

Discussion 01

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Set Containment Proofs

Example 1: Prove $(A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B) = (A \cup C) \setminus B$

Let A, B be subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$

UNION: If $x \in A \cup B$, then $x \in A$ or $x \in B$

INTERSECTION: If $x \in A \cap B$, then $x \in A$ and $x \in B$

If $x \in A$ implies $x \in B$, then $A \subset B$

A is contained in B

If $A \subset B$ and $B \subset A$, then $A = B$

$$A \setminus B =$$

$$\{x \in A : x \notin B\}$$

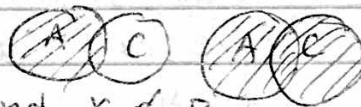
Proof: First, we will prove $(A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B) \subset (A \cup C) \setminus B$

Let $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B)$. Then $x \in A \setminus B$ or $x \in C \setminus B$

If $x \in A \setminus B$, then $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$. Since

~~$A \subset A \cup C$~~ $A \subset A \cup C$, we have

$x \in A \cup C$ and $x \notin B$.



If $x \in C \setminus B$, then $x \in C$ and $x \notin B$.

Since $C \subset A \cup C$, we have $x \in A \cup C$

and $x \notin B$.

In either case, $x \in A \cup C$ and $x \notin B$

so $x \in (A \cup C) \setminus B$. Therefore, ~~$(A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B) \subset (A \cup C) \setminus B$~~

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B) \subset (A \cup C) \setminus B$$

Next, we will prove $(A \cup C) \setminus B \subset (A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B)$

Let, $x \in$ ~~$(A \cup C) \setminus B$~~ $(A \cup C) \setminus B$

Then $x \in A \cup C$ and $x \notin B$. So we have

$x \in A$ and $x \notin B$, or $x \in C$ and $x \notin B$.

and so $x \in A \setminus B$, or $x \in C \setminus B$

So $x \in A \setminus B$, or $x \in C \setminus B$

Therefore, $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B)$

So $(A \cup C) \setminus B \subset (A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B)$.

Since the two sets are contained in each other, we conclude

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (C \setminus B) = (A \cup C) \setminus B$$

QUIZ #1 MATERIAL

universal quantifier

(FOR ALL) : for every, for each

informal symbol

$\forall$

Existential quantifier

(There exists), for some, for one

informal symbol

$\exists$

Examples

Definition of continuity

- (For all) $\epsilon > 0$, (there exists) $\delta_\epsilon > 0$ such that, for all $x, c \in \mathbb{R}$, with c fixed if $|x - c| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$
- (For all) students in MATH 131 the summer, (there exists) an instructor running the course
- (For all) TV programs on NBC, there exists the Ellen Degeneres show

Odd and even integers

Let a and b be even integers

prove that $a+b$, $a-b$, ab are also even integers

odd : An integer n is odd if (there exists) ~~some integer k~~ some integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$

even : An integer n is even if there exists some integer k such that $n = 2k$

Proof: Since a and b are even integers, there exist integers k and l such that $a = 2k$ and $2l$. So we have

$$a+b = 2k + 2l = 2(k+l),$$

$$a-b = 2k + 2l = 2(k-l),$$

$$ab = (2k)(2l) = 4kl = 2(2kl)$$

Since $k+l$, $k-l$, and $2kl$ are also integers, we conclude that $a+b$, $a-b$, and ab is even

Use a counterexample to show that

$\frac{a}{b}$ with $b \neq 0$ does not have to be

an integer

COUNTEREXAMPLE

Let $a = 6$, $b = 2$. Then a and b are even

But $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$, which is odd.

So $\frac{a}{b}$ is not necessarily an even integer

~~Let $a = 6$, $b = 2$~~

~~Then a and b are even~~

Odd and even integers

Let a and b be even integers. Prove that $a+b+3$ is an odd integer

We have

$$a+b+3 = 2k + 2l + 3$$

$$= 2k + 2l + 2 + 1$$

$$= 2(k+l+1) + 1$$

Since $k+l+1$ is also an integer

we conclude that $a+b+3$ is odd

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

Prove that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof: For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x-2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$$

complete
the square

$$= x^2 - 2x + 1 + 1$$

$$= (x-1)^2 + 1$$

$$\geq 0 + 1$$

$$= 1 > 0$$