

**Homework 5 :** §2.1 - 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, §2.2 - 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11.

**Exercises 2.1**

3. We have

$$Y^c = U \setminus Y = (X \cup Y) \setminus Y = X \setminus Y.$$

Since  $X \setminus Y \subset X$ , we get

$$X \cap Y^c = X \cap (X \setminus Y) = X \setminus Y.$$

4. The picture of  $A\Delta B$  can be represented by a Venn diagram.

$$\begin{aligned} (A\Delta B)\Delta C &= ((A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A))\Delta C \\ &= ((A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B))\Delta C \\ &= ((A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B)) \cap C^c \cup ((A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B))^c \cap C \\ &= (A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup ((A \cap B^c)^c \cap (A^c \cap B)^c \cap C) \\ &= (A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup ((A^c \cup B) \cap (A \cup B^c) \cap C) \\ &= (A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B^c \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C). \end{aligned}$$

Since the answer is symmetric with respect to  $A, B, C$ , this means the ordering in  $(A\Delta B)\Delta C$  is unimportant, i.e.,

$$(A\Delta B)\Delta C = (B\Delta C)\Delta A = A\Delta(B\Delta C).$$

7. (i) We have the following equivalences :

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) \in (A \times C) \cap (B \times D) &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in A \times C, (x, y) \in B \times D \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \cap B, y \in C \cap D \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (A \cap B) \times (C \cap D). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) This is FALSE. For a counterexample set  $A = [0, 1] = C, B = [0, 1/2], D = [0, 2]$ .

8. The set  $X \times Y$  has  $mn$  elements.

9. There are plenty of examples. Any conic (i.e., parabola, ellipse, circle, a pair of straight lines) is an example. More specifically, set  $A = \mathbb{R} = B, X = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .

**Exercises 2.2**

2. (i) bijective (ii) surjective but NOT injective (iii) neither (iv) surjective but NOT injective (v) injective but NOT surjective.

6. Since a bijection from  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  to itself is a map which maps injectively, 0 has three choices for its image. Once that is chosen, 1 has two choices for its image. After choosing, 2 has only one choice (not a choice after all!) as its image. Thus, the total possible bijections are  $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$ . More generally, the number of bijections between two sets of size  $n$  is  $n!$ .

7. (i) Since  $f(x) = (4-x)/3$ , we get  $x = (4-f^{-1}(x))/3$ . Rearranging we have  $f^{-1}(x) = 4-3x$ .

(ii) Notice that  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 = (x - 1)^3$ . Thus,  $x = (f^{-1}(x) - 1)^3$ , whence  $f^{-1}(x) = x^{1/3} + 1$ .

8. Drawing a Venn diagram is perhaps the quickest proof (and also reveals the identity). To prove it algebraically we repeatedly use

$$|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| - |X \cap Y|.$$

Thus,

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

10. (a) Follows from the definition of  $\chi_A(x)$ .

(b) Let  $f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be given. Define  $A = \{x \in X | f(x) = 1\}$ . Then it is easily verified that  $f \equiv \chi_A$ .

11. We claim that for a set  $X$  with  $|X| = n$  the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  has  $2^n$  elements. When  $X = \{1\}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$  and it has 2 elements. Suppose this is true for sets of size up to  $n$ . Let  $X'$  be a set of size  $n + 1$ . We can write  $X'$  as the disjoint union of a set  $X$  of size  $n$  and an element  $\alpha$ . Then any element  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X')$  either contains  $\alpha$ , in which case  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $X$  union  $\alpha$ , or it doesn't contain  $\alpha$ , in which case  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $X$ . Thus, every element of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  'appears' twice in  $\mathcal{P}(X')$ , whence  $|\mathcal{P}(X')| = 2|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^{n+1}$ . Then by the principle of induction we are done.