

Do the following exercises from the text: Chapter 1 (Section 1.3): 7, 15, 22, 24

7. Prove that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

*Proof.* First show that  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subset (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . For this, let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . This means that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \cup C$ . This means that  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ . Thus,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , so that  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$  so that  $x \in A \cap C$ . Therefore,  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . Hence  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subset (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Now show that  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \cup C)$ . For this, let  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . This means that  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A \cap C$ .

Case 1:  $x \in A \cap B$ . In this case,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . Since  $B \subset B \cup C$ , it follows that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \cup C$  and hence  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Case 2:  $x \in A \cap C$ . In this case,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$ . Since  $C \subset B \cup C$ , it follows that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \cup C$  and hence  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Combining the two cases gives  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Since  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subset (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  and  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \cup C)$ , it follows that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .  $\square$

15. Prove that  $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \setminus C)$

*Proof.* First show that  $A \cap (B \setminus C) \subset (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$ . For this, let  $x \in A \cap (B \setminus C)$ . Thus  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \setminus C$  so that  $x \in B$  but  $x \notin C$ . Therefore,  $x \in A \cap B$  but  $x \notin A \cap C$  so  $x \in (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$ . Hence,  $A \cap (B \setminus C) \subset (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$ .

Now show that  $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \setminus C)$ . For this, let  $x \in (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$ . This means that  $x \in A \cap B$  but  $x \notin A \cap C$ . This means that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  but  $x \notin A \cap C$ . Since  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin A \cap C$  it follows that  $x \notin C$ . Hence,  $x \in B \setminus C$  so that, since  $x$  is also in  $A$ ,  $x \in A \cap (B \setminus C)$ . Therefore,  $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \setminus C)$ .

Thus, we have shown that  $A \cap (B \setminus C) \subset (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$  and  $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \setminus C)$  so that  $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \subset A \cap (B \setminus C)$ .  $\square$

22. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be maps.

(a) If  $f$  and  $g$  are both one-to-one functions, show that  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one.

*Proof.* Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are both one-to-one functions, and assume that  $g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b)$  for  $a, b \in A$ . This implies that  $g(f(a)) = g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b) = g(f(b))$ . Since  $g$  is one-to-one, this implies that  $f(a) = f(b)$  and then, since  $f$  is one-to-one, it follows that  $a = b$ . Thus, we have shown that  $g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b)$  implies that  $a = b$ , so that  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

(b) If  $g \circ f$  is onto, then  $g$  is onto.

*Proof.* Let  $c \in C$  be arbitrary. Since  $g \circ f$  is onto, then implies that there exists  $a \in A$  with  $g \circ f(a) = c$ . Thus,  $g(f(a)) = c$ . Letting  $b = f(a)$  gives an element of  $B$  for which  $g(b) = g(f(a)) = c$ . Since  $c$  is arbitrary, this means that  $g$  is onto.  $\square$

(c) If  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one, show that  $f$  is one-to-one.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A$  with  $f(a) = f(b)$ . Then  $g \circ f(a) = g(f(a)) = g(f(b)) = g \circ f(b)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one, it follows that  $a = b$ . Thus,  $f(a) = f(b)$  implies that  $a = b$ , so that  $f$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

(d) If  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one and  $f$  is onto, show that  $g$  is one-to-one.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$  for some  $b_1, b_2 \in B$ . Since  $f$  is onto, there are  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  in  $A$  with  $f(a_1) = b_1$  and  $f(a_2) = b_2$ . Then  $g \circ f(a_1) = g(f(a_1)) = g(b_1) = g(b_2) = g(f(a_2)) = g \circ f(a_2)$ , so that  $g \circ f(a_1) = g \circ f(a_2)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one, it follows that  $a_1 = a_2$ , which implies that  $b_1 = f(a_1) = f(a_2) = b_2$ . Therefore,  $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$  implies that  $b_1 = b_2$ , so that  $g$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

(e) If  $g \circ f$  is onto and  $g$  is one-to-one, show that  $f$  is onto.

*Proof.* Let  $b \in B$  and let  $g(b) = c$ . By assumption,  $g \circ f$  is onto so there is an element  $a \in A$  such that  $g \circ f(a) = c$ . Thus,  $g(f(a)) = c$ . But  $g(b) = c = g(f(a))$  and since  $g$  is one-to-one, it follows that  $f(a) = b$ . Thus, for every  $b \in B$ , there is an  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$  and hence  $f$  is onto.  $\square$

24. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map with  $A_1, A_2 \subset X$  and  $B_1, B_2 \subset Y$ .

(a) Prove that  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y \in f(A_1 \cup A_2)$ . Then there is an  $x \in A_1 \cup A_2$  with  $y = f(x)$ . Then  $x \in A_1$  or  $x \in A_2$ . If  $x \in A_1$  then  $y = f(x) \in f(A_1) \subset f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$  and if  $x \in A_2$  then  $y = f(x) \in f(A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ . Thus,  $y \in f(A_1 \cup A_2)$  implies that  $y \in f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ , so  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ .

Now let  $y \in f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ . Then  $y \in f(A_1)$  or  $y \in f(A_2)$ . In case  $y \in f(A_1)$  there exists some  $x_1 \in A_1$  with  $y = f(x_1)$ . Since  $x_1 \in A_1 \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  it follows that  $y \in f(A_1 \cup A_2)$ . In case  $y \in f(A_2)$  there exists some  $x_2 \in A_2$  with  $y = f(x_2)$ . Since  $x_2 \in A_2 \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  it follows that  $y \in f(A_1 \cup A_2)$ . Therefore,  $f(A_1) \cup f(A_2) \subset f(A_1 \cup A_2)$ .

