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- [16] 1. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 6, 9\}$ , and  $C = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Find each of the following:
- (a)  $A \cup B$
  - (b)  $A \cap B$
  - (c)  $A \cup C$
  - (d)  $A \cap C$
  - (e)  $A - B$
  - (f)  $B - A$
  - (g)  $B \cup C$
  - (h)  $B \cap C$
- [8] 2. Let  $S$  be the set of all strings of 0's and 1's of length 4, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be the following subsets of  $S$ :  
 $A = \{1110, 1111, 1000, 1001\}$  and  $B = \{1100, 0100, 1111, 0111\}$ . Find each of the following:
- (a)  $A \cup B$
  - (b)  $A \cap B$
  - (c)  $A - B$
  - (d)  $B - A$
- [20] 3. In each of the following, draw a Venn diagram for sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  that satisfy the given conditions.
- (a)  $A \subseteq B, C \subseteq B, A \cap C = \emptyset$
  - (b)  $B \subseteq A, B \cap C = \emptyset$
  - (c)  $A \cap B = \emptyset, A \subseteq C, C \cap B \neq \emptyset$
  - (d)  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset, B \cap C \neq \emptyset, A \cap C = \emptyset, A \not\subseteq B, C \not\subseteq B$
- [16] 4. Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $C = \{2, 3\}$ . Find each of the following sets.
- (a)  $A \times (B \cup C)$
  - (b)  $(A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
  - (c)  $A \times (B \cap C)$

$$(d) (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

[10] 5. Let  $Z$  be the set of all integers and let

$$A_0 = \{n \in Z | n = 4k + 0, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_1 = \{n \in Z | n = 4k + 1, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_2 = \{n \in Z | n = 4k + 2, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_3 = \{n \in Z | n = 4k + 3, k \in Z\}$$

Is  $(A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3)$  a partition of  $Z$ ? Explain your answer.

[20] 6. Assume that all sets are subsets of a universal set  $U$ . Please prove each statement below.

(a) For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , if  $B \cap C \subseteq A$ , then  $(C - A) \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

(b) For all sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ , if  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = \emptyset$ .

(c) For every positive integer  $n$ , if  $A$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  are any sets, then

$$A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$$

(d) For every positive integer  $n$ , if  $A$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  are any sets, then

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) = A \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)$$

[10] 7. Find a counterexample to show that each statement is false. Assume all sets are subsets of a universal set  $U$ .

(a) For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = A \cup (B \cap C).$$

(b) For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , if  $A \not\subseteq B$  and  $B \not\subseteq C$  then  $A \not\subseteq C$ .

**Solutions.**

[16] 1. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 6, 9\}$ , and  $C = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Find each of the following:

(a)  $A \cup B$

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$$A \cup B = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9\}$$

(b)  $A \cap B$

✓

$$A \cap B = \{3, 9\}$$

(c)  $A \cup C$

✓

$$A \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

(d)  $A \cap C$

✓

$$A \cap C = \emptyset$$

(e)  $A - B$

✓

$$A - B = \{1, 5, 7\}$$

(f)  $B - A$

✓

$$B - A = \{6\}$$

(g)  $B \cup C$

✓

$$B \cup C = \{2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9\}$$

(h)  $B \cap C$

✓

$$B \cap C = \{6\}$$

[8] 2. Let  $S$  be the set of all strings of 0's and 1's of length 4, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be the following subsets of  $S$ :  
 $A = \{1110, 1111, 1000, 1001\}$  and  $B = \{1100, 0100, 1111, 0111\}$ . Find each of the following:

(a)  $A \cup B$

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$$A \cup B = \{1110, 1111, 1000, 1001, 1100, 0100, 0111\}$$

