

Set Theory - Winter 2018/19

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Problem sheet 1

Problem 1 (4 points). Prove the following statements:

- (1) $\bigcup V = V$.
- (2) $\bigcap V = \emptyset$.
- (3) $\bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset$.
- (4) $\bigcap \emptyset = V$.

Problem 2. The *ordered pair* of sets x and y is defined as

$$(x, y) = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}.$$

- (1) (1 point) Prove that (x, y) exists for all sets x and y .
- (2) (2 points) Prove that

$$\forall x \forall x' \forall y \forall y' [(x, y) = (x', y') \iff (x = x' \wedge y = y')].$$

- (3) (1 point) Construct an injective class function $P : V \times V \rightarrow V$ with $P(x, y) \neq (x, y)$ for all sets x and y .

Problem 3. Given sets x and y , we define

$$x \Delta y = x \setminus y \cup y \setminus x.$$

- (1) (3 points) Given a nonempty set x , show the structure

$$\mathcal{B}_x = \langle \mathcal{P}(x), \emptyset, x, \Delta, \cap \rangle$$

is a ring.

- (2) (2 point) Let \mathbf{F}_2 denote the field with two elements. Given a nonempty set x , show that the ring \mathcal{B}_x is an \mathbf{F}_2 -algebra.
- (3) (1 point) Determine the class of all nonempty sets x with the property that \mathcal{B}_x is a field.

Problem 4. A class A is *transitive*, if every element of A is a subset of A .

- (1) (1 point) Show that the classes \emptyset and V are transitive.
- (2) (2 bonus points) Show that the *Axiom of Foundation* implies that a transitive class is either empty or contains the empty set.

- (3) (2 point) Given a class A consisting of transitive sets, show that the classes $\bigcup A$ and $\bigcap A$ are transitive.
- (4) (1 points) Given a transitive class A , show that the class $\bigcup A$ is transitive.
- (5) (2 bonus points) Show that the *Axiom of Foundation* implies that the class $\bigcap A$ is transitive for every transitive class A .
- (6) (2 points) Show that the class of all transitive sets is not transitive.

Please hand in your solutions on Wednesday, October 17 before the lecture (Briefkästen 6 & 7).