# Definitions

Term	Notation Example(s)	We say in English
sequence	$x_1, \ldots, x_n$	A sequence $x_1$ to $x_n$
summation	$x_1, \dots, x_n$ $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$	The sum of the terms of the sequence $x_1$ to $x_n$
all reals	$\mathbb{R}$	The (set of all) real numbers (numbers on the number line)
all integers	$\mathbb{Z}$	The (set of all) integers (whole numbers including negatives, zero, and positives)
all positive integers	$\mathbb{Z}^+$	The (set of all) strictly positive integers
all natural numbers	N	The (set of all) natural numbers. <b>Note</b> : we use the convention that 0 is a natural number.
piecewise rule definition function application	$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$ $f(7)$ $f(z)$ $f(g(z))$	Define $f$ of $x$ to be $x$ when $x$ is nonnegative and to be $-x$ when $x$ is negative $f$ of $f$ or $f$ applied to $f$ or the image of $f$ under $f$ of $f$ or $f$ applied to $f$ or the image of $f$ under $f$ of $f$ of $f$ of $f$ of $f$ of $f$ applied to the result of $f$ applied to $f$
absolute value square root	$\begin{array}{c}  -3  \\ \sqrt{9} \end{array}$	The absolute value of $-3$ The non-negative square root of 9

## Data types

Term	Examples:	
	(add additional	examples from class)
set	$7 \in \{43, 7, 9\}$	$2 \notin \{43, 7, 9\}$
unordered collection of elements		
repetition doesn't matter		
Equal sets agree on membership of all elements		
n-tuple		
ordered sequence of elements with $n$ "slots" $(n > 0)$		
repetition matters, fixed length		
Equal n-tuples have corresponding components equal		

#### string

ordered finite sequence of elements each from specified set repetition matters, arbitrary finite length  $Equal\ strings\ have\ same\ length\ and\ corresponding\ characters\ equal$ 

#### $Special\ cases:$

When n = 2, the 2-tuple is called an **ordered pair**.

A string of length 0 is called the **empty string** and is denoted  $\lambda$ .

A set with no elements is called the **empty set** and is denoted  $\{\}$  or  $\emptyset$ .

## Defining sets

To define sets:

To define a set using **roster method**, explicitly list its elements. That is, start with { then list elements of the set separated by commas and close with }.

To define a set using **set builder definition**, either form "The set of all x from the universe U such that x is ..." by writing

$$\{x \in U \mid ...x...\}$$

or form "the collection of all outputs of some operation when the input ranges over the universe U" by writing

$$\{...x... \mid x \in U\}$$

We use the symbol  $\in$  as "is an element of" to indicate membership in a set.

**Example sets**: For each of the following, identify whether it's defined using the roster method or set builder notation and give an example element.

### Set operations

To define a set we can use the roster method, set builder notation, a recursive definition, and also we can apply a set operation to other sets.

New! Cartesian product of sets and set-wise concatenation of sets of strings

**Definition**: Let X and Y be sets. The **Cartesian product** of X and Y, denoted  $X \times Y$ , is the set of all ordered pairs (x, y) where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ 

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\}$$

**Definition**: Let X and Y be sets of strings over the same alphabet. The **set-wise concatenation** of X and Y, denoted  $X \circ Y$ , is the set of all results of string concatenation xy where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ 

$$X \circ Y = \{xy \mid x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\}$$

**Pro-tip**: the meaning of writing one element next to another like xy depends on the data-types of x and y. When x and y are strings, the convention is that xy is the result of string concatenation. When x and y are numbers, the convention is that xy is the result of multiplication. This is (one of the many reasons) why is it very important to declare the data-type of variables before we use them.

Fill in the missing entries in the table:

Set	Example elements in this set:
B	A C G U
	(A,C) $(U,U)$
$B \times \{-1, 0, 1\}$	
$\{-1,0,1\} \times B$	
	(0, 0, 0)
$\{\mathtt{A},\mathtt{C},\mathtt{G},\mathtt{U}\}\circ\{\mathtt{A},\mathtt{C},\mathtt{G},\mathtt{U}\}$	
	GGGG