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SOLUTIONS – EXERCISE SET 2

**Exercise/Oppgave**

1. Section/Sektion 2.1: 7, 12, 26

*Solution.* 2.1.7.

- a) Remember that the order and repetition of elements do not matter in order to define a set. So, since both sets contain the same elements, then the pair of sets are equal.
- b) Notice that  $1 \in \{1, \{1\}\}$  but  $1 \notin \{\{1\}\}$ , then the pair of sets are not equal.
- c) Similarly to the previous item,  $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset\}$  but  $\emptyset \notin \emptyset$ . Hence the pair of sets are not equal.

2.1.12. Remember that  $a \in \{a\}$  and  $\{a\} \subset \{a\}$ . Taking  $a = \emptyset$ , we have the following:

- a) True.
- b) True.
- c) False.
- d) True.
- e) True.
- f) True.
- g) True.

2.1.26.

- a) No. Notice that every power set contains the empty set. Since  $\emptyset \notin \emptyset$ , then  $\emptyset$  is not the power set of a set.
- b) Yes. It is the power set of the set  $\{a\}$ .
- c) No. Let us call  $C = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{\emptyset, a\}\}$ . If  $C$  is the power set of a set  $X$ , then  $\emptyset \in X$ . Hence  $\{\emptyset\}$  should be an element of  $C$ , but this is not the case.
- d) Yes. It is the power set of the set  $\{a, b\}$ .

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2. Section/Sektion 2.2: 20c,e, 36, 52

*Proof.* 2.2.20.

- c) Recall that  $A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} x \in (A - B) - C &\Leftrightarrow x \in A - B \wedge x \notin C \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \notin C \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin C \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in A - C, \end{aligned}$$

where we used that  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$ . Hence  $(A - B) - C \subset A - C$ .

- e)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in (B - A) \cup (C - A) &\Leftrightarrow x \in B - A \vee x \in C - A \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in B \wedge x \notin A) \vee (x \in C \wedge x \notin A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in B \vee x \in C) \wedge x \notin A \quad (\text{Distributive Law}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in B \cup C \wedge x \notin A \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in (B \cup C) - A. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$ .

2.2.36. By definition of cartesian product, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C) &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in B \cup C \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (y \in B \vee y \in C) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge y \in B) \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in C) \quad (\text{Distributive Law}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B \vee (x, y) \in A \times C \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ . For the case of the intersection we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) \in A \times (B \cap C) &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in B \cap C \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (y \in B \wedge y \in C) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge y \in B) \wedge (x \in A \wedge y \in C) \quad (\text{Commutative, Associative and Idempotent Law}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B \wedge (x, y) \in A \times C \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$ .

2.2.52. We know that  $|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| - |X \cap Y|$ . Take  $X = A \cup B$  and  $Y = C$  and we obtain

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A \cup B| + |C| - |(A \cup B) \cap C|.$$

Note that

$$|(A \cup B) \cap C| = |(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)| = |A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |A \cap B \cap C|$$

and  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ . Substituting, we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |C| - (|A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |A \cap B \cap C|) \\ &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise/Oppgave****3.** Section/Sektion 2.3: 12, 40, 44*Solution.* 2.3.12.

- a) Yes. Notice that  $f(m) = f(n) \Rightarrow m - 1 = n - 1 \Leftrightarrow m = n$ .  
 b) No. Notice that  $f(1) = 2 = f(-1)$  and  $1 \neq -1$ .  
 c) Yes. Notice that  $f(m) = f(n) \Rightarrow m^3 = n^3 \Leftrightarrow m = n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
 d) No. Since  $f(1) = 1 = f(2)$ , and  $1 \neq 2$ .

2.3.40. Note that

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(cx + d) = a(cx + d) + b = acx + ad + b,$$

and

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(ax + b) = c(ax + b) + d = acx + bc + d.$$

Then  $f \circ g = g \circ f \Leftrightarrow ad + b = bc + d \Leftrightarrow d(a - 1) = b(c - 1)$ . This is our desired necessary and sufficient condition on  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .

