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Chapter 1 Sets and Logic

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a set is a large finite set or an infinite set



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Finite sets

Examples:

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

$$B = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer, } 1 \leq x \leq 4\}$$

Infinite sets

Examples:

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\text{integers}\} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$S = \{x \mid x \text{ is a real number and } 1 \leq x \leq 5\} = [1, 5]$$



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Guess: What are \mathbf{Z}^+ , \mathbf{Z}^- , and \mathbf{Z}^{nonneg} ?



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Examples:

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ then $|A| = 3$

If $B = \{x \mid x \text{ is a natural number and } 1 \leq x \leq 9\}$, then $|B| = 9$



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Empty Set \emptyset

The set with no elements is call the empty set

or null set
or void set



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Examples:

- $A = \{9, 2, 7, -3\}$, $B = \{7, 9, -3, 2\}$
- $A = \{\text{dog}, \text{cat}, \text{horse}\}$,
 $B = \{\text{cat}, \text{horse}, \text{squirrel}, \text{dog}\}$
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Examples 1.1.3

- $A = \{x \mid x^2 + x - 6 = 0\}$, $B = \{2, -3\}$, $A=B$?



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- Observation: \emptyset is a subset of every set



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The power set of a set with n elements has ? elements



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- The difference (or relative complement) (差集) of X and Y

$$X - Y = \{ x \mid x \in X \text{ and } x \notin Y \}$$



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Example 1.1.15 If $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$ then

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$S = \{\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 8\}, \{4\}\}$



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Univeral Set and Complement

Universal set (全集/域): When all of the consided sets are subset of a set U , we called U a universal set or a universe

Complement of X (余/补集): $U-X$



Venn Diagrams

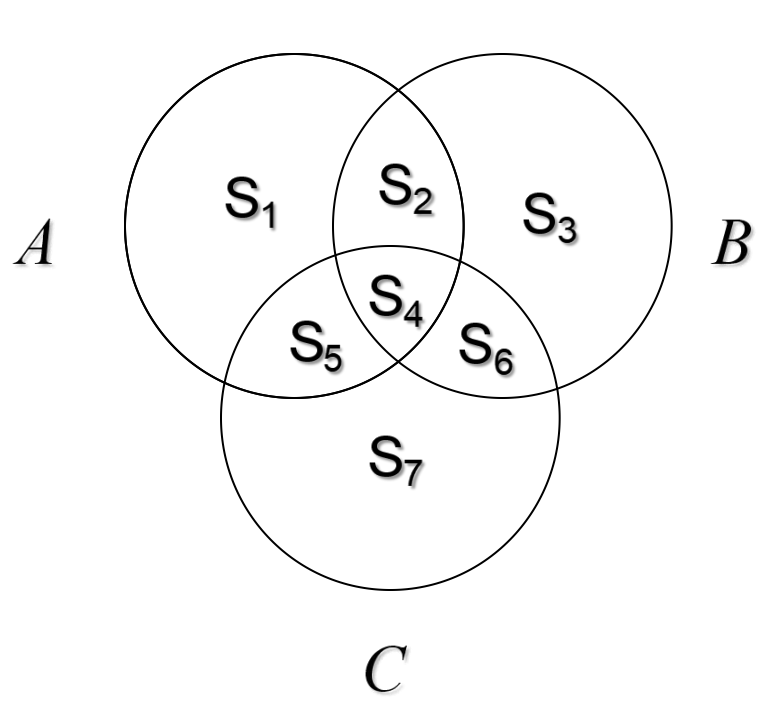
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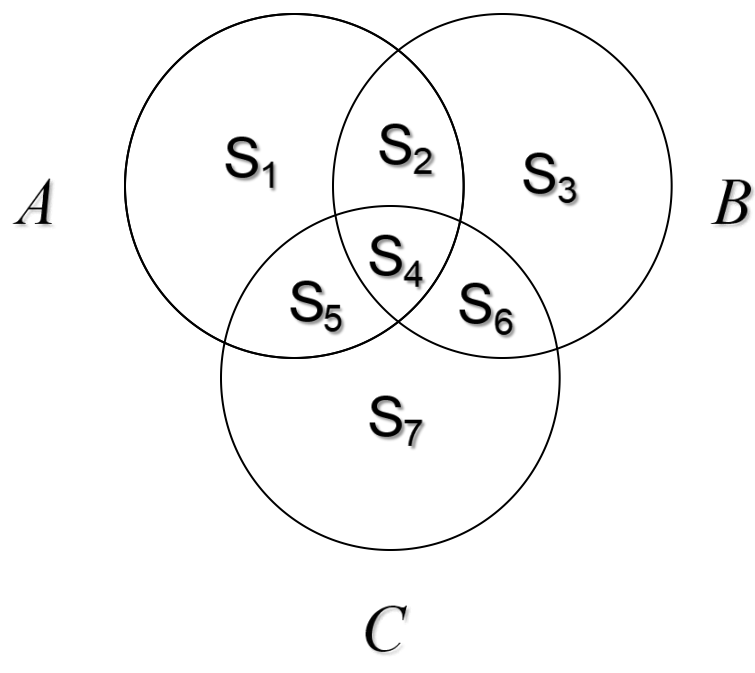


