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- 6. Let  $I = \{i \in \mathbb{R} : 1 \le i\} = [1, \infty)$  and let  $A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\frac{1}{i} \le x \le 2 \frac{1}{i}\}$ , for each  $i \in I$ . Express  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  in interval notation, if possible.
- 7. Let *p* and *q* be prime numbers. Define  $A = \{p^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $B = \{q^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Prove that if  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then A = B.
- **8.** In our proof of Theorem 5.3.6(1) we applied the "double-subset" Proof Strategy 5.2.5(a). Reprove Theorem 5.3.6(1) using the "iff" Strategy 5.2.5(b).
- **9.** Prove the following theorems:

(a) **Theorem.** Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  and  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  be indexed families of sets with the same indexed set *I*. Suppose  $A_i \subseteq B_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$ .

- (b) **Theorem.** Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  and  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  be indexed families of sets with the same indexed set *I*. Suppose  $A_i \subseteq B_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ .
- (c) **Theorem.** Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  and  $\{B_j : j \in J\}$  be indexed families of sets. If there is an  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $A_{i_0} \subseteq B_j$  for all  $j \in J$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq \bigcap_{j \in J} B_j$ .
- (d) **Theorem.** Suppose that *A* is a set and that  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  is an indexed family of sets. Then  $A \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap B_i)$ .
- (e) **Theorem.** Suppose that *A* is a set and that  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  is an indexed family of sets. Then  $A \cup \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cup B_i)$ .
- (f) **Theorem.** Suppose that *A* is a set and that  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  is an indexed family of sets. Then  $A \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \setminus B_i)$ .
- **10.** Let  $\{B_x : x \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  be the family of sets in Example 3 on page 157. Evaluate  $\bigcap_{x \in \mathbb{R}^+} B_x$  and  $\bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^+} B_x$ .
- **11.** Let  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  be the family of sets in Example 4. Evaluate  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$ .
- **12.** Prove Theorem **5**.3.7.
- **13.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be two families of sets. Prove that  $\bigcup (\mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}) = (\bigcup \mathcal{F}) \cup (\bigcup \mathcal{G})$ .

## 5.4 The Axioms of Set Theory

Albert Einstein devoted much of his professional life to the search for a unified theory of physics, that is, a theory that fully explains and links together all known physical phenomena. Einstein was not successful in his quest to find such a theory. Since then one of the most engaging goals for researchers in physics has been to construct a unifying theory for physics. Stephen Hawking concludes his book *A Brief History of Time* with the hope that someone will discover a unified theory and observes that if such a theory can be realized, then "it would be the ultimate triumph – for then we would know the mind of God."