

Formal Concept Analysis
Exercise Sheet 1, Winter Semester 2016/17

1 Set Theory

Exercise 1 (a piece of recapitulation)

Given the following hints and the universe $M := \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$, compute the sets A, B, C :

(a) $A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

(b) $B \cup C = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$

(c) $A \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$

(d) $A \cap B = \{2\}$

(e) $B \cap C = \{2, 4, 8\}$

(f) $A \cap C = \{2\}$

2 Logic

Exercise 2 (repetition first-order logic)

Formalize the following statements for natural numbers a, b, c , using only multiplication (“.”), equality (“=”) and natural numbers (“0”, “1”, “2”, ...) besides the usual logical symbols (“¬”, “∧”, “∨”, “→”, “↔”, “∀”, “∃”, variables and parentheses):

(i) a divides b .

(iv) a is the gcd of b and c .

(ii) a is odd.

(v) a is a square number.

(iii) a is common divisor of b and c

(vi) a is a prime number.

3 Derivation Operators and Formal Concepts

Exercise 3 (line diagram)

a) Recall: how is the derivation operator $(\cdot)'$ defined?

b) Let $\mathbb{K} = (G, M, I)$ be a formal context and let $A, B \subseteq G$. Prove the following statements:

1. $A \subseteq B$ implies $B' \subseteq A'$

2. $A \subseteq A''$

3. $A' = A'''$

4. For $C \in G$ and $D \in M$ holds: (C, D) is a formal concept if and only if there is some $E \subseteq G$ such that $C = E''$ and $D = E'$.

4 Formal Concept Analysis

Exercise 4 (Formal Context)

Regard the following formal context \mathbb{K} , given as a cross table:

	needs water to live	lives in water	lives on land	needs chlorophyll to produce food	two seed leaves	one seed leaf	can move around	has limbs	suckles its offspring
Leech	x	x					x		
Bream	x	x					x	x	
Frog	x	x	x				x	x	x
Spike-Weed	x	x		x		x			
Reed	x	x	x	x		x			
Bean	x		x	x	x				
Maize	x		x	x		x			

a) Specify the following sets:

- (i) $\{\text{Bean}\}'$
- (ii) $\{\text{lives on land}\}'$
- (iii) $\{\text{two seed leaves}\}''$
- (iv) $\{\text{Frog, Maize}\}'$
- (v) $\{\text{needs chlorophyll to produce food, can move around}\}'$
- (vi) $\{\text{lives in water, lives on land}\}'$
- (vii) $\{\text{needs chlorophyll to produce food, can move around}\}''$

b) Extend \mathbb{K} with both an object and an attribute.