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For any sets A and B , the *Cartesian product* $A \times B$ is the set consisting of all ordered pairs (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

The Cartesian product satisfies the following properties, for all sets A , B , C , and D :

- $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$
- $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$
- $(A \times B)^c = (A^c \times B^c) \cup (A^c \times B) \cup (A \times B^c)$

Here \emptyset denotes the empty set, \cap denotes intersection, \cup denotes union, and c denotes complement with respect to some universal set U containing A and B .