

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

(a) $B \cup A$

$$\underline{\{1, 2, 3\}}$$

(b) $B \cap A$

$$\underline{\{2\}}$$

(c) $B - A$

$$\underline{\{3\}}$$

Great

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

$$\rightarrow |\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^{|B|} = 4$$

$$\underline{\{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}\}}$$

(e) $B \times A$

$$\underline{\{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}}$$

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

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

This one is close to \mathbb{R} but not exactly. It is $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$, meaning it is every value in \mathbb{R} that is not an integer because the interval doesn't include a or $a+1$.

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

Nice
This one is \mathbb{R} because it includes the value $a+1$ and ~~also~~ includes all values between a and $a+1$ including integers and all that is between them. Good job, Biff. 😊

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

This one is only \mathbb{Z} as the union is of sets and not intervals. This would only have a and $a+1$ with nothing between them.

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

Yep, this is a union across all reals of a set which contains that real. So the union will include all reals. Good

(e) $\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{N}} [a, a+3]$

Nope, \mathbb{N} starts at 0, so this can't include numbers < 0 which are included in \mathbb{R} .

Good

3.

$$A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i)$$

Well, let $x \in A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$ so that $x \in A$ and $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$. Then, $x \in B_i$ for some $i \in I$ and $x \in A$ so $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i)$ and

$$A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i).$$

Now, let $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i)$ such that $\exists i \in I$ where $x \in A$ and $x \in B_i$. This can also be written as $x \in A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$, which means

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i) \subseteq A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i.$$

Then, by "mutual inclusion",

Nice!

$$A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i)$$

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

Well, in knowing the Triangle Inequality Theorem, we can take elements $x, y,$ and z and apply them to Lemma 1 from 2.6. So

$$\begin{aligned} -|x| &\leq x \leq |x|; \\ -|y| &\leq y \leq |y|; \text{ and} \\ -|z| &\leq z \leq |z|. \end{aligned}$$

Adding all the inequalities together via CAP we get

$$-(|x| + |y| + |z|) \leq x + y + z \leq |x| + |y| + |z|.$$

Finally, applying this to Lemma 2 on 2.6, we arrive at

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

Great

