

1. Let  $A := \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, (n > 1) \wedge (x = 2^n)\}$  and  $B := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$ . Show that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in A$ . This tells us  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  and there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > 1$  and  $x = 2^n$  by definition. We can now observe the following.

$$x = 2^n = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

Since  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n > 1$ , we can see  $n - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that  $2^{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This lets us deduce  $2 \mid x$  by definition. Since  $x = x - 0$ , this means  $2 \mid x - 0$ , so that  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  by definition. Therefore,  $x \in B$  by definition. We can then conclude that  $A \subseteq B$ . Q.E.D.

2. Show that, for any sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , we have  $(A - B) \times C \subseteq (A \times C) - (B \times C)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be arbitrary sets and let  $(x, y) \in (A - B) \times C$ , so that  $x \in A - B$  and  $y \in C$  by definition. Since  $x \in A - B$ , we know  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ . Noticing that  $x \in A$  and  $y \in C$ , we can deduce  $(x, y) \in A \times C$ . Now, observe the following chain of reasoning.

$$\begin{aligned} x \notin B &\Rightarrow (x \notin B) \vee (y \notin C) \\ &\Rightarrow \neg(x \in B \wedge y \in C) \\ &\Rightarrow (x, y) \notin B \times C \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we have  $(x, y) \notin B \times C$ . Combining this with our previous deduction, we can conclude that  $(x, y) \in (A \times C) - (B \times C)$ . Therefore,  $(A - B) \times C \subseteq (A \times C) - (B \times C)$  as desired. Q.E.D.

3. Let  $A := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$  and  $B := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\}$ . Disprove  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proof.** Consider the integer  $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and observe that  $2 - 0 = 2 \cdot 1$ . Since  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this means  $2 \mid 2 - 0$ , so that  $2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , so that  $2 \in A$  by definition.

We will now show that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, 4x \neq 2$  by taking cases. Let  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Case 1:*

Suppose  $z < 0$ . Since  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this implies  $z \leq -1$ , so we have  $4z \leq -4 < -2$ . Thus,  $4z \neq 2$ .

*Case 2:*

Suppose  $z = 0$ . Then,  $4z = 4 \cdot 0 = 0 \neq 2$ .

*Case 3:*

Suppose  $z > 0$ . Since  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this implies  $z \geq 1$ , so we have  $4z \geq 4 \cdot 1 = 4 > 2$ . Thus,  $4z \neq 2$ .

Thus, in all cases, we obtained  $4z \neq 2$ . We therefore know  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, 4x \neq 2$ , which is equivalent to  $4 \nmid 2$ , meaning  $2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  by definition. This tells us that  $2 \notin B$ .

Since  $2 \in A$  and  $2 \notin B$ , we conclude  $\exists x, x \in A \wedge x \notin B$  as desired. Q.E.D.