

1. Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ and $B = \{2, 3\}$. Express each as simply as possible:

(a) $A \cup B$

$$A \cup B = \underline{\{1, 2, 3\}}$$

(b) $A \cap B$

$$A \cap B = \underline{\{2\}}$$

(c) $A - B$

$$A - B = \underline{\{1\}}$$

Correct

(d) $\mathcal{P}(A)$

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \underline{\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}}$$

(e) $A \times B$

$$A \times B = \underline{\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}}$$

2. Biff says that each of the unions below is equal to \mathbb{R} . For each, either briefly support or refute his assertion.

(a) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} (a, a+1)$

2 False, no integers are included or between two consecutive integers

(b) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} [a, a+1)$

2 True, any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is either an integer or less than one greater than an integer

(c) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} \{a, a+1\}$

2 False, this only contains integers

(d) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} \{a, a+1\}$

2 True, all elements of \mathbb{R} are included by def, and all $a+1$ will still be in \mathbb{R}

(e) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} (a, a+3)$

2 True, all integers are included via " $a+1$ " inside $(a, a+3)$, and all other reals are less than one above some " $a+1$ "

Yep.

3.

$$A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i)$$

Proof:

Well, take $x \in A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$, so that by definition, $x \in A \vee \forall i \in I, x \in B_i$.

This can be rewritten as $\forall i \in I, x \in A \vee x \in B_i$, which by definition, is same as saying $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i)$. Therefore, $A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i)$.

Now, take $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i)$, so that by definition, $\forall i \in I, x \in A \vee x \in B_i$

which can be rewritten as $x \in A \vee \forall i \in I, x \in B_i$, which means

$x \in A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Therefore, $\bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i) \subseteq A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ & thus

$$A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i) \quad \square$$

Great

4. Show that if $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $ac > bc$. Give explicit justifications for each of your steps.

Proof: Well, let's take $c < 0$ and add $-c$ to both sides. So that $c - c < 0 - c \Rightarrow 0 < -c$ by the Comparison Addition Principle. So take $a < b$ and multiply both sides by $-c$ for $a(-c) < b(-c) \Rightarrow -ac < -bc$ by the Comparison Multiplication Principle. Then, we can add ac and bc to both sides. $ac - ac + bc < bc - bc + ac \Rightarrow bc < ac$ by the Comparison Addition Principle. Since $bc < ac$ is the same as $ac > bc$, then it is true for $a < b$ and $c < 0$ for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. \square

Wonderful!

5. $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, |x + y + z| \leq |x| + |y| + |z|$.

Proof:

We know by Lemma 1 from exercise 2.6 that $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ and $-|y| \leq y \leq |y|$ and $-|z| \leq z \leq |z|$. Adding these together, we have $-|x| - |y| - |z| \leq x + y + z \leq |x| + |y| + |z| \Rightarrow -(|x| + |y| + |z|) \leq x + y + z \leq |x| + |y| + |z|$. Now, if we apply Lemma 2 from exercise 2.6 (which states that $|a| \leq b \Rightarrow -b \leq a \leq b$), we get

$$|x + y + z| \leq |x| + |y| + |z| \quad \square$$

Great

