'$. Thus, $ab = \text{card}(A \times B) = \text{card}(B' \times D')$. From a previous exercise and the comments on page 94, we have $B' \times D' \lesssim B \times D$, and so it follows that $\text{card}(B' \times D') \leq \text{card}(B \times D)$. 

Exercise 24.3. We prove that if $\{a_i\} (i \in I)$ and $\{b_i\} (i \in I)$ are families of cardinal numbers such that $a_i < b_i$ for each $i \in I$, then $\sum_i a_i \leq \prod_i b_i$.


Proof. The following proof was suggested to me by Sophie C..

Note,

$$\sum_i a_i = a_0 + a_1 + \dots \leq a_0 \times a_1 \times \dots = \prod_i a_i$$

We proceed by mathematical induction.


- *Initial Case:* $a_0 < b_0$ — By assumption.
- *Hypothesis:* Suppose that $\prod_{0 \leq i \leq n} a_i < \prod_{0 \leq i \leq n} b_i$
- *Step:* $\prod_{0 \leq i \leq n} a_i + a_{n+1} < \prod_{0 \leq i \leq n} b_i \times b_{n+1}$ for $a_{n+1} < b_{n+1}$. Therefore, $\prod_{0 \leq i \leq n+1} a_i < \prod_{0 \leq i \leq n+1} b_i$

From the above, we have $\sum_i a_i \leq \prod_i a_i < \prod_i b_i$. Which completes the proof. 


Exercise 24.4. We prove that if a, b and c are cardinal numbers such that $a \leq b$, then $a^c \leq b^c$.

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Sophie C.. We take the definition of a^c as multiply a by itself c times. And likewise for b^c . We proceed by mathematical induction:

- *Initial Case:* $a^1 \leq b^1$.
- *Inductive Hypothesis:* Suppose that $\prod_{i \in I} a_i \leq \prod_{i \in I} b_i$ such that $\text{card } I = C$.
- *Step:* If $\prod_{i \in I} a_i \leq \prod_{i \in I} b_i$, then $\prod_{i \in I} a_i \times a \leq \prod_{i \in I} b_i \times b$, since $a \leq b$.

Thus, $\prod_{i \in I} a_i \leq \prod_{i \in I} b_i$ where $\text{card } I = C + 1$. And so, $a^c \leq b^c$ 


Exercise 24.5. *Prove that if a and b are finite, greater than 1, and if c is infinite, then $a^c = b^c$.*

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Sophie C.. We take the definition of a^c as multiply a by itself c times. And likewise for b^c . If c is countable then, a^c, b^c are countable, and if c is uncountable, then a^c, b^c are uncountable. Thus, $a^c = b^c$ 

Exercise 24.6. *We prove that if a and b are cardinal numbers at least one of which is infinite, then $a + b = ab$.*

Proof. The following proof was suggest by Sophie C.. Suppose that a, b are given as stated. Without loss of generality, there exists sets A, B such that $\text{card } A = a$, $\text{card } B = b$, and $A \sim B'$, for some $B' \subset B$. Thus, $a + b = \text{card } A \sim \text{card } B' \cup \text{card } B = \text{card}(A \cup B) \sim \text{card}(B' \cup B) = \text{card } B = b = ab$. Therefore, $a + b = ab$.

Suppose that a and b are both infinite, then as above, we have $a + b = a + a = a$ and $ab = aa = a$. Therefore, $a + b = ab$.

Suppose, without loss of generality, that a , and b are both infinite such that $\text{card } A < \text{card } B$. Then, $a + b = b$ and $ab = b$, thus, $a + b = ab$. 

Exercise 24.7. *We prove that if a and b are cardinal numbers such that a is infinite and b is finite, then $a^b = a$.*

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Sophie C.. Suppose that a, b are given, as above. Then, $a^b = \prod_{i \in I} a_i$ where $\text{card } I = b$ and where $a_i = a$, for all $i \in I$. Then, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^b &= \text{card}(A \times A \times \dots \times A) \quad \text{where } \text{card } A = a \\
 &= a \times a \times \dots \times a \quad b \text{ times} \\
 &= a \times a \times \dots \times a \quad b/2 \text{ times, since } a \times a = a \\
 &= a \times a \times \dots \times a \quad b/4 \text{ times, since } a \times a = a \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= a
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. 

25 Cardinal Numbers


Exercise 25.1. We prove that each infinite cardinal number is a limit number.

Proof. This proof was inspired from this website.

Suppose to the contrary that k is an infinite cardinal which was not a limit number. Then, $k = a^+$ for some ordinal a^+ . If a is finite, we are done. Otherwise, we proceed to show that $k = a$.


