

# Note 0: REVIEW OF SETS AND NOTATION

## • REVIEW OF SETS

- set = well defined collections of objects
- objects = elements = members
- $x$  is member of  $A$ :  $x \in A$
- $x$  is not member of  $A$ :  $x \notin A$
- $A$  and  $B$  are equal if they have the same elements:  $A = B$
- order and repetition doesn't matter
- set of rational numbers:  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\{\frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \text{ are integers, } b \neq 0\}$
- set of all items which satisfy this condition  
 $\{\text{item} \mid \text{condition on that item}\}$

## $\Rightarrow$ CARDINALITY

- = size of set:  $|A|$
- if  $A$  is finite, its cardinality must be non-negative integer
- there is unique set with cardinality 0  
= empty set,  $\emptyset$

## $\Rightarrow$ SUBSETS AND PROPER SUBSETS

- $A$  is subset of  $B$ :  $A \subseteq B$ 
  - if every element of set  $A$  is also in set  $B$
- $B$  is superset of  $A$ :  $B \supseteq A$
- proper subset
  - if  $A \subseteq B$ , but  $A \neq B \rightarrow A \subset B$
- properties
  - empty set is a proper subset of any nonempty set:  $\emptyset \subset A$
  - empty set is a subset of every set  $B$ :  $\emptyset \subseteq B$
  - every set  $A$  is a subset of itself:  $A \subseteq A$

## $\Rightarrow$ INTERSECTIONS AND UNIONS

- intersection:  $A \cap B$ 
  - disjoint sets if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- union:  $A \cup B$
- properties
  - $\rightarrow A \cup B = B \cup A$
  - $\rightarrow A \cup \emptyset = A$
  - $\rightarrow A \cap B = B \cap A$
  - $\rightarrow A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$



# NOTATION OF SETS AND NOTATION

## => RELATIVE COMPLEMENT

- relative complement of A in B:  $B - A$ ,  $B \setminus A$   
= set difference between B and A
- set of elements in B, but not in A:  $\{x \in B \mid x \notin A\}$   
 $\rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} - \{3, 4, 5\} = \{1, 2\}$
- properties
  - $\rightarrow A - A = \emptyset$
  - $\rightarrow A - \emptyset = A$
  - $\rightarrow \emptyset - A = \emptyset$
- generally  $A - B \neq B - A$

## => SIGNIFICANT SETS

- $\mathbb{N}$ ... natural numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{Z}$ ... integers
- $\mathbb{Q}$ ... rational
- $\mathbb{R}$ ... real
- $\mathbb{C}$ ... complex

## => PRODUCTS AND POWER SETS

- Cartesian product = cross product:  $A \times B$
- set of all pairs whose first component is an element of A and second element of B  
 $\rightarrow A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{u, v\}$   
 $\rightarrow A \times B = \{(1, u), (2, u), (3, u), (1, v), (2, v), (3, v)\}$
- power set of S:  $\mathcal{P}(S)$
- set of all subsets of S:  $\{T \mid T \subseteq S\}$   
 $\rightarrow S = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$
- if  $|S| = k$ , then  $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^k$

## • REVIEW OF MATHEMATICAL NOTATION

### => SUMS AND PRODUCTS

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n$$

$$\sum_{i=m}^n f(i) = f(m) + f(m+1) + \dots + f(n)$$

$$\prod_{i=m}^n f(i) = f(m) \cdot f(m+1) \cdot \dots \cdot f(n)$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n i = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$$

### ⇒ UNIVERSAL AND EXISTENTIAL QUALIFIERS

→ for all:  $\forall$

→ there exists:  $\exists$

$(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(n \text{ is prime})$

- for any claim  $C$  - statement  $(\exists x \in \phi)(C(x))$  is false

- statement  $(\forall x \in \phi)(C(x))$  is true

↳ vacuously or trivially true

### • QUANTIFIERS AND IMPLICATIONS

→  $\forall x \forall y P(x, y) \Rightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x, y)$  True

$\forall x \forall y \dots$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in our universe

→  $\exists x \exists y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x, y)$  True

$\exists x \exists y \dots$  there exists  $x$  and  $y$

→  $\exists x \forall y P(x, y) \Rightarrow \forall y \exists x P(x, y)$  True

$\exists x \forall y \dots$  there exists  $x$  for every  $y$

$\forall y \exists x \dots$  for every  $y$  there exists  $x$

→ note this implication is False

$\forall x \exists y P(x, y) \Rightarrow \exists y \forall x P(x, y)$