

More set theory review

Let A and B be sets.

- The intersection of A and B is

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

- The union of A and B is

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

- The set difference or relative complement is

$$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$$

- If all the objects we are interested in come from some set U ("universe"), then the complement of $A \subseteq U$ is

$$A^c = U \setminus A.$$

Caution: The textbook uses

- $A \subset B$ instead of $A \subseteq B$
- A' instead of A^c

Thm (De Morgan's laws for sets).

Let A and B be sets, each a subset of a universe U . Then

$$\textcircled{1} (A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

$$\textcircled{2} (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

Proof: Math 3345 / text.

The Cartesian product of two sets A and B is

$$A \times B = \{ (x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \}.$$

A function (or mapping or map) from a set A to a set B is a subset

$$f \subseteq A \times B$$

such that

(★) for every $x \in A$, there is a unique $y \in B$ such that $(x, y) \in f$.

We never use this notation! Write

- $f: A \rightarrow B$ instead of $f \subseteq A \times B$
- $f(x) = y$ instead of $(x, y) \in f$.

For a function $f: A \rightarrow B$,

- the domain is A ,
- the codomain is B ,
- the range (or image) is

$$f(A) = \{ f(x) \mid x \in A \}.$$

The function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is injective (or one-to-one) if for all $x_1, x_2 \in A$,

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2.$$

[Equivalently, $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$.]

The function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is surjective (or onto) if $f(A) = B$.

Note: $f(A) \subseteq B$ by definition.

A function is bijjective if it is both injective and surjective.

Nouns: Injection, surjection, bijection.

On any set S there is the identity function

$$\text{id}_S: S \rightarrow S \\ x \mapsto x.$$

If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection, then for each $y \in B$ there exists a unique $x \in A$ such that $f(x) = y$. surjective injective

This property defines the inverse function $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$.

Properties (from Math 3345)

Suppose $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection.
Then

- $f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$.
- $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}_B : B \rightarrow B$.
- f^{-1} is also a bijection, with $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$.

Thm: Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function.

If there exists $g: B \rightarrow A$ such that

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_A \quad \text{and} \quad f \circ g = \text{id}_B,$$

then f is a bijection and $g = f^{-1}$.

Equivalence relations

Def: A relation R on a set S is a subset of $S \times S$

Notation: Instead of writing $(x, y) \in R$, we usually write $x R y$.

Ex:

- \leq is a relation on \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{Z} , or \mathbb{Q})
- So is $<$.
- $=$ is a relation on any set
- \neq is a relation on any set

Def: A relation \sim on a set S is an equivalence relation if for all $x, y, z \in S$,

① $x \sim x$, [reflexive]

② if $x \sim y$, then $y \sim x$, [symmetric]

③ if $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$, then $x \sim z$.
[transitive]

Ex: $\cdot =$ is an equivalence relation

$\cdot \leq$ fails ②

$\cdot <$ fails ① and ②

$\cdot \neq$ fails ① and ③