



# Universal Set and Empty Set

The **universal set**  $U$  is the set containing everything currently under consideration.

- Sometimes implicit.
- Sometimes explicitly stated.
- Contents depend on the context.

The **empty set**, denoted  $\emptyset$  or  $\{\}$ , is the set with no element.

## Set-Builder Notation

A predicate can be used to define a set: for a universal set  $U$  and a propositional function  $P(x)$ , there exists

$$S = \{x \in U : P(x)\}$$

Example: Set of positive rational numbers:

$$Q^+ = \{x \in R \mid x = p/q, \text{ for some positive integers } p, q\}$$

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Three definition of Sets: Equal; Subset and Proper Subset.

**Equal** — when set  $A$  has the same elements as  $B$ .  $A = B$

**Subset** —  $A$  is a subset if and only if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ .  $A \subseteq B$

**Proper subset** — when set  $B$  has element in  $A$  and more.

## Russell's Paradox

Let  $S$  be the set of all sets which are not members of themselves. Namely,

$$S = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$$

A paradox results from trying to answer the question "Is  $S$  a member of  $S$  if  $S$ ?"

## Set Cardinality

If there are exactly  $n$  distinct elements in  $S$  where  $n$  is a non-negative integer, we say that  $S$  is **finite**. Otherwise it is **infinite**.

The **cardinality** of a finite set  $A$ , denoted by  $|A|$ , is the number of elements of  $A$ .

Examples: 1.  $|\emptyset| = 0$

2.  $|\{1, 2, 3\}| = 3$

3.  $|\{\emptyset\}| = 1$

4. the set of integers is infinite.

$$\{a\} = 1 \quad \{\{a\}\} = 1$$

$$\{a, \{a\}\} = 2 \quad \{a, \{a\}, \{a, \{a\}\}\} = 3$$

## Power Sets

The set of all subset of a set  $A$ , denoted  $P(A)$ , is called the **Power set** of  $A$ .

Ex: If  $A = \{a, b\}$  then

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

If a set has  $n$  elements, then the cardinality of its power set is  $2^n$ .

$$\{a\} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$$

$$\{a, b\} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

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$$\{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

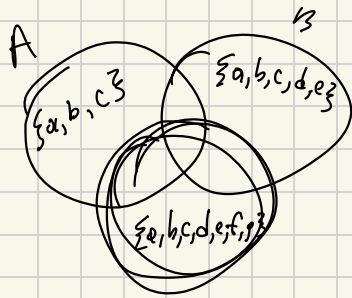
Find  $A^2$  if.

a)  $A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

b)  $A = \{1, 2, a, b\}$

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b)  $A \times A = \{1, 2, a, b\} \times \{1, 2, a, b\} = \{1, 1\}; \{1, 2\}; \{1, a\}; \{1, b\};$   
 $\{2, 1\}; \{2, 2\}; \{2, a\}; \{2, b\}; \{a, 1\}; \{a, 2\}; \{a, a\}; \{a, b\};$   
 $\{b, 1\}; \{b, 2\}; \{b, a\}; \{b, b\}$



$A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$   
 If  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  so  $B = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$