Since we have shown  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$  and  $f(A_1) \cup f(A_2) \subset f(A_1 \cup A_2)$ , it follows that  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ .  $\square$

(b) Prove that  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ . Give an example in which equality fails.

*Proof.* Let  $y \in f(A_1 \cap A_2)$ . This means that there is an  $x \in A_1 \cap A_2$  with  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $x \in A_1$  it follows that  $y = f(x) \in f(A_1)$  and since  $x \in A_2$ , it follows that  $y = f(x) \in f(A_2)$ . Thus,  $y \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$  so  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ .

For an example where equality fails let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the function  $f(n) = n^2$ . Let  $A_1 = \{-1, 0\}$  and  $A_2 = \{0, 1\}$ . Then,  $f(A_1) = \{0, 1\} = A_2 = f(A_2)$  so  $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) = A_2$ . But  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{0\}$  so  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(\{0\}) = \{0\} \neq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ .  $\square$

(c) Prove that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$ , where

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$ . This means that  $f(x) \in B_1 \cup B_2$ , so  $f(x) \in B_1$  or  $f(x) \in B_2$ . That is  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1)$  or  $x \in f^{-1}(B_2)$  so that  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) \subset f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$ .

Now assume that  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1)$  or  $x \in f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Thus,  $f(x) \in B_1$  or  $f(x) \in B_2$ . That is,  $f(x) \in B_1 \cup B_2$  so  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2) \subset f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$ .

These two inclusions show that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$ .  $\square$

(d) Prove that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2)$ . This means that  $f(x) \in B_1 \cap B_2$  so that  $f(x) \in B_1$  and  $f(x) \in B_2$ . Therefore,  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(B_2)$ , which means  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Hence we have shown that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) \subset f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$ .

Now assume that  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(B_2)$ . Thus,  $f(x) \in B_1$  and  $f(x) \in B_2$ . That is,  $f(x) \in B_1 \cap B_2$  so  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2) \subset f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2)$ .

These two inclusions show that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$ .  $\square$

(e) Prove that  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus B_1) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B_1)$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f^{-1}(Y \setminus B_1) &\iff f(x) \in Y \setminus B_1 \\ &\iff f(x) \notin B_1 \\ &\iff x \notin f^{-1}(B_1) \\ &\iff x \in X \setminus f^{-1}(B_1). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

### Supplemental Exercises

1. In each case, state whether the mapping is onto, one-to-one, or bijective. Justify your answer.

(a)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $f(n, m) = \frac{n}{m}$ .

► **Solution.**  $f$  is not one-to-one since  $f(1, 2) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = f(2, 4)$  and  $(1, 2) \neq (2, 4)$ .  $f$  is onto since any rational number can be written as  $\frac{n}{m}$  where  $m$  can be taken to be positive since  $\frac{n}{m} = \frac{-n}{-m}$ . Then  $\frac{n}{m} = f(n, m)$ .  $f$  is not bijective since it is not one-to-one (bijective means both one-to-one and onto). ◀

$$(b) f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ defined by } f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

► **Solution.**  $f$  is not one-to-one since  $f(1) = (1 + 1)/2 = 1 = 2/2 = f(2)$  and  $1 \neq 2$ .  $f$  is onto since  $n = f(2n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $f$  is not bijective since it is not one-to-one. ◀

2. In each case, decide whether the relation  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ . Give reasons for your answer. If it is an equivalence relation, describe the equivalence classes.

$$(a) A = \{-1, 0, 1\}; a \equiv b \text{ if } a^2 = b^2.$$

► **Solution.** This is an equivalence relation. To see this, check the 3 defining properties:  $a \equiv a$  since  $a^2 = a^2$  so the reflexive property holds. If  $a \equiv b$  then  $a^2 = b^2$ , which implies that  $b^2 = a^2$  so that  $b \equiv a$ . Thus, the symmetric property holds. If  $a \equiv b$  and  $b \equiv c$  then  $a^2 = b^2$  and  $b^2 = c^2$ , so by transitivity of equality,  $a^2 = c^2$  so that  $a \equiv c$ . Therefore, the transitive property also holds.

The equivalence classes are  $[-1] = \{-1, 1\} = [1]$  and  $[0] = \{0\}$ . ◀

$$(b) A = \mathbb{N}; a \equiv b \text{ if } a \leq b.$$

► **Solution.** This is not an equivalence relation since the symmetric property fails. To see this, note that  $0 \equiv 1$  since  $0 \leq 1$ , but  $1 \not\leq 0$  so  $1 \not\equiv 0$ . ◀

$$(f) A = \text{the set of all subsets of } \{1, 2, 3\}; X \equiv Y \text{ if } |X| = |Y|.$$

► **Solution.** This is an equivalence relation. To see this, check the 3 defining properties:  $X \equiv X$  for all  $X \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$  since  $|X| = |X|$ . Thus the reflexive property holds. If  $X \equiv Y$  then  $|X| = |Y|$  so  $|Y| = |X|$  and hence  $Y \equiv X$ . Thus, the symmetric property holds. If  $X \equiv Y$  and  $Y \equiv Z$  then  $|X| = |Y|$  and  $|Y| = |Z|$ . Thus,  $|X| = |Z|$  so that  $X \equiv Z$  and the transitive property holds.

The equivalence classes are:

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi] &= \{\phi\} \\ [\{1\}] &= \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\} = [\{2\}] = [\{3\}] \\ [\{1, 2\}] &= \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\} = [\{1, 3\}] = [\{2, 3\}] \\ [\{1, 2, 3\}] &= \{\{1, 2, 3\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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