(b)  $A \cap B$

✓

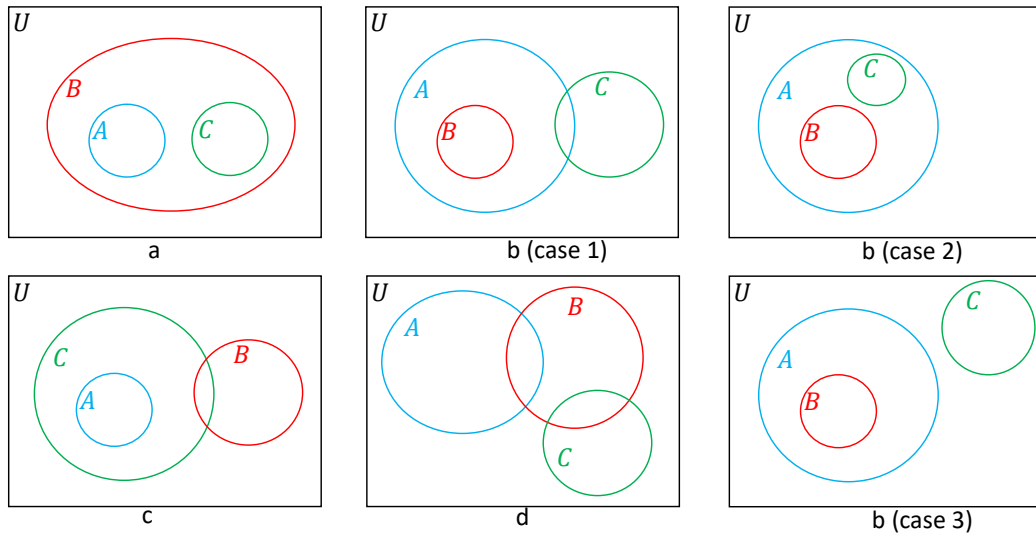
$$A \cap B = \{1111\}$$

- (c)  $A - B$   
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 $A - B = \{1110, 1000, 1001\}$
- (d)  $B - A$   
 $\checkmark$   
 $B - A = \{1100, 0100, 0111\}$

[20] 3. In each of the following, draw a Venn diagram for sets A, B, and C that satisfy the given conditions.

- (a)  $A \subseteq B, C \subseteq B, A \cap C = \emptyset$   
 (b)  $B \subseteq A, B \cap C = \emptyset$   
 (c)  $A \cap B = \emptyset, A \subseteq C, C \cap B \neq \emptyset$   
 (d)  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset, B \cap C \neq \emptyset, A \cap C = \emptyset, A \not\subseteq B, C \not\subseteq B$

$\checkmark$



[16] 4. Let  $A = \{a, b\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{2, 3\}$ . Find each of the following sets.

- (a)  $A \times (B \cup C)$   
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 $A \times (B \cup C) = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3)\}$
- (b)  $(A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$   
 $\checkmark$   
 $(A \times B) \cup (A \times C) = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3)\}$

(c)  $A \times (B \cap C)$

✓

$$A \times (B \cap C) = \{(a, 2), (b, 2)\}$$

(d)  $(A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$

✓

$$(A \times B) \cap (A \times C) = \{(a, 2), (b, 2)\}$$

[10] 5. Let  $Z$  be the set of all integers and let

$$A_0 = \{n \in Z \mid n = 4k + 0, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_1 = \{n \in Z \mid n = 4k + 1, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_2 = \{n \in Z \mid n = 4k + 2, k \in Z\}$$

$$A_3 = \{n \in Z \mid n = 4k + 3, k \in Z\}$$

Is  $(A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3)$  a partition of  $Z$ ? Explain your answer.

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Yes,  $(A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3)$  is a partition of  $Z$ .

By the quotient-remainder theorem, every integer  $n \in Z$  can be represented in exactly one of the four forms

$$n = 4k \quad \text{or} \quad n = 4k + 1 \quad \text{or} \quad n = 4k + 2 \quad \text{or} \quad n = 4k + 3,$$

for some integer  $k$ . This implies that no integer can be in any two or more of the sets  $A_0, A_1, A_2$ , or  $A_3$ . So,  $A_0, A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  are mutually disjoint. The theorem also implies that every integer must be in one of the sets  $A_0, A_1, A_2$ , or  $A_3$ . So  $Z = A_0 \cup A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$ .

[20] 6. Assume that all sets are subsets of a universal set  $U$ . Please prove each statement below.

(a) For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , if  $B \cap C \subseteq A$ , then  $(C - A) \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

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$P$ : For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(B \cap C \subseteq A) \rightarrow ((C - A) \cap (B - A) = \emptyset)$$

**Negation:**

$\neg P$ : There exist sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(B \cap C \subseteq A) \wedge ((C - A) \cap (B - A) \neq \emptyset)$$

**Proof by Contradiction.**

Suppose  $\neg P$  is true. Then, there exist sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , such that  $((C - A) \cap (B - A) \neq \emptyset)$ . That is,

$$\exists x, x \in (C - A) \cap (B - A)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \exists x, (x \in (C - A)) \wedge (x \in (B - A)) \\
&\equiv \exists x, (x \in C \wedge x \in A^c) \wedge (x \in B \wedge x \in A^c) \\
&\equiv \exists x, (x \in B) \wedge (x \in C) \wedge (x \in A^c) \\
&\equiv \exists x, (x \in B \cap C) \wedge (x \in A^c)
\end{aligned}$$

Because  $\exists x, x \in B \cap C$ , and also  $B \cap C \subseteq A$ , we have  $x \in A$ . However, as  $x \in A^c$ , we have  $(x \in A) \wedge (x \in A^c) = \mathbf{c}$  draws a contradiction. Therefore,  $\neg P$  is false, and  $P$  is true. That is, For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(B \cap C \subseteq A) \rightarrow ((C - A) \cap (B - A) = \emptyset)$$

(b) For all sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ , if  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = \emptyset$ .

