

Powerset axiom

For any set, there is a set consisting of all its subsets.

$$\mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$\forall X. X \in \mathcal{P}(U) \iff X \subseteq U .$$

The powerset Boolean algebra

$$(\mathcal{P}(U) , \emptyset , U , \cup , \cap , (\cdot)^c)$$

For all $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(U)$,

$$A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A^c = \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

- ▶ The union operation \cup and the intersection operation \cap are associative, commutative, and idempotent.

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$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C) , \quad A \cap B = B \cap A , \quad A \cap A = A$$

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- ▶ The *empty set* \emptyset is a neutral element for \cup and the *universal set* U is a neutral element for \cap .

$$\emptyset \cup A = A = U \cap A$$

- ▶ The empty set \emptyset is an annihilator for \cap and the universal set U is an annihilator for \cup .

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$$U \cup A = U$$

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- ▶ With respect to each other, the union operation \cup and the intersection operation \cap are distributive and absorptive.

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) , \quad A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A = A \cap (A \cup B)$$

- ▶ The complement operation $(\cdot)^c$ satisfies complementation laws.

$$A \cup A^c = U, \quad A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

Sets and logic

$\mathcal{P}(U)$	$\{ \text{false}, \text{true} \}$
\emptyset	false
U	true
\cup	\vee
\cap	\wedge
$(\cdot)^c$	$\neg(\cdot)$

Pairing axiom

For every a and b , there is a set with a and b as its only elements.

$$\{a, b\}$$

defined by

$$\forall x. x \in \{a, b\} \iff (x = a \vee x = b)$$

NB The set $\{a, a\}$ is abbreviated as $\{a\}$, and referred to as a *singleton*.

Examples:

▶ $\#\{\emptyset\} = 1$

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▶ $\#\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} = 2$

Ordered pairing

For every pair a and b , the set

$$\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

is abbreviated as

$$\langle a, b \rangle$$

and referred to as an ordered pair.

Proposition 83 (Fundamental property of ordered pairing)

For all a, b, x, y ,

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \iff (a = x \wedge b = y) .$$

PROOF:

Products

The product $A \times B$ of two sets A and B is the set

$$A \times B = \{ x \mid \exists a \in A, b \in B. x = (a, b) \}$$

where

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, b_1, b_2 \in B.$$

$$(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2) \iff (a_1 = a_2 \wedge b_1 = b_2) \quad .$$

Thus,

$$\forall x \in A \times B. \exists! a \in A. \exists! b \in B. x = (a, b) \quad .$$

Proposition 85 *For all finite sets A and B ,*

$$\#(A \times B) = \#A \cdot \#B .$$

PROOF IDEA:

Big unions

Definition 86 Let U be a set. For a collection of sets $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(U))$, we let the big union (relative to U) be defined as

$$\bigcup \mathcal{F} = \{x \in U \mid \exists A \in \mathcal{F}. x \in A\} \in \mathcal{P}(U) .$$