Not that since k is infinite, $\omega \lesssim k$, and in particular, $\omega \lesssim a$. Thus, consider $\phi : a \rightarrow k$ given by $\phi(0) = a$, and $\phi(m^+) = m$ (if $m \in \omega$), and $\phi(x) = x$ (if $x \in a - \omega$). We show that ϕ is a 1-1 and onto function:

- *Well-Defined:* Since no ordinal is equivalent to its successor, it follows that ϕ is well-defined.
- *Everywhere Defined:* By construction, this is clear.
- *1-1:* If $\phi(x) = \phi(y)$, then in any of the cases, we have $x = y$.
- *Onto:* Let $k_1 \in k$. Then, either $k_1 \in a$, or $k_1 = a$. In either case, there exists a $\ell \in a$ for which $\phi(\ell) = a$.

Thus $k = a$, a contradiction. 

Exercise 25.2. We answer a few questions: If $\text{card } A = a$, what is the cardinal number of the set of all 1-1 and onto in A ? What is the cardinal number of the set of all countably infinite subsets of A ?


Proof. If A is infinite, then $\omega \lesssim A$ and we can consider the infinitely many maps f_i , such that $i \in \omega$, given by $f_i(x) = x + 1$ (if $x \in \omega$), and $f_i(x) = x$ (if $x \in A - \omega$). However, if A is finite, then a simple counting argument show that the number is the multiplication of all predecessors of a , except zero.

This answer was suggested by this website: "A has a^ω countably infinite subsets, and there's not much more that you can say unless you know something about the cardinal a . For example, $2 \leq a \leq 2^\omega$, then $a^\omega = 2^\omega$. If $\text{cf } a = \omega$, i.e., if a has cofinality ω , then $a^\omega > a$." 

Exercise 25.3. We prove that if α, β are ordinal numbers, then $\text{card}(\alpha + \beta) = \text{card } \alpha + \text{card } \beta$ and $\text{card } \alpha\beta = \text{card } \alpha \text{ card } \beta$. We use the ordinal interpretation of the operations on the left side and the cardinal interpretation on the right.

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Sophie C.. We compute:

- $\text{card } \alpha\beta = \text{card}(\text{ord } A \text{ ord } B) = \text{card}(\text{ord}(A \times B)) = \text{card}(A \times B)$
- $(\text{card } \alpha)(\text{card } \beta) = (\text{card}(\text{ord } A))(\text{card}(\text{ord } B)) = \text{card}(A) \text{ card}(B) = \text{card}(A \times B)$

Thus, $\text{card } \alpha\beta = (\text{card } \alpha)(\text{card } \beta)$ 

Proof. The following proof was suggest by Sophie C.. We compute:

- $\text{card}(\alpha + \beta) = \text{card}(\text{ord } A + \text{ord } B) = \text{card}(\text{ord}(A \cup B)) = \text{ord}(A \cup B) = \text{ord}(A) + \text{ord}(B) = \text{card}(\text{ord}(A)) + \text{card}(\text{ord}(B)) = \text{card } \alpha + \text{card } \beta.$

Thus, $\text{card}(\alpha + \beta) = \text{card } \alpha + \text{card } \beta.$



26 Extra Exercises

Many of these exercises were collaborations with other student. They are not marked exercises in the text, however, they are useful.

26.1 Arithmetic

Exercise 26.1. *We show that addition for elements of ω is associative. The following proof was suggested by Aidan H. and David H., and I attribute all credit to them.*

Proof. We proceed by mathematical induction: By the recursion theorem there exists a function $s_m : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ such that $s_m(0) = m$ and $s_m(n^+) = (s_m(n))^+$ where $m, n \in \omega$ and $s_m(n) = m + n$. First note $s_{k+m}(n) = (k + m) + n$, and similarly $s_k(m + n) = k + (m + n)$. Consider the set $T = \{n \in \omega \mid s_{k+m}(n) = s_k(m + n)\}$.

Initial case: See that $0 \in T$ since $s_{k+m}(0) = k + m = s_k(m + 0) = k + (m + 0) = k + m$.

Inductive hypothesis: Let $n \in T$ hold. Then $s_{k+m}(n) = s_k(m + n)$.

This implies $(k + m) + n = k + (m + n)$.

Now $s_{k+m}(n^+) = (k + m) + n^+ = (s_{k+m}(n))^+ = ((k + m) + n)^+$.


Similarly, $s_k((m + n)^+) = k + (m + n)^+ = (s_k(m + n))^+ = (k + (m + n))^+$.

