

Warm-Up: Let $A = \{ \underbrace{[0, n]}_{= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq n\}} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$.

Find $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$ and $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$.

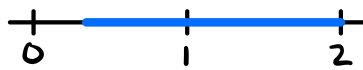
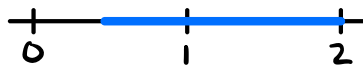
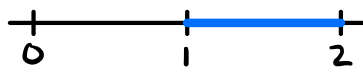
Ex: Let $A_n = [\frac{1}{n}, 2]$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$A_1 = [1, 2]$$

$$A_2 = [\frac{1}{2}, 2]$$

$$A_3 = [\frac{1}{3}, 2]$$

\vdots



Then $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n = [1, 2]$.

Proof: Left to you.

And $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n = (0, 2]$.

Proof: Each $A_n \subseteq (0, 2]$, so $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subseteq (0, 2]$
why?

Now, let $x \in (0, 2]$.

By the Archimedean Property (Bonus Problem #5), there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{m} < x$.

Thus, $x \in A_m = [\frac{1}{m}, 2]$, and so $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.
That is, $(0, 2] \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. ●

Ex: Similarly, if $B_n = (-\frac{1}{n}, 2]$, then

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = (-1, 2] \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = [0, 2].$$

Thm: Let \mathcal{A} be a non-empty set of sets.
Let $A_0 \in \mathcal{A}$. Then

$$\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \subseteq A_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A.$$

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Proof: ① Let $x \in \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$. Then for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $x \in A$.
In particular, $x \in A_0$. Thus, $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \subseteq A_0$.

② Let $x \in A_0$. Then there exists some $A \in \mathcal{A}$
such that $x \in A$, because we could take $A = A_0$.
This means $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$. Therefore, $A_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$. □

Thm (Generalized DeMorgan Laws for sets):

Let S be a set and let \mathcal{A} be a set of sets.

Then

$$(i) \quad S \setminus \left(\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right) = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (S \setminus A)$$

$$(ii) \quad S \setminus \left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right) = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (S \setminus A).$$

Thm (Generalized Distributive Laws for sets):

Let S be a set and let A be a set of sets.

Then

$$(i) S \cap \left(\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right) = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (S \cap A)$$

$$(ii) S \cup \left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right) = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (S \cup A).$$

The Power Set

Def: Let A be a set. The power set of A , denoted $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is the set of all subsets of A .

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{ S \mid S \subseteq A \}.$$

Ex: $A = \{1, 2\}$. Then $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\} \}$.

If A has n elements, then $\mathcal{P}(A)$ has 2^n elements.

Cartesian Products

Def: An ordered pair is a list of two objects in order.

If a and b are objects, then (a, b) denotes the ordered pair with first entry a and second entry b .

What do we mean by "in order"?

Fundamental Property: $(a, b) = (c, d)$ if and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$.

Ex: • If $a \neq b$, then $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$.
• For any a , (a, a) is a perfectly fine ordered pair.

Compare with sets:

- $\{a, b\} = \{b, a\}$
- $\{a, a\} = \{a\}$

Aside: There is an "implementation" of ordered pairs as sets. To do this, define

$$(a, b) = \{ \{a\}, \{a, b\} \}.$$

Then you can prove that $(a, b) = (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a=c$ and $b=d$.