

# ma516-hw1

## p. 14, number 5

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of sets. Determine the truth of each of the following statements and of their converses.

a.  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \implies x \in A$  for at least one  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

True. By definition of union, if  $x$  is in the union of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then there exists at least one set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $x$  is in  $A$ . Conversely, if  $x \in A$  for at least one  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then by definition of union,  $x$  must be in the union of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus, both the statement and its converse are true.

b.  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \implies x \in A$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

False. For example, let  $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ . Then  $x = 1$  is in  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , but 1 is not in every set in  $\mathcal{A}$  (it is not in  $\{3, 4\}$ ). Conversely, if  $x \in A$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $x$  must be in the intersection of all sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Since the intersection is a subset of the union,  $x$  must also be in the union. Thus, the converse is true.

c.  $x \in \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \implies x \in A$  for at least one  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

True. By definition of intersection, if  $x$  is in the intersection of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $x$  is in every set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $x$  is certainly in at least one set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Conversely, if  $x \in A$  for at least one  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , it does not necessarily imply that  $x$  is in the intersection of all sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . For example, let  $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Then  $x = 1$  is in at least one set ( $\{1, 2\}$ ), but it is not in the intersection ( $\{2\}$ ). Thus, the converse is false.

d.  $x \in \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \implies x \in A$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

True. By definition of intersection, if  $x$  is in the intersection of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $x$  is in every set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Conversely, if  $x \in A$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then by definition of intersection,  $x$  must be in the intersection of all sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus, both the statement and its converse are true.

## p. 15, number 9

Formalize and prove DeMorgan's law for arbitrary unions and intersections.

DeMorgan's laws for arbitrary unions and intersections state the following:

1. The complement of the union of a collection of sets is equal to the intersection of their complements:

$$\left( \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$$

2. The complement of the intersection of a collection of sets is equal to the union of their complements:

$$\left( \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$$

**Proof of the first law:** Let  $x \in \left( \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c$ . This means that  $x$  is not in the union of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore, for every set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $x$  is not in  $A$ . This implies that  $x$  is in the complement of each set  $A$ , i.e.,  $x \in A^c$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence,  $x \in \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$ . Conversely, let  $x \in \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$ . This means that for every set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $x$  is in the complement of  $A$ , i.e.,  $x$  is not in  $A$ . Therefore,  $x$  is not in the union of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $x \in \left( \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c$ . Thus, we have shown that both sides are equal.

**Proof of the second law:** Let  $x \in \left( \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c$ . This means that  $x$  is not in the intersection of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore, there exists at least one set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $x$  is not in  $A$ . This implies that  $x$  is in the complement of that set  $A$ , i.e.,  $x \in A^c$  for some  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence,  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$ . Conversely, let  $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c$ . This means that there exists at least one set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $x$  is in the complement of  $A$ , i.e.,  $x$  is not in  $A$ . Therefore,  $x$  is not in the intersection of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $x \in \left( \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \right)^c$ . Thus, we have shown that both sides are equal.

## p. 20, number 1

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Let  $A_0 \subseteq A$  and  $B_0 \subseteq B$ . Prove the following statements.

- a.  $A_0 \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A_0))$  and equality holds if  $f$  is injective. To prove that  $A_0 \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A_0))$ , let  $x \in A_0$ . By the definition of the image of a set under a function,  $f(x) \in f(A_0)$ . Therefore, by the definition of the preimage,  $x \in f^{-1}(f(A_0))$ . This shows that every element of  $A_0$  is also in  $f^{-1}(f(A_0))$ , hence  $A_0 \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A_0))$ . If  $f$  is injective, but somehow equality does not hold, then there exists some  $y \in f^{-1}(f(A_0))$  such that  $y \notin A_0$ . By the definition of preimage, this means that  $f(y) \in f(A_0)$ . Therefore there exists some  $x \in A_0$  such that  $f(y) = f(x)$ . But since  $f$  is injective, this implies that  $y = x$ , which

contradicts the assumption that  $y \notin A_0$ . Therefore, if  $f$  is injective, we must have equality:  $A_0 = f^{-1}(f(A_0))$ .

- b.  $f(f^{-1}(B_0)) \subseteq B_0$  and equality holds if  $f$  is surjective. To prove that  $f(f^{-1}(B_0)) \subseteq B_0$ , let  $y \in f(f^{-1}(B_0))$ . By the definition of the preimage, there exists some  $x \in f^{-1}(B_0)$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $x \in f^{-1}(B_0)$ , by the definition of preimage, we have  $f(x) \in B_0$ . Therefore,  $y \in B_0$ . This shows that every element of  $f(f^{-1}(B_0))$  is also in  $B_0$ , hence  $f(f^{-1}(B_0)) \subseteq B_0$ . If  $f$  is surjective, but somehow equality does not hold, then there exists some  $y \in B_0$  such that  $y \notin f(f^{-1}(B_0))$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists some  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $y \in B_0$ , this implies that  $x \in f^{-1}(B_0)$ . Therefore,  $y = f(x) \in f(f^{-1}(B_0))$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $y \notin f(f^{-1}(B_0))$ . Therefore, if  $f$  is surjective, we must have equality:  $f(f^{-1}(B_0)) = B_0$ .

## p. 39, number 4

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and let  $X \neq \phi$ .