2.3.44. Consider  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$ .

- a)  $f^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1, -1\}$ .  
 b)  $f^{-1}(\{x \mid 0 < x < 1\}) = \{x \mid 0 < f(x) < 1\} = \{x \mid 0 < x < 1\} \cup \{x \mid -1 < x < 0\}$ .  
 c)  $f^{-1}(\{x \mid x > 4\}) = \{x \mid f(x) = x^2 > 4\} = \{x \mid x < -2\} \cup \{x \mid x > 2\}$ .

□

**Exercise/Oppgave****4.** We define the functions:

$$(1) \quad f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f_1(x) = x + 2$$

$$(2) \quad f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f_2(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$$

1) Show that  $f_1$  is injective and surjective. Determine its inverse.2) Prove or disprove that  $f_2$  is injective.

*Solution.* 1) We have that  $f_1$  is injective. Indeed, if  $f_1(x) = f_1(y)$ , then we have that  $x + 2 = y + 2 \Rightarrow x = y$ . Hence  $f_1$  is injective.  $f_1$  is also surjective. Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can take  $y = x - 2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f_1(y) = y + 2 = x - 2 + 2 = x$ . Since there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f_1(y) = x$ , then we have that  $f_1$  is surjective. The inverse function of  $f_1$  is given by  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x) = x - 2$ . Then we have

$$f_1 \circ g(x) = (x - 2) + 2 = x, \quad g \circ f_1(x) = (x + 2) - 2 = x.$$

Hence  $g$  is the inverse function of  $f_1$ .

2) We can show, by algebraic manipulations, that

$$f_2(x) = f_2(y) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{y}{y^2 + 1} \Rightarrow x = y \vee x = \frac{1}{y}.$$

Hence, since in general  $x \neq 1/x$ , we have that  $f_2$  is not injective. For instance, we can take  $f_2(2) = 2/5 = f_2(1/2)$ , and  $2 \neq 1/2$ . □

**Exercise/Oppgave****5.** Section/Sektion 2.4: 12d, 33b,d

*Solution.* 2.14.12.d Let  $a_n = 2(-4)^n + 3$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -3a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} &= -3(2(-4)^{n-1} + 3) + 4(2(-4)^{n-2} + 3) \\
 &= -3 \cdot 2(-4)^{n-1} + 4 \cdot 2(-4)^{n-2} + 12 - 9 \\
 &= -3 \cdot 2(-4)^{n-1} - 2(-4)^{n-1} + 3 \\
 &= -2(-4)^{n-1}(3 + 1) + 3 \\
 &= 2(-4)^n + 3 \\
 &= a_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $a_n = 2(-4)^n + 3$  solves the recurrence relation  $a_n = -3a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2}$ .

2.4.33.

• b)

$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=0}^3 (2i + 3j) = \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=0}^3 2i + \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=0}^3 3j = \sum_{i=0}^2 8i + \sum_{i=0}^2 18 = 24 + 54 = 78.$$

• d)

$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 ij = \sum_{i=0}^2 i \sum_{j=1}^3 j = \sum_{i=0}^2 6i = 0 + 6 + 12 = 18.$$

□

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6. Section/Sektion 2.5: 16

*Solution.* Let  $B$  be a countable set and  $A \subseteq B$ . We want to show that  $A$  is also countable. If  $B$  is finite, it is obvious that  $A$  is also finite, then it is countable. Otherwise, assume that  $B$  has the same cardinality as the set of positive integers. Then there exists an injection  $\iota : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the inclusion map  $i : A \rightarrow B$ . Considering the composition function, we have an injection  $\iota \circ i : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  since composition of injective functions is an injective as well. We conclude that  $A$  is countable as well. □

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7. Use truth tables to determine which of the statements (if any) are tautologies, which are contradictions:

$$1) ((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p, \quad 2) \neg((p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q), \quad 3) p \vee (p \rightarrow \neg p)$$

(1) It is a tautology, since the last column of the following table only contains 1's:

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p$	$((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p$
1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1

(2) It is a contradiction, since the last column of the following table only contains 0's:

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge \neg p$	$(p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$	$\neg((p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q)$
1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	0

(3) It is a tautology, since the last column of the following table only contains 1's:

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow \neg p$	$p \vee (p \rightarrow \neg p)$
1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1