

**Assignment:**

**S-POP Part B(ii):** Exercises B(ii)-2,4,7; **S-POP Part B(iii):** Exercises B(iv)-2, 4, 5;  
**Text Section 2.3 (pp. 77–82):** Exercises 2, 4a, 9, 12, 13, 27.

**S-POP Part B(ii):**

4. Show that, for any sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , we have  $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup C$ .

**Solution:** Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  by definition of intersection, so certainly  $x \in A$ . But then  $x \in A \cup C$  by definition of union.

So  $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup C$ . □

7. Using the strategy of Proposition B(ii)-2, prove that, for any sets  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ ,

$$X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z).$$

**Solution:** Though there are many ways to prove this, you are asked in this exercise to prove it “Using the strategy of Proposition B(ii)-2.” This means: show that any  $x$  in the set on the left is contained in the set on the right, and vice versa.

So let’s do that: let  $x \in X \cup (Y \cap Z)$ . Then either  $x \in X$  or  $x \in Y \cap Z$ . In the first case ( $x \in X$ ), we have  $x \in X \cup Y$  and  $x \in X \cup Z$  by definition of union, so  $x \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$  by definition of intersection. In the second case ( $x \in Y \cap Z$ ), we have  $x \in Y$  and  $x \in Z$  by definition of intersection, so  $x \in X \cup Y$  and  $x \in X \cup Z$  by definition of union, so again,  $x \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$  by definition of intersection. So in either case,  $x \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ . So  $X \cup (Y \cap Z) \subseteq (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ .

Now let  $x \in (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ . Then  $x \in X \cup Y$  and  $x \in X \cup Z$ , by definition of intersection. We consider two cases:  $x \in X$  and  $x \notin X$ . In the first case ( $x \in X$ ), we have  $X \cup (Y \cap Z)$  by definition of intersection. In the second case ( $x \notin X$ ), the fact that  $x \in X \cup Y$  and  $x \in X \cup Z$  implies  $x \in Y$  and  $x \in Z$ , by definition of union. But then  $x \in Y \cap Z$  by definition of intersection, so  $x \in X \cup (Y \cap Z)$  by definition of union. So in either case,  $x \in X \cup (Y \cap Z)$ . So  $(X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z) \subseteq X \cup (Y \cap Z)$ .

Since  $X \cup (Y \cap Z) \subseteq (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$  and  $(X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z) \subseteq X \cup (Y \cap Z)$ , we conclude that  $X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$ . □

**S-POP Part B(iii):**

4. Prove that  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k$  can be expressed as a sum of two squares in two different ways. Hint: you don’t have to go too far; there’s a  $k < 100$  that works.

**Solution:**  $50 = 25 + 25 = 5^2 + 5^2 = 49 + 1 = 7^2 + 1^2$ .

5. (a) Prove that:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: x > y.$$

(b) Prove that the statement

$$\exists y \in \mathbb{R}: \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > y$$

is false.

**Solution:** (a): given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $y = x - 1$ . Then  $x > y$ . So  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: x > y$ .

(b): Suppose  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}$  that is larger than any real number  $x$ . Then in particular  $y > y$ , which is false.

## Text Section 2.3 (pp. 77–82):

2. Mark each statement as true or false. Justify your answer.

- (a) If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $C$  is a nonempty subset of  $A$ , then  $f(C)$  is a nonempty subset of  $B$ . **Solution: TRUE:** if  $x \in A$  then  $f(x) \in f(C)$ , so  $f(C)$  is nonempty.
- (b) If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is surjective and  $y \in B$ , then  $f^{-1}(y) \in A$ . **Solution: FALSE**, though this is a bit tricky. Really we should say  $f^{-1}(\{y\}) \subset A$ , since technically, the inverse image of a set is a set, not a point. On the other hand, if  $f$  is also *injective*, then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a single point: namely, it's the image of  $y$  under the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .
- (c) If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $D$  is a nonempty subset of  $B$ , then  $f^{-1}(D)$  is a nonempty subset of  $A$ . **Solution: FALSE.** This need not hold if  $f$  is not surjective. For example, consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Then  $[-2, -1]$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , but  $f^{-1}(D)$  is empty, since nothing maps to negative numbers under  $f$ .
- (d) The composition of two surjective functions is always surjective. **Solution: TRUE.** See Theorem 2.3.20(a), p. 72.
- (e) If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is bijective, then  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  is bijective. **Solution: TRUE.** See Theorem 2.3.24(a), p. 74.
- (f) The identity function maps  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\{1\}$ . **Solution: FALSE.** The identity function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = x$ . This maps  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .

10. In each part, find a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that has the desired properties.

- (a) surjective, but not injective. **Solution:**  $f(n) = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ (n+1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

(E.g.  $f(3) = f(4) = 2$ .)

- (b) injective, but not surjective. **Solution:**  $f(n) = 2n$ .
- (c) neither surjective nor injective **Solution:**  $f(n) = 1$ .
- (d) bijective **Solution:**  $f(n) = n$ .

**12.** Given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define the sum  $f + g$  by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and the product  $fg$  by  $(fg)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find counterexamples for the following.

- (a) If  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective, then the sum  $f + g$  is bijective. **Solution:**  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = -x$ .
- (b) If  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective, then the product  $fg$  is bijective. **Solution:**  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = -x$ .

**13.** Consider the function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  illustrated in Figure 11.

- (a) Find  $f(S)$ , where  $S = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . **Solution:**  $f(S) = \{b, c, e\}$ .
- (b) Find  $f^{-1}(T)$ , where  $T = \{a, b, d\}$ . **Solution:**  $f^{-1}(T) = \{1, 2\}$ .