

Summary on Lecture 7, October 27, 2014

- **Sets and subsets.** Usually we work with a given “universe” \mathcal{U} which contains all our sets.

First examples:

- (1) $\{ n \in \mathbf{Z}_+ \mid n^2 = 9 \} = \{3\}$;
- (2) $\{ n \in \mathbf{Z} \mid n^2 = 9 \} = \{-3, 3\}$;
- (3) $\{ n \in \mathbf{Z} \mid n^2 = 7 \} = \emptyset$;
- (4) $\{ n \in \mathbf{R} \mid n^2 = 7 \} = \{-\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{7}\}$.

Definition. Let A, B be two sets. Then $A \subseteq B$ iff $\forall x[(x \in A) \rightarrow (x \in B)]$ is a tautology. Then we say that A is a subset of B . Next, the sets A, B are equal iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$. Then we write $A \subset B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$. If $A \subset B$, we say that A is *proper* subset of B .

Here are short ways to define:

$$\begin{aligned} A \subset B &\iff [(A \subseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)] \\ A = B &\iff [(A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Let $B, C \subset \mathcal{U}$. Then

- (a) $A \subseteq B, B \subseteq C \iff A \subseteq C$;
- (b) $A \subset B, B \subseteq C \iff A \subset C$;
- (c) $A \subseteq B, B \subset C \iff A \subset C$;
- (d) $A \subset B, B \subset C \iff A \subset C$.

We give a proof of (b) assuming (a). We already know that $A \subseteq C$. We should show that $A \neq C$. By assumption, $A \subset B$, thus there exists $x \in B$, such that $x \notin A$. Since $B \subseteq C$, $x \in C$. We found an element $x \in C$ such that $x \notin A$, i.e., $A \subset C$.

Special sets: \emptyset, \mathcal{U} . By definition, an empty set, denoted by \emptyset , is a set with no elements. In particular, $\emptyset \subset A$ for any set A .

Theorem 2. Let $A \subset \mathcal{U}$. Then $\emptyset \subseteq A$. If $A \neq \emptyset$, then $\emptyset \subset A$.

Give a proof of Theorem 2.

Again, let $A \subset \mathcal{U}$. We consider the set of all subsets of A :

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{ B \mid B \subseteq A \}.$$

Assume that A is a finite set, $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, i.e. $|A| = n$.

Lemma. Assume $|A| = n$. Then $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^n$.

Proof. Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ be the binary alphabet. Consider the set of words Σ^n , i.e., all binary words of length n . We notice that every word in Σ^n corresponds to a subset in A . Place all elements of A next to a binary sequence:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_{k-1} & a_k & a_{k+1} & \cdots & a_n \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{array}$$

Then all 1's in binary sequence mark the elements to choose for a subset B . Clearly any subset B gives a corresponding binary sequence as well. Thus $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = |\Sigma^n| = 2^n$. \square

For the same A , let $k \leq n = |A|$, we define

$$\mathcal{P}_k(A) = \{ B \mid (B \subseteq A) \wedge (|B| = k) \}.$$

Then it is easy to see that $|\mathcal{P}_k(A)| = \binom{n}{k}$. Summing up, we obtain the formula:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

We prove again the Pascal's formula.

Lemma. Let $k \leq n + 1$. Then $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$.

Proof. Let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n, z\}$. Consider the set $\mathcal{P}_r(A)$. It splits into two subsets: $\mathcal{P}_r(A) = \mathcal{P}_k(A)_z \cup \mathcal{P}_r(A)_{\neg z}$, where $\mathcal{P}_k(A)_z$ contains all subset $B \subset A$ which contain the element z , and $\mathcal{P}_k(A)_{\neg z}$ contains all subset $B \subset A$ which do not contain the element z . Clearly, $|\mathcal{P}_k(A)_z| = \binom{n}{k-1}$ since for $B \in \mathcal{P}_k(A)_z$, it is enough to choose all elements but z . Then $|\mathcal{P}_k(A)_{\neg z}| = \binom{n}{k}$ since for $B \in \mathcal{P}_k(A)_{\neg z}$, it is enough to choose all elements from the set $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. Also, it is clear that the sets $\mathcal{P}_k(A)_z$ and $\mathcal{P}_r(A)_{\neg z}$ do not intersect. \square

We define $A \cup B$, $A \cap B$ and \bar{A} :

$$\begin{aligned} (x \in A \cup B) &\iff (x \in A) \vee (x \in B) \\ (x \in A \cap B) &\iff (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B) \\ (x \in \bar{A}) &\iff (x \notin A) \end{aligned}$$

We say that A and B are *disjoint* if $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Theorem 3. Let $A, B \subset \mathcal{U}$. The following statements are equivalent:

- (a) $A \subseteq B$
- (b) $A \cup B = A$
- (c) $A \cap B = A$
- (d) $\bar{B} \subseteq \bar{A}$

Exercise. Prove Theorem 3.

