

20.1 Set images, equivalence relations and logical negation

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Objective

Prove image identities and distinguish inclusion from equality; Check reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity with explicit cases; Negate implications and quantified statements without changing their scope.

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1 Key knowledge and worked examples

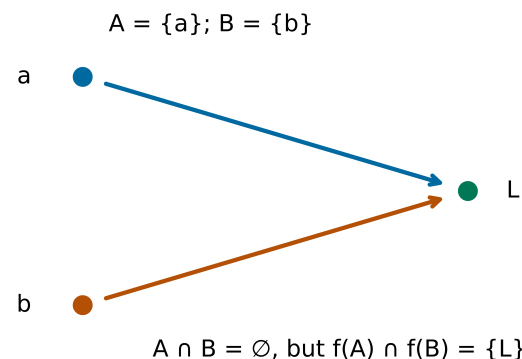
preimage : The set of inputs whose outputs lie in a specified target set.

equivalence relation : A relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

For $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $A \subseteq X$, the image $f(A)$ consists of all outputs $f(a)$ with a in A . A point is in $f(A \cup B)$ exactly when it comes from A or B , so $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$. If $A \subseteq B$, then $f(A) \subseteq f(B)$. For an intersection only $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$ is automatic: the same output may come from different inputs. Use $f(x) = x^2$, $A = \{-1\}$, $B = \{1\}$; the left image is empty while the right intersection is $\{1\}$.

Let f map both a and b to label L . With $A = \{a\}$, $B = \{b\}$, $f(A \cap B) = \emptyset$ but $f(A) \cap f(B) = \{L\}$. For xRy defined by $x=y$ or $x=-y$ on $\mathbb{R}$, reflexivity and symmetry follow directly, and two sign changes still give $z = \pm x$, proving transitivity. The classes are $\{x, -x\}$, with $\{0\}$ a singleton. A false statement “every stored file has a hash” means at least one stored file has no hash; it does not mean all files lack hashes.

Two distinct inputs can share an output



$f(A \cap B)$ can be empty while $f(A) \cap f(B)$ is not: images do not preserve intersections

2 Practice

2.1 Which identity holds for every function f and subsets A, B of its domain? [1]

- A $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$
- B $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$
- C $f(A) = A$
- D $f(A) \cap f(B) = \emptyset$ whenever $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- E $f(A) \subseteq A$

2.2 What is the negation of $P \Rightarrow (Q \wedge R)$? [1]

- A $\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R$
- B $\neg P \Rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$
- C $P \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R)$
- D $P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R$
- E $P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$

2.3 Prove $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$. Give a strict-inclusion example. Under what additional assumption on f does equality follow for all A and B ? [4]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 On the integers define aRb when $a - b$ is divisible by 4. Prove it is an equivalence relation and describe every class. Negate: “For every integer n there exists an integer m greater than n with property P .” [4]