Since $s_{k+m}(n) = s_k(m + n)$ by the inductive hypothesis. We obtain

$$(k + m) + n^+ = ((k + m) + n)^+ = (k + (m + n))^+ = k + (m + n)^+$$

Note that $s_m(n) = m + n$, so $(s_m(n))^+ = (m + n)^+ = m + n^+ = s_m(n^+)$.

Thus, $(k + m) + n^+ = k + (m + n^+)$

Conclusion: Therefore, $n^+ \in T$, and thus $T = \omega$, and thus addition is associative. 

Exercise 26.2. *We prove that addition is commutative.*


Proof. The following proof was suggested by Aidan H. and David H., and I attribute all credit to them.

Let $B = \{m \in \omega \mid s_m(n) = s_n(m)\}$.

Initial case: $0 \in B$, since $s_0(n) = s_n(0) = n$.

Inductive hypothesis: Let $b \in B$ hold. That is, $s_b(n) = b + n = n + b = s_n(b)$. Then $s_n(b^+) = (s_n(b))^+ = (n + b)^+$, by definition. Similarly, $s_{b^+}(n) = (s_b(n))^+ = (b + n)^+$. Then, by the inductive hypothesis, $s_{b^+}(n) = (s_b(n))^+ = (s_n(b))^+ = s_n(b^+)$.

Inductive conclusion: $b^+ \in B$. Thus, by the induction principle, $B = \omega$. This

implies $s_m(n) = s_n(m) \forall m, n \in \omega$, and thus $m + n = n + m \forall m, n \in \omega$, and thus addition is commutative. 

Exercise 26.3. We prove the properties of exponentiation.

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Aidan H. and David H., and I attribute all credit to them.

First note $e_m : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ is a function defined as

$$e_m(0) = 1$$

$$e_m(n^+) = e_m(n) \cdot m \quad \text{where } e_m(n) = m^n \text{ for } m, n \in \omega$$

I want to show $m^{(n+l)} = m^n \cdot m^l$, that is $e_m(n+l) = e_m(n) \cdot e_m(l)$ for $m, n, l \in \omega$. Define $P_m : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ such that $P_m(0) = 0$ and $P_m(n^+) = P_m(n) + m$, and $P_m(n) = m \cdot n$ for $m, n \in \omega$. First I will show $P_1(n) = n \forall n \in \omega$ by induction. Consider the set $B = \{n \in \omega \mid P_1(n) = n\}$. Initial case: Note $0 \in B$ since $P_1(0) = 0$ by definition.

Inductive hypothesis: Let $n \in B$ hold, then $P_1(n) = n$. Then $P_1(n^+) = P_1(n) + 1 = n + 1 = n^+$.


Inductive conclusion: Thus $n^+ \in B$ and by principle of mathematical induction, $B = \omega$. Thus, $P_1(n) = n \forall n \in \omega$.

Now to show $m^{(n+l)} = m^n \cdot m^l$. Let $F = \{n \in \omega \mid e_m(n+l) = e_m(n) \cdot e_m(l)\}$.

Initial case: Note $0 \in F$ since $e_m(0+l) = e_m(l)$ and $e_m(0) \cdot e_m(l) = 1 \cdot e_m(l) = P_1(e_m(l)) = e_m(l)$.

Inductive hypothesis: Let $n \in F$ hold, then $e_m(n+l) = e_m(n) \cdot e_m(l)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} e_m(n^+ + l) &= e_m((n+l)^+) \\ &= e_m(n+l) \cdot m \\ &= e_m(n) \cdot e_m(l) \cdot m \\ &= e_m(n) \cdot m \cdot e_m(l) \\ &= e_m(n^+) \cdot e_m(l) \end{aligned}$$

Inductive conclusion: Thus, $n^+ \in F$, and by the principle of mathematical induction, $F = \omega$. Thus, $m^{(n+l)} = m^n \cdot m^l \forall m, n, l \in \omega$. 

Exercise 26.4. We prove the left distributive law.

Proof. The following proof was suggested by Aidan H. and David H., and I attribute all credit to them.

We proceed by mathematical induction:

Initial case:

$$k \cdot (m + 0) = k \cdot m + k \cdot 0$$

$$k \cdot m = k \cdot m + 0 = k \cdot m$$

Inductive hypothesis: $k \cdot (mn) = k \cdot m + k \cdot n$ Then

$$k \cdot (m + n^+) = (k \cdot (m + n))^+ \text{ by definition of addition}$$

$$= (k \cdot m + k \cdot n)^+ = k \cdot m + (k \cdot n)^+ \text{ by hypothesis and addition}$$

$$= k \cdot m + k \cdot n^+ \text{ by definition of addition}$$

$$\text{Conclusion: } k \cdot (m + n^+) = k \cdot m + k \cdot n^+$$