- a. If  $m \leq n$ , find an injective function  $f : X^m \rightarrow X^n$ . Define the function  $f : X^m \rightarrow X^n$  by

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1)$$

where we append  $n - m$  copies of  $x_1$  to the end of the tuple. This function is injective because if  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$ , then the first  $m$  components must be equal, which implies that  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$ .

- b. Find a bijective map  $g : X^m \times X^n \rightarrow X^{m+n}$ . Define the function  $g : X^m \times X^n \rightarrow X^{m+n}$  by

$$g((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

This function is bijective because it is both injective and surjective. It is injective because if  $g((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = g((u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m), (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n))$ , then the first  $m$  components must be equal and the last  $n$  components must be equal, which implies that  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ . It is surjective because for any  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{m+n}) \in X^{m+n}$ , we can write it as  $g((z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m), (z_{m+1}, z_{m+2}, \dots, z_{m+n}))$ .

- c. Find an injective map  $h : X^n \rightarrow X^\omega$ . We append infinitely many copies of the first element to the end of the tuple. Define the function  $h : X^n \rightarrow X^\omega$  by

$$h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1, x_1, x_1, \dots)$$

where we append infinitely many copies of  $x_1$  to the end of the tuple. This function is injective because if  $h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = h(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , then the first  $n$  components must be equal, which implies that  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ .

- d. Find a bijective map  $k : X^n \times X^\omega \rightarrow X^\omega$ . We concatenate the finite sequence with the infinite sequence to form a new infinite sequence. Define the function  $k : X^n \times X^\omega \rightarrow X^\omega$  by

$$k((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots)) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots)$$

This function is bijective because it is both injective and surjective. It is injective because if  $k((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots)) = k((u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), (v_1, v_2, \dots))$ , then the first  $n$  components must be equal and the remaining components must be equal, which implies that  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots) = (v_1, v_2, \dots)$ . It is surjective because for any  $(z_1, z_2, \dots) \in X^\omega$ , we can write it as  $k((z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n), (z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}, \dots))$ .

- e. Find a bijective map  $m : X^\omega \times X^\omega \rightarrow X^\omega$ . We interleave the two sequences to form a new sequence. Define the function  $m : X^\omega \times X^\omega \rightarrow X^\omega$  by

$$m((x_1, x_2, \dots), (y_1, y_2, \dots)) = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots)$$

This function is bijective because it is both injective and surjective. It is injective because if  $m((x_1, x_2, \dots), (y_1, y_2, \dots)) = m((u_1, u_2, \dots), (v_1, v_2, \dots))$ , then the odd-indexed components must be equal and the even-indexed components must be equal, which implies that  $(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (u_1, u_2, \dots)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots) = (v_1, v_2, \dots)$ . It is surjective because for any  $(z_1, z_2, \dots) \in X^\omega$ , we can write it as  $m((z_1, z_3, z_5, \dots), (z_2, z_4, z_6, \dots))$ .

- f. If  $A \subseteq B$ , show that there is an injective map from  $m : (A^\omega)^n \rightarrow B^\omega$ . Define the function  $m : (A^\omega)^n \rightarrow B^\omega$  by

$$m((a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots), (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots), \dots, (a_{n1}, a_{n2}, \dots)) = (a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{n1}, a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{n2}, \dots)$$

This function is injective because if  $m((a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots), (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots), \dots, (a_{n1}, a_{n2}, \dots)) = m((b_{11}, b_{12}, \dots), (b_{21}, b_{22}, \dots), \dots, (b_{n1}, b_{n2}, \dots))$ , then the components corresponding to each  $A^\omega$  must be equal, which implies that  $(a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots) = (b_{i1}, b_{i2}, \dots)$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus, we have shown that  $m$  is injective.

## P. 51, number 1

Show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable. To show that the set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable, we can construct a bijection between  $\mathbb{Q}$  and the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ . We can represent each rational number as a fraction  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . We can arrange these fractions in a two-dimensional grid, where the rows correspond to the numerator  $p$  and the columns correspond to the denominator  $q$ . We can then traverse this grid in a diagonal manner, starting from the fraction  $\frac{0}{1}$  and moving to  $\frac{1}{1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{1}$ ,  $\frac{0}{2}$ ,  $\frac{-1}{1}$ , and so on. By doing this, we can list all the rational numbers in a sequence, which shows that there is a bijection between  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable.

## P. 83, 1

Let  $X$  be a topological space, let  $A \subseteq X$ . Suppose that for each  $x \in A$  there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq A$ . Show that  $A$  is open in  $X$ .

We can prove this by appealing to the definition of a topology, and to what it means for a set to be open. A set is open if it is a member of the topology. A topology is closed under arbitrary unions. By the given condition, for each  $x \in A$ , there is an open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \subseteq A$ . Therefore, we can express  $A$  as the union of all such open sets:

$$A = \bigcup_{x \in A} U_x$$

Since each  $U_x$  is open and the union of open sets is also open, it follows that  $A$  is open in  $X$ .

Alternatively, we can prove this in terms of the Union Lemma (which says that open sets are union of basis elements). In the given condition, each  $U$  is an open set and therefore can be expressed as a union of basis elements. Thus each  $x \in A$  is contained in a union of (a union of) basis elements, each of which is contained in  $A$ . Therefore,  $A$  can be expressed as a union of basis elements, and by the Union Lemma,  $A$  is open in  $X$ .