The following identities to prove:

- (1) $\overline{\bar{A}} = A$
- (2) $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$
 $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$
- (3) $A \cup B = B \cup A$
 $A \cap B = B \cap A$
- (4) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
 $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- (5) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
 $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

- (6) $A \cup A = A$
 $A \cap A = A$
- (7) $A \cup \emptyset = A$
 $A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$
- (8) $A \cup \bar{A} = \mathcal{U}$
 $A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$
- (9) $A \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$
 $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
- (10) $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$
 $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$

Exercise. Prove (5) and (10) above.

- **Counting again.** Let A_1, A_2 be finite sets. We recall that $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$. Now we would like to understand the case of three sets:

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1 \cup (A_2 \cup A_3)| &= |A_1| + |A_2 \cup A_3| - |A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3)| \\ &= |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_2 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3)| \end{aligned}$$

We notice:

$$A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3) = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap A_3),$$

where we see:

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3)| &= |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_1 \cap A_3| - |(A_1 \cap A_2) \cap (A_1 \cap A_3)| \\ &= |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_1 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the formula:

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_3| - |A_2 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$$

Question: What would be a general formula for A_1, \dots, A_n ?

- **Well-Ordering Principle.** We recall the Well-Ordering Principle:
If $A \subset \mathbf{Z}_+$, and $A \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a smallest element in A .

- **Mathematical Induction.** Let $S(n)$ be an open proposition, where $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$.

Theorem 4. Assume that

- (B) $S(1)$ is a true statement
- (I) $S(k) \rightarrow S(k+1)$ is true for all k .

Then $S(n)$ is a true statement for each n .

Proof. Assume Theorem 4 is false. Then there exists an open statement $S(n)$ which satisfies (B) and (I), however, there exists $m \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ such that $S(m)$ is false. We consider the set:

$$A = \{ m \in \mathbf{Z}_+ \mid S(m) \text{ is false} \}$$

By the assumption, $A \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists a smallest element n_0 in A , i.e., $S(n_0)$ false, and $S(n)$ is true for all $n < n_0$. We notice that $n_0 > 1$ since $S(1)$ is true. Then we see that $S(n_0 - 1)$ is true statement. Then the implication $S(n_0 - 1) \rightarrow S(n_0)$ is true statement; thus $S(n_0)$ is true. Contradiction.

Exercises:

(1) Prove that $\sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$;

(2) Prove that $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$;

(3) Prove that $\sum_{k=0}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$;

(4) Prove that $8^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 6 for every $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$.

(5) Prove that $11^n - 4^n$ is divisible by 7 for every $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$.

(6) Prove that $8^{n+2} + 9^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 73 for every $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$.

- **Quantifiers.** We introduce two important notations:

“ \forall ” “for all”

“ \exists ” “exists”

- (a) Let $p(n)$ means “ $n^2 = n$ ”, where $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then we have the statements:

$$\forall n p(n) \iff \forall n (n^2 = n)$$

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$$\exists n p(n) \iff \exists n (n^2 = n)$$

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- (b) Let $p(n)$ means “ $n + 2$ is even”, where $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then we have the statements:

$$\forall n p(n) \iff \forall n (n + 2 \text{ is even})$$

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$$\exists n p(n) \iff \exists n (n + 2 \text{ is even})$$

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$$\forall n \neg p(n) \iff \forall n \neg(n + 2 \text{ is even}) \iff \forall n (n + 2 \text{ is odd})$$

F

$$\exists n \neg p(n) \iff \exists n \neg(n + 2 \text{ is even}) \iff \exists n (n + 2 \text{ is odd})$$

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We notice the following tautologies:

$$\neg(\exists x p(x)) \iff \forall x \neg p(x)$$

$$\neg(\forall x p(x)) \iff \exists x \neg p(x)$$

More examples:

- (a) Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x)$$

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- (b) Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}$.

$$\forall n [(n \text{ is a prime}) \rightarrow (n \text{ is a odd})]$$

F

$$\forall n [((n \text{ is a prime}) \wedge (n \geq 3)) \rightarrow (n \text{ is a odd})]$$

T

- (c) Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}$.

$$\forall n (n \leq 2^n)$$

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$$\forall n [(n \leq 2^n) \wedge (n \geq 4)]$$

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Here $n = 3$ is a counterexample for the first statement. The second one is hard to prove (we'll learn it soon: **induction**).