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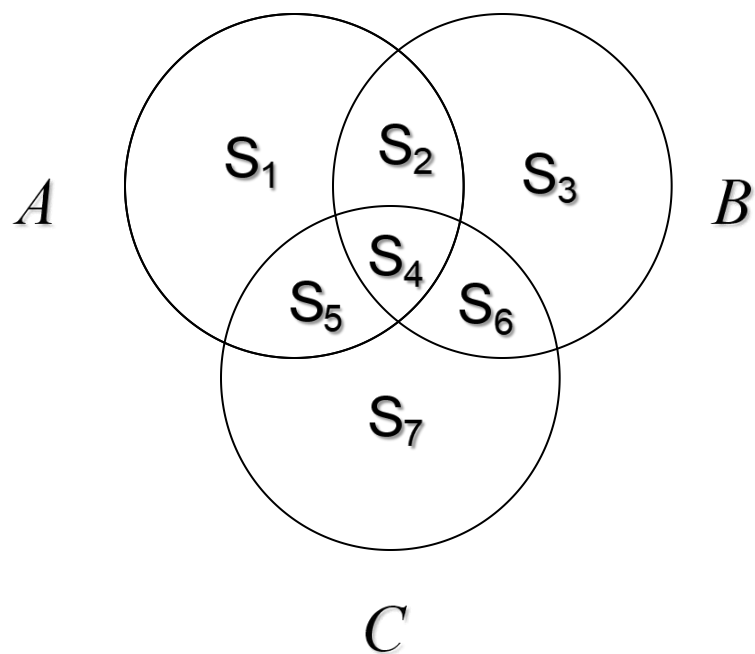
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b) Commutative law (交换律)

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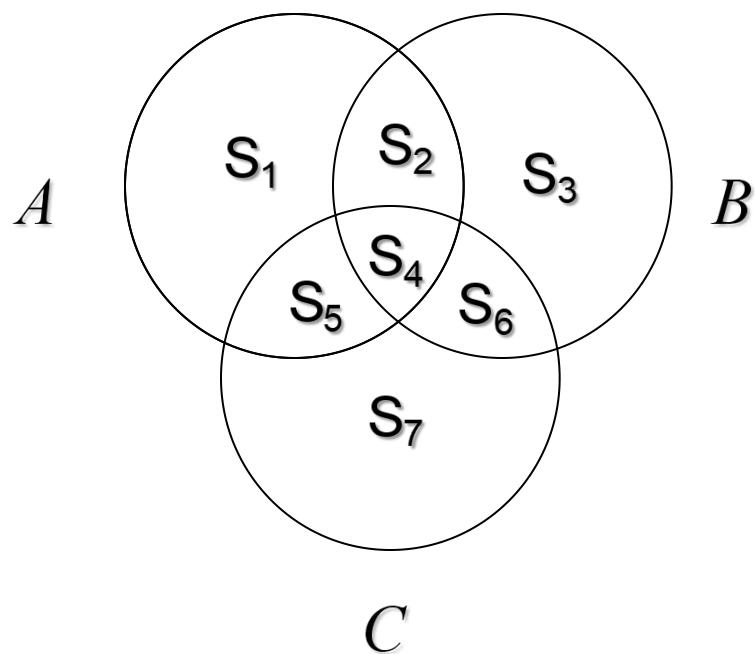
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$$A \cap U = A$$

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e) Complement laws (补余律)

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f) Idempotent laws (等幂律)

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g) Bound laws (零律)

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h) Absorption laws (吸收律)

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i) Involution law (对合律)

$$(A^c)^c = A$$

j) 0/1 laws (0/1律)

$$\emptyset^c = U, U^c = \emptyset$$

k) De Morgan's laws for sets (德摩根定律)

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

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We define the union of a collection of sets S to be those elements x belonging to at least one set X in S . Formally,

$$\bigcup S = \{x \mid x \in X \text{ for some } X \in S\}.$$

Similarly, we define the intersection of a collection of sets S to be those elements x belonging to every set X in S . Formally,

$$\bigcap S = \{x \mid x \in X \text{ for all } X \in S\}.$$



If $S = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$, we write

$$\bigcup S = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i, \quad \bigcap S = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i,$$

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Notice that if S is a partition of X , S is pairwise disjoint and $\bigcup S = X$.



Cartesian Product 笛卡尔积

The Cartesian product of two sets is defined as:

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$$

Example: $A = \{x, y\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$

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$$|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

The Cartesian product of **two or more sets** is defined as:

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$



Problem-Solving Tips

To verify that two sets A and B are equal, written $A = B$, show that for every x , if $x \in A$, then $x \in B$, and if $x \in B$, then $x \in A$.

To verify that two sets A and B are not equal, written $A \neq B$, find at least one element that is in A but not in B , or find at least one element that is in B but not in A . One or the other conditions suffices; you need not (and may not be able to) show both conditions.



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To verify that A is a subset of B , written $A \subseteq B$, show that for every x , if $x \in A$, then $x \in B$. Notice that if A is a subset of B , it is possible that $A = B$.

To verify that A is not a subset of B , find at least one element that is in A but not in B .



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To verify that A is a proper subset of B , written $A \subset B$, verify that A is a subset of B as described previously, and that $A \neq B$, that is, that there is at least one element that is in B but not in A .

To visualize relationships among sets, use a Venn diagram. A Venn diagram can suggest whether a statement about sets is true or false.

A set of elements is determined by its members; order is irrelevant. On the other hand, ordered pairs and n -tuples take order into account.