

Vacuous Truth

Teaching Evals

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$\text{False} \Rightarrow P \equiv \text{True}$, regardless of P .

Consequence:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \in \emptyset (P(x)) &\equiv \forall x (x \in \emptyset \Rightarrow P(x)) \\ &\equiv \forall x (\text{False} \Rightarrow P(x)) \\ &\equiv \forall x (\text{True}) \\ &\equiv \text{True}\end{aligned}$$

Regardless of $P(x)$!

Example: "All unicorns in this room are pink."

This happens in the base case of induction:

$\forall x \in S (P(x))$. Base case: $|S| = 0$ ✓.

This happens with relations:

~~empty set~~ $\begin{matrix} a & b \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{matrix} R = \emptyset$

$$\forall a, b ((a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R) \quad \checkmark$$

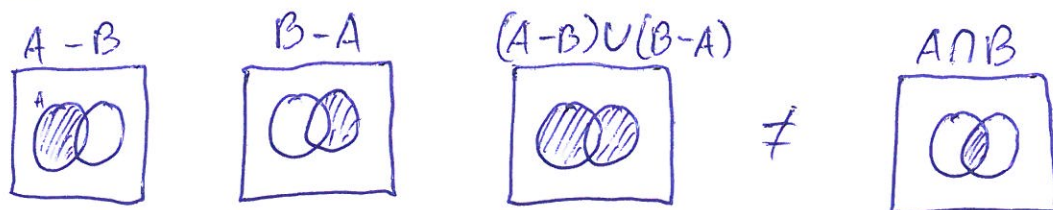
Sets

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Example: Is the following valid?

$$(A-B) \cup (B-A) = (A \cap B)$$

Solution: Draw the Venn diagram:



Proof that $(A-B) \cup (B-A)$

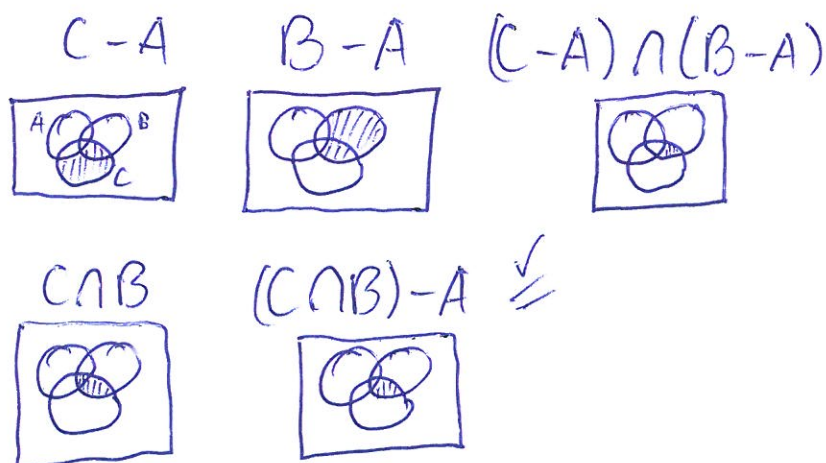
So consider sets $A = \{1\}$ and $B = \emptyset$.

$$\begin{aligned}(A-B) \cup (B-A) &= (\{1\} - \emptyset) \cup (\emptyset - \{1\}) \\ &= \{1\} \cup \emptyset \\ &= \{1\}\end{aligned}$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset \neq \{1\}.$$

Example: Is " $(C-A) \cap (B-A) = (C \cap B) - A$ " valid?

Solution: Draw:



To show this:

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$$\begin{aligned}(C-A) \cap (B-A) &= (C \cap \bar{A}) \cap (B \cap \bar{A}) && \text{(Difference equiv.)} \\ &= (C \cap B) \cap (\bar{A} \cap \bar{A}) && \text{(Comm. \& Assoc.)} \\ &= (C \cap B) \cap \bar{A} && \text{(Idempotence)} \\ &= (C \cap B) - A && \text{(Difference Equiv.)}\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Functions

Function $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Injective: $\forall x, y \in A (f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y)$
or $\forall x, y \in A (x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y))$

"All pre-images are unique." No 

Surjective: $\forall b \in B (\exists a \in A (f(a) = b))$

"Everyone has a pre-image." No 

Bijjective: Both injective and surjective.

"Everyone has a unique pre-image."

Example: $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $f(x) = x + 1$.

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f is injective: $f(x) = f(y)$
 $x + 1 = y + 1$
 $x = y$

f is not surjective: there is no x such that $f(x) = 0$.

f is not bijective: f is not surjective.

Example: $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = x + 1$

f is injective: $f(x) = f(y)$
 $x + 1 = y + 1$
 $x = y$

f is surjective: $f(x) = b$
 $x + 1 = b$
 $x = b - 1$ $b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow (b - 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

f is bijective.

Example: $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = x^2$

f is not injective: $f(-1) = f(1)$

f is not surjective: there is no $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f(x) = -1$.

f is not bijective.

Induction

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- $P(n)$: predicate on natural numbers
(Can be complex: "All graphs with n vertices have...")
- Prove $P(n)$ for all $n \geq a$.

Base Case:

- ~~$P(a)$ is true~~ prove $P(a)$
- ~~$P(a+1)$ is true~~ prove $P(a+1)$
- ~~$P(b)$ is true~~ prove $P(b)$

Inductive Hypothesis:

Assume $P(n)$ is true for $a \leq n \leq k$, for some $k \geq b$.

Inductive Step: Show that $P(k+1)$ is true.

Example: Prove that, for $n \geq 5$, $4n < 2^n$.

Proof: By induction on n .

Base Case ($n=5$): $4 \cdot 5 = 20$ $20 < 32$ ✓
 $2^5 = 32$

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $4n < 2^n$ for all $5 \leq n \leq k$.

Inductive Step: We need to show that $4 \cdot (k+1) < 2^{k+1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 4(k+1) &= 4k + 4 \\ &< 2^k + 4 && \text{(IH)} \\ &< 2^k + 2^k && (k \geq 5) \\ &= 2^{k+1} && \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Equivalence Relations

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An equivalence relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Example: Show that the relation on \mathbb{R} given by
 $R = \{(a, b) \mid a - b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an equiv. relation.

Solution:

- R is reflexive: $a - a = 0$, and $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$,
so $(a, a) \in R$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- R is symmetric: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Then $a - b = k$ and $b - a = -(a - b) = -k$.
If $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $-k \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $(b, a) \in R$.
- R is transitive: Suppose $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$.
Then $a - b = k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b - c = l \in \mathbb{Z}$.
~~So $a - b + (b - c) =$~~
and $b - c = l \in \mathbb{Z}$ +
so $a - c = (k + l) \in \mathbb{Z}$.