

Set: a collection of things ("elements")

Two sets are "equal" when they contain exactly the same elements no more no less.

$\{\}$  when listing set elements

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad 5 \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\{5\}$  is not the same as  $5$ .

subset: IF every element of set  $A$  is also an element of set  $B$ , then set  $A$  is called a subset of set  $B$

Notation:  $A \subseteq B$  "subset" underline is equal to

IF  $A \neq B$   $A$  is a proper subset

$$A \subset B$$

Empty set =  $\emptyset$  "null set"  $\emptyset = \{\}$   $\{\emptyset\} = \{\{\}\}$

$U$  = universal set "everything" based on the domain

$P(A)$  = Power set of a set  $A$   
A set containing all subsets of  $A$

$\cap$  intersection  $\rightarrow$  "and"

$\cup$  union  $\rightarrow$  "or"

$\times$  ordered pairs

Complement =  $\bar{A}$  or  $A^c$  or  $A'$  or  $A^*$  or  $\sim A$   
everything that is not in  $A$  but in the domain

$$x \in A^c \leftrightarrow x \notin A$$

$$\leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A)$$

Size of set  $A$  is its cardinality:  $|A|$



Claim: Any set  $A$  is a subset of itself

Proof: Let  $A$  be a set. We want to show  $A \subseteq A$ . To do this, let  $x$  be an arbitrary selected element of set  $A$ .

IF  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A$

Since this applies to every element in  $A$ , every element of  $A$  is in set  $A$ ; therefore

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \emptyset & & A \subseteq A \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \emptyset & \text{vs.} & \{\emptyset\} \end{array} \quad \{ \} \{ \} \{ \}$$

$P(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$  is true!

$$A = \{1\}$$

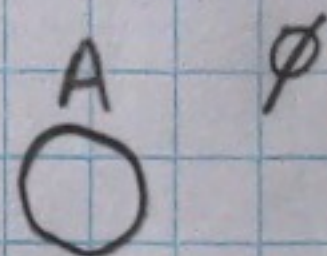
$$B = \{2\}$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = \{1\} = A$$

$$A \setminus \emptyset = A$$

$$\emptyset \setminus A = \emptyset$$



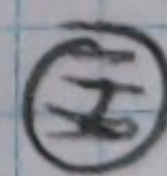
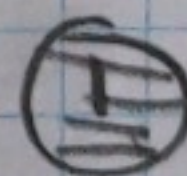
$$A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = \{1\}$$



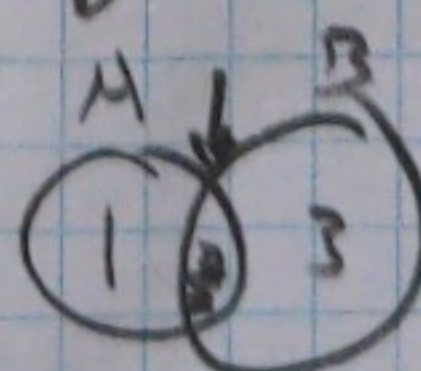
A

B



$$A = \{1, 2\}$$

$$B = \{2, 3\}$$



$$A \cap B = \{2\}$$



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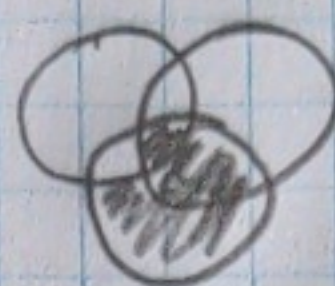
14.  $A \cap B$



$A \cap \bar{B} = A \setminus B$



$(B \cap C) \cup (C \cap \bar{A})$



16.



$\rightarrow (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (B \cap \bar{A})$

$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$

$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

We want  $C = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$

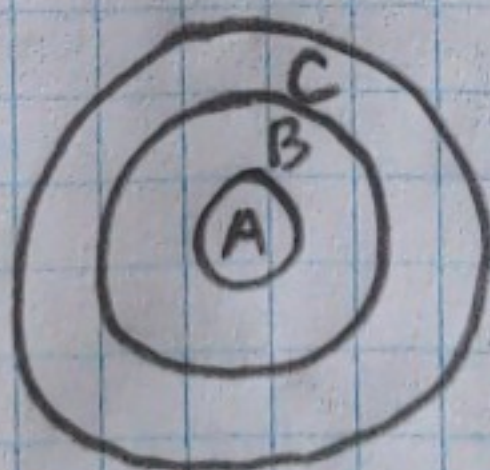
$B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Begin by removing the elements that are similar to both A and B, then union the two sets.

