

AIFS Lecture 1: Essential Basic Maths

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Overview

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- A *set* is a well-defined collection of distinct objects.
- Two ways to write a set: Explicit or Implicit
- *Explicit*: Write the set by explicitly mentioning its members within curly brackets.

Eg: $\{Honda, Ferrari, Renault\}, \{3, 5, 17\}, \emptyset, \{1, 3, \{1, 5\}\}$

- *Implicit*: Write in set-builder notation.

Eg: $A = \{x : x \in H \text{ and } x < 10\}$ where $H = \{94, 324, 1, 9, 50\}$
 $A = \{1, 9\}$

- The set builder notation is read out loud as:
x such that x in H and x less than 10

Properties of Sets

- All elements of a set are unique.
- The order of the elements in the set does not matter.
- Sets need not be homogeneous.
- *Cardinality*: The number of elements in the set. Eg: Let $A = \{3, 4\}$, then $|A| = 2$
- *Membership*: Given any object x and a set A , we can ask if x is a member of A . If x is a member then we write $x \in A$, if not we write $x \notin A$. Eg: Let $A = \{4, 7\}$, then $4 \in A$ and $9 \notin A$
- *Subset*: Given some sets B and A , B is a subset of A if all the members of B is in A . It's written as $B \subset A$. Eg: Let $A = \{3, 5, 7\}$ and $B = \{3, 7\}$, then $B \subset A$
- *Power Set*: Given a set S , the power-set of S , denoted by $\mathcal{P}(S)$, is the set of all subsets of S . Eg: Let $S = \{3, 5, 7\}$, then $\mathcal{P}(S) = \{\emptyset, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{7\}, \{3, 5\}, \{3, 7\}, \{5, 7\}, \{3, 5, 7\}\}$

Tuples

- A tuple is a finite ordered list of elements. Eg: $(1, 3)$, $(1, 3, 1)$, $(5, 5)$
- The ordering is important in tuples, and hence the uniqueness property does not hold.
- Based on the length of the tuple it's often referred to as an n -tuple. Eg: $(1, 3)$ is a 2-tuple. A 2-tuple is also known as an *ordered pair*.

Operations on Sets

Let $A = \{3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$, and $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

- Union: \cup (think joining)

$$A \cup B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13\}$$

- Intersection: \cap (think commonality)

$$A \cap B = \{3, 5, 7\}$$

- Difference: \setminus (think subtraction)

$$A \setminus B = \{11, 13\}$$

$$B \setminus A = \{1, 9\}$$

- Cartesian Product: \times (think combination)

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 5), \dots, (5, 1), (5, 3), (5, 5), \dots\}$$

Number Systems

- Natural Numbers: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4 \dots\}$ or $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots\}$
- Integers: $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- Rational Numbers: The set of all numbers that can be written in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where $b \neq 0$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Denoted by \mathbb{Q}
- Real Numbers: The set of all rational numbers and irrational numbers (such as $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{5}$, π , etc.). Denoted by \mathbb{R}

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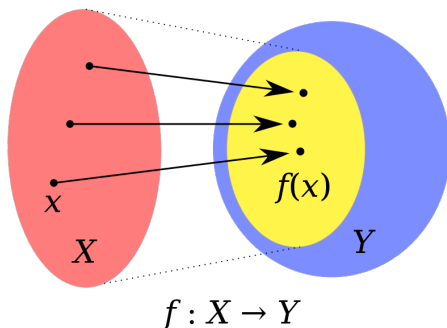
Functions

- A function is a mapping from one set to another where each element of the first set is mapped exactly to one element in the second
- *Notation:* A function, f , which maps elements in set X to set Y is written as:

$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

- *Notation:* The mapping is explicitly specified as $y = f(x)$ read out loud as " f of x ". Here y is the *value* or *output* of the function and x is the *argument* or *input* to the function.
- *Example:* Let $X = \{-1, -2, 2, 0, 3\}$ and $Y = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$, then for all $x \in X$, $f(x) = x^2$ is a function from X to Y

Functions



- Red set is called the *Domain* of the function.
- Blue set is called the *Codomain* of the function.
- Yellow set is a subset of the Codomain called the *range* of the function.

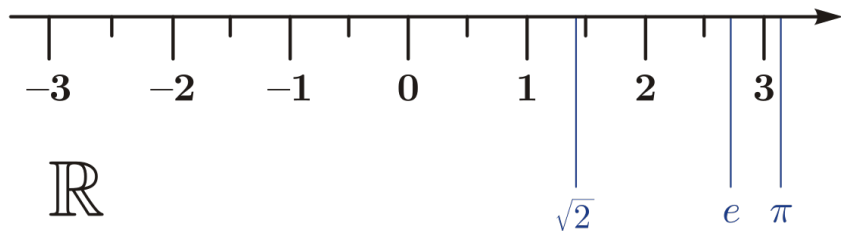
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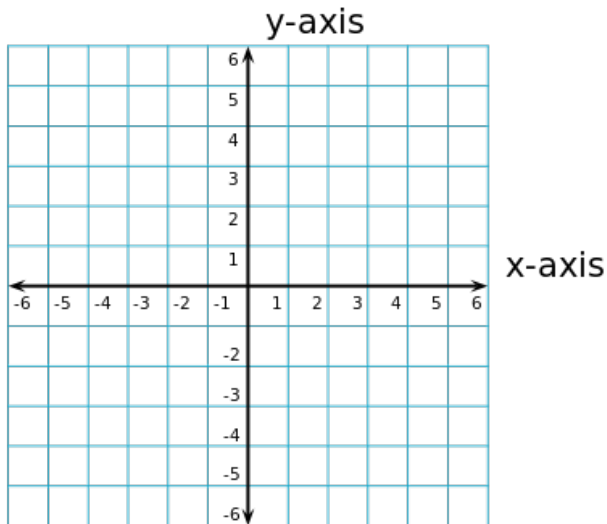
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1-D Space



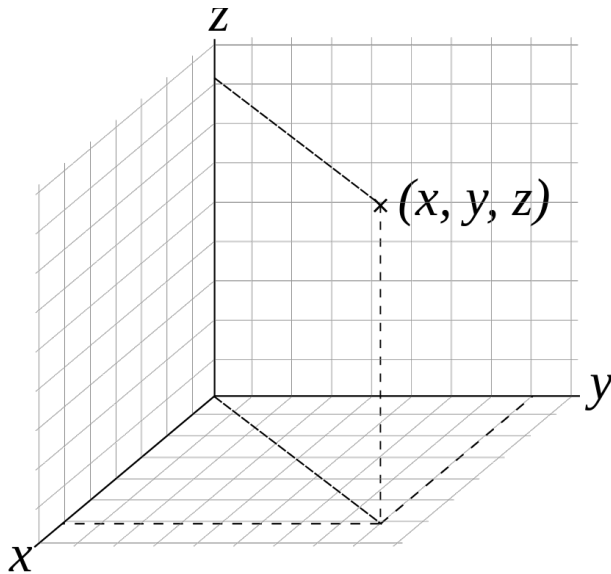
2-D Space

\mathbb{R}^2



3-D Space

\mathbb{R}^3



- A point in \mathbb{R}^n space would have n coordinates.
- A line in \mathbb{R}^2 would be a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 , and a hyper-plane in \mathbb{R}^n
- To visualize an N-D space, think of a 3-D space and call it N-D :)