- (d) Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$\forall x \forall y [(x > y) \rightarrow (x^2 > y^2)]$$

F

The counterexample: $x = 1, y = -2$.

- (e) Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}_+$.

$$\forall x \forall y [(x > y) \rightarrow (x^2 > y^2)]$$

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- (f) Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$, and $p(x) := (x \geq 0)$, $q(x) := (x^2 \geq 0)$.

$$\exists x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$$

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$$\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$$

F

- (g) We notice that the implication $\forall x p(x) \rightarrow \exists x p(x)$ is a tautology.

- (h) Let $x \in \mathbf{Z}_+$.

$$\forall x (x^2 \geq 1)$$

T

Let $x \in \mathbf{Z}$.

$$\forall x (x^2 \geq 1)$$

F

(i) Important tautology: $\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x)) \iff \forall x (\neg q(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x))$

(j) More tautologies:

$$\exists x (p(x) \wedge q(x)) \implies (\exists x p(x)) \wedge (\exists x q(x))$$

We notice that the implication

$$(\exists x p(x)) \wedge (\exists x q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (p(x) \wedge q(x))$$

is not a tautology. Example: $p(x) = (x < 1)$, $q(x) = (x \geq 1)$. Then the statement $(\exists x p(x)) \wedge (\exists x q(x))$ is true, but the statement $\exists x (p(x) \wedge q(x))$ is false. More tautologies:

$$\exists x (p(x) \vee q(x)) \iff (\exists x p(x)) \vee (\exists x q(x))$$

$$\forall x (p(x) \wedge q(x)) \iff (\forall x p(x)) \wedge (\forall x q(x))$$

$$(\forall x p(x)) \vee (\forall x q(x)) \implies \forall x (p(x) \vee q(x))$$

We notice that the implication

$$\forall x (p(x) \vee q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x p(x)) \vee (\forall x q(x))$$

is not a tautology. The same example: $p(x) = (x < 1)$, $q(x) = (x \geq 1)$. Then the statement $\forall x (p(x) \vee q(x))$ is true, but the statement $(\forall x p(x)) \vee (\forall x q(x))$ is false.

(k) Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$. Then the statement $\forall x \exists y (x + y = 25)$ is true. Indeed for any given $x = a$, we can find $y = 25 - a$ so that $x + y = 25$.

(l) However the statement $\exists y \forall x (x + y = 25)$ is false. Indeed assume that there exists $y = b$ so that for every x we have $x + b = 25$. Then this is true for $x = 25 - b$, but not for all x .

(m) Check that the statement $\forall y \forall x (x + y = 25)$ is false, and the statement $\exists x \exists y (x + y = 25)$ is true.

Limits. Next we discuss definitions of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$.

- Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$ if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an integer N such that for every n ($n > N$) implies that $|x_n - A| < \epsilon$. In our terms, the following proposition

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \forall n [(n > N) \rightarrow (|x_n - A| < \epsilon)]$$

is true. What does it mean that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq A$? The answer:

$$\neg(\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \forall n [(n > N) \rightarrow (|x_n - A| < \epsilon)]) \iff \exists \epsilon > 0 \forall N \exists n \neg[(n > N) \rightarrow (|x_n - A| < \epsilon)]$$

$$\iff \exists \epsilon > 0 \forall N \exists n [(n > N) \wedge (|x_n - A| \geq \epsilon)].$$

- Let $f(x)$ be a function. We say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ is for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every x the inequality $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. In our terms, the following proposition

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x [(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \epsilon)]$$

is true. What does it mean that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq L$? The answer:

$$\neg\{\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x[(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \epsilon)]\} \iff$$

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x \neg[(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \epsilon)] \iff$$

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x[(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \wedge (|f(x) - L| \geq \epsilon)].$$

Those two examples are very important to understand really well.

- Give examples when $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq A$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq L$.