25. a. suppose that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ . Does this mean  $A \subseteq C$

$\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in C)$  If x is in A, then x is in C

Proof. By the definition of a subset ( $\subseteq$ ) we know that if x is in A, then x is in B. Likewise if x is in B, then x is in C.



By the definition of  $\subseteq$   $A \subseteq C$  and the statement is true.



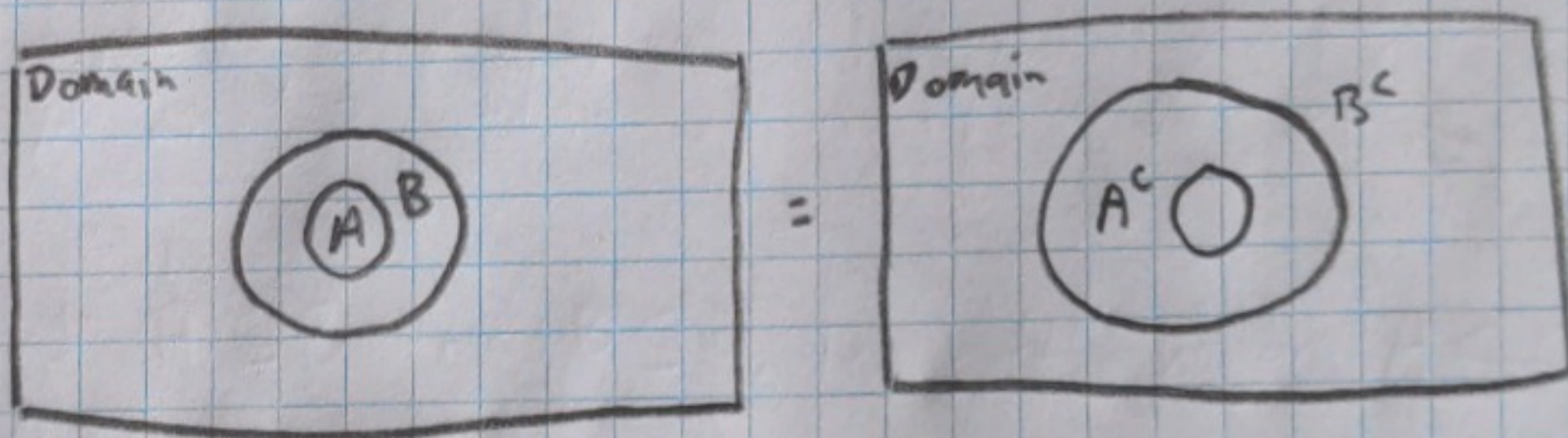
29. Explain why there is no set  $A$  which satisfies  
 $A = \{2, |A|\}$

This is an impossible set because sets do not contain duplicate elements.

The cardinality of the set  $A$  as defined should be 2, but 2 is already an element of the set and can not be represented twice. This would then create a contradiction.

SQ-4. For all sets  $A$  and  $B$

a) Prove that  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $B^c \subseteq A^c$



$$A \subseteq B \rightarrow B^c \subseteq A^c \quad \wedge \quad B^c \subseteq A^c \rightarrow A \subseteq B$$

Proof:

Assume  $A \subseteq B$ , that is, every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ .

Now consider all elements not in  $B$  and all the elements not in  $A$ . Since we know that  $|A| \leq |B|$  then we know that  $|A^c| \geq |B^c|$  and since every element of  $A$  is in  $B$  then every element of  $B^c$  is in  $A^c$ . Therefore the statement  $A \subseteq B \rightarrow B^c \subseteq A^c$  is true.

Now assume  $B^c \subseteq A^c$ , that is every element not in  $B$  is also not in  $A$ . By the same logic as above we see that  $|B^c| \leq |A^c|$  so that means  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $A \subseteq B$  is therefore true.



SQ-4. b. Prove that if  $A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$ , then  $A = B$

Suppose not, that is  $A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A \wedge A \neq B$

By the definition of subsets we see that for every  $x$  in  $A$ ,  $x$  is in  $B$  and for every  $x$  in  $B$ ,  $x$  is in  $A$ . That is there is no value  $x$  that is in  $A$  but not  $B$  and vice versa, so  $A$  must equal  $B$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore the original statement must be true.