

**Theorem 1.2** There are infinitely many primes. (1 in Euclid's *Elements*, Book IX, Proposition 20.)

For contradiction suppose there are only a finite number  $n$  of primes,

$$p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n$$

$$\text{Let } q = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_n + 1.$$

Claim  $q$  is another prime distinct from the  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ .

Clearly  $q > p_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  so it's distinct.

Is it prime? Why?

Since  $q > p_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and by assumption  $p_i$ 's are the only primes. Then we know  $q$  should not be a prime and so it's divisible by one of the  $p_i$ 's.

Let  $i$  be such that  $q = m p_i$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Thus,  $p_i$  divides  $q$ .

Thus

$$m p_i = q = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_n + 1.$$

one of those in the product is  $p_i$

$$m p_i = q = \left( p_i \prod_{j \neq i} p_j \right) + 1$$

$$p_i \left( m - \prod_{j \neq i} p_j \right) = 1$$

Product of two integers that's equal 1. This can only happen if  $p_i = \pm 1$  which can't be, because  $p_i$  is a prime.

**Proof** Suppose there are only finitely many distinct primes, say  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ . Let  $M = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n + 1$ . Then  $M$  is an integer, and so there exists a prime that divides  $M$ . Thus some  $p_i$  divides  $M$ . But  $p_i$  divides  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$ . Therefore,  $p_i$  divides 1, which is a contradiction. ■

## Chapter 1.2 Sets

Notation:  $x \in A$  means  $x$  is an element of the set  $A$   
 $x \notin A$  means  $x$  is not an element of the set  $A$

me  $\rightarrow$   $A \subseteq B$   
 book  $\rightarrow$   $A \subset B$   
 $B \supseteq A$   
 $B \supset A$

} mean for every  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$ .  
 that is  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ .

$A = B$  means  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

$A \subsetneq B$  means  $A$  is a proper subset of  $B$   
 that is  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ .

axioms  
 there is  
 such a  
 thing.  $\rightarrow \emptyset$

is the empty set.

example  $\emptyset = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 < 0\}$ .

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$$

**Proposition 1.6** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Then

1.  $A \cup A = A$  and  $A \cap A = A$ ;
2.  $A \cup \emptyset = A$  and  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ ;
3.  $A \subset A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B \subset A$ ;
4.  $A \cup B = B \cup A$  and  $A \cap B = B \cap A$  (commutative property);
5.  $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$  and  $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$  (associative property);
6.  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  and  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (distributive property);
7.  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A \cup B = B$  and  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A \cap B = A$ .

**Proposition 1.7** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Then

1.  $A \setminus \emptyset = A$  and  $A \setminus A = \emptyset$
2. DeMorgan's Laws:

$$A \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$$

and

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

DeMorgan's Laws are generally remembered as stating that the comple-

Let's try DeMorgan's.

Let's show  $A \setminus (B \cup C) = (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$ .

" $\subseteq$ " Let  $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$ . Claim  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$ .

Thus  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \cup C$ .

Note  $B \cup C = \{z : z \in B \text{ or } z \in C\}$

So  $x \notin B \cup C$  means  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$ .

not  $x \in B \cup C$  means not  $x \in \{z : z \in B \text{ or } z \in C\}$

means  $x \in \{z : \text{not } (z \in B \text{ or } z \in C)\}$

(de Morgans for Logic)

means  $x \in \{z : \text{not } z \in B \text{ and } \text{not } z \in C\}$

$x \in \{z : z \notin B \text{ and } z \notin C\}$

Thus  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$ .

Therefore  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  and  $x \notin C$ .

So  $(x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B)$  and  $(x \in A \text{ and } x \notin C)$

So  $x \in A \setminus B$  and  $x \in A \setminus C$

Finally...  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$

Claim  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$

" $\supseteq$ " Let  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$  Claim  $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$ .

For next time:

- ① finish this proof
- ② read the DeMorgan's laws for arbitrary intersections and unions.