✓

$P$ : For all sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ ,

$$(A \cap C = \emptyset) \rightarrow ((A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = \emptyset)$$

**Negation:**

$\neg P$ : There exist sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ ,

$$(A \cap C = \emptyset) \wedge ((A \times B) \cap (C \times D) \neq \emptyset)$$

**Proof by Contradiction.**

Suppose  $\neg P$  is true. Then, there exist sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  such that  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) \neq \emptyset$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\exists(x, y), (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D) \\
&\equiv \exists(x, y), ((x, y) \in (A \times B)) \wedge ((x, y) \in (C \times D)) \\
&\equiv \exists(x, y), (x \in A \wedge y \in B) \wedge (x \in C \wedge y \in D) \\
&\equiv \exists(x, y), (x \in A \cap C) \wedge (y \in B \cap D)
\end{aligned}$$

Because  $\exists x, x \in A \cap C$ , we have  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$ . Then,  $(A \cap C \neq \emptyset) \wedge (A \cap C = \emptyset) = \mathbf{c}$  draws a contradiction. Therefore,  $\neg P$  is false, and  $P$  is true. That is,

For all sets  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ ,

$$(A \cap C = \emptyset) \rightarrow ((A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = \emptyset)$$

(c) For every positive integer  $n$ , if  $A$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  are any sets, then

$$A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$$

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We prove  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$  by respectively proving  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \subseteq A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$  as follows.

(1) Prove  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i)$

If  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) = \emptyset$ , the result is straightforward. So, we consider  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \neq \emptyset$ .  
Because  $A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \neq \emptyset$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x, x \in A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A) \wedge (x \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B_1 \vee x \in B_2 \vee \cdots \vee x \in B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A \wedge x \in B_1) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A \cap B_1) \vee (x \in A \cap B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \cap B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \end{aligned}$$

(2) Prove  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \subseteq A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$

If  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) = \emptyset$ , the result is straightforward. So, we consider  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \neq \emptyset$ .  
Because  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \neq \emptyset$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x, x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap B_i) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A \cap B_1) \vee (x \in A \cap B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \cap B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A \wedge x \in B_1) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B_1 \vee x \in B_2 \vee \cdots \vee x \in B_n) \\ & \equiv \exists x, (x \in A) \wedge (x \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)) \\ & \equiv \exists x, x \in A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.

(d) For every positive integer  $n$ , if  $A$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  are any sets, then

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) = A \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)$$

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We prove  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) = A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$  by respectively proving  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \subseteq A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$  and  $A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i)$  as follows.

(1) Prove  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \subseteq A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$

If  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) = \emptyset$ , the result is straightforward. So, we consider  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \neq \emptyset$ .

Because  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \neq \emptyset$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists(x, y), (x, y) \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), ((x, y) \in (A \times B_1)) \vee ((x, y) \in (A \times B_2)) \vee \cdots \vee ((x, y) \in (A \times B_n)) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A \wedge y \in B_1) \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in B_n) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A) \wedge (y \in B_1 \vee y \in B_2 \vee \cdots \vee y \in B_n) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A) \wedge (y \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x, y) \in A \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

(2) Prove  $A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i)$

If  $A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) = \emptyset$ , the result is straightforward. So, we consider  $A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \neq \emptyset$ .

Because  $A \times (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) \neq \emptyset$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists(x, y), (x, y) \in A \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A) \wedge (y \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right)) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A) \wedge (y \in B_1 \vee y \in B_2 \vee \cdots \vee y \in B_n) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x \in A \wedge y \in B_1) \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in B_2) \vee \cdots \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in B_n) \\ \equiv & \exists(x, y), (x, y) \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \times B_i) \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.

**[10]** 7. Find a counterexample to show that each statement is false. Assume all sets are subsets of a universal set  $U$ .

(a) For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = A \cup (B \cap C).$$

✓

**Negation:**

There exist sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(A \cup B) \cap C \neq A \cup (B \cap C).$$



**Counterexample:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 4\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 2, 5\}$ . Then, we have

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{1, 2, 5\} = \{1, 2\}.$$

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

Hence,  $(A \cup B) \cap C \neq A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

(b) For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , if  $A \not\subseteq B$  and  $B \not\subseteq C$  then  $A \not\subseteq C$ .

✓

For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(A \not\subseteq B) \wedge (B \not\subseteq C) \rightarrow (A \not\subseteq C)$$

**Negation:**

There exist sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$(A \not\subseteq B) \wedge (B \not\subseteq C) \wedge (A \subseteq C)$$

**Counterexample:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 4\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6\}$ . Then, we have

$$A \not\subseteq B \quad \text{and} \quad B \not\subseteq C, \quad \text{but} \quad A \subseteq C.$$