

## Algebra tutorial series 2

**Exercise 1** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be three subsets of a set  $E$ . Show that

1.  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ .
2.  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ .

Where  $\overline{A}$  denotes the complement of  $A$  in  $E$ .

Simplify the following sets :

1.  $\overline{A \cup B} \cap \overline{C \cup A}$ ;
2.  $\overline{A \cap B} \cup \overline{C \cap A}$ .

**Exercise 2** Let  $E$  be a non-empty set. Show that :

1.  $\forall A, B \in P(E) : A \cup B = A \cap B \Rightarrow A = B$ .
2.  $\forall A, B, C \in P(E) : (A \cap B = A \cap C \text{ and } A \cup B = A \cup C) \Rightarrow B = C$ .

**Exercise 3 Symmetric difference**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two parts of a set  $E$ . We call the symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$ , and we denote  $A \Delta B$ , the set defined by :

$$A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B).$$

1. Make a drawing, then calculate  $A \Delta B$  for  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$ .
2. Show that  $A \Delta B = (A \setminus A \cap B) \cup (B \setminus A \cap B)$ .
3. Determine the sets  $A \Delta E, A \Delta A$  and  $A \Delta \emptyset$ .
4. Suppose  $A \Delta B = A \cap B$ . Prove by contradiction that :  $A = \emptyset, (B = \emptyset)$ .
5. Let  $C \in P(E)$ . Show that  $A \Delta B = A \Delta C$  if and only if  $B = C$ .

**Exercise 4** 1. What is the image of the sets :  $\mathbb{R}, [0, 2\pi], [0, \pi/2]$ , and the inverse image of the sets :  $[0, 1], [3, 4], [1, 2]$  by the application  $x \mapsto \sin x$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Consider the sets  $A = [-3, 2], B = [0, 4]$ .

2. Compare the sets  $f(A \cap B)$  and  $f(A) \cap f(B)$
3. What condition must satisfy  $f$  so that  $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ .

**Exercise 5** Let  $E = [0, 1], F = [-1, 1]$ , and  $G = [0, 2]$  be three intervals of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Consider the map  $f$  from  $E$  to  $G$  defined by :  $f(x) = 2 - x$ , and the map  $g$  from  $F$  to  $G$  defined by :  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

1. Determine  $f(\{1/2\}), f^{-1}(\{0\}), g([-1, 1]), g^{-1}([0, 2])$ .
2. Is the map  $f$  bijective ? justify.
3. Is the application  $g$  bijective ? justify.

**Exercise 6** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the binary relation defined in  $\mathbb{R}$  by :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mathcal{R} y \Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2 = x - y.$$

1. Show that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation.
2. Calculate the equivalence class of an element  $x$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
3. Determine the equivalence class of 0, deduce that of 1.

**Exercise 7** On  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $\prec$  be the relation given by

$$\forall (x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (x, y) \prec (x', y') \Leftrightarrow x - x' \geq 0 \wedge y = y'.$$

Show that  $\prec$  is an order relation. Is it a total order?

### Additional exercises

**Exercise 1** Determine the sets  $A$  and  $B$  that simultaneously satisfy the following conditions :

1.  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,
2.  $A \cap B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ ,
3.  $1 \notin A \setminus B$ ,
4.  $2 \notin B \setminus A$ .

**Exercise 2** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. Show that :

1.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cap P(B)$ .
2. Let us show that in general, we do not have  $P(A \cup B) \subseteq P(A) \cup P(B)$ .  
(Consider  $A = \{0\}$ ,  $B = \{1\}$ ).

**Exercise 3** Let  $f$  be a map from  $E$  to  $F$ , let  $A \subseteq E$  and  $B \subseteq F$ . Show that

1.  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ , and  $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$  for all  $A \subseteq E$  if and only if  $f$  is injective.
2.  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$  and  $B = f(f^{-1}(B))$  for all  $B \subseteq F$  if and only if  $f$  is surjective.