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**An Elementary Introduction to Set Theory**

- ◆ **Naïve Set Theory**
- ◆ **Axiomatic Set Theory**
- ◆ **Ordinal Numbers**
- ◆ **Categories**



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Set: What is It? (From the Viewpoint of Naïve Set Theory)

- ◆ **Cantor's concept of a set** [Cantor, 1870s]
 - ◆ The only fundamental idea of set theory is to regard and represent a collection of objects as a *single entity*, i.e., a **set**.
 - ◆ A **set** S is a collection of definite and distinguishable objects (called **elements** or **members** of S), to be conceived as a whole.
 - ◆ Examples of sets: $\{1, 2, 3\}$, $\{1, 2, 3, a, b, c\}$, $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 - ◆ Examples of collections that are not sets: $\{1, 2, 2, 3\}$, $\{1, 2, 3, a, b, c, c\}$
- ◆ **The membership relation**
 - ◆ $x \in (\notin) A$: x is (not) an element of A ; x (does not) belongs A .
 - ◆ Note: The symbol " \in " is fashioned after the Greek letter epsilon.

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The Empty Set

• The empty set

- ♦ The **empty set** \emptyset (slashed 0, slashed zero, 0 with stroke) includes no element.
- ♦ $\emptyset =_{\text{df}} (\forall x)(x \notin \emptyset)$ (for all x , x is not an element of \emptyset)
- ♦ Sometime, the empty set \emptyset is represented as $\{\}$.

• Notes

- ♦ The notion of the empty set is fundamentally important in Set Theory.
- ♦ The role of the empty set in Set Theory is similar to that of zero in Number Theory.
- ♦ $\emptyset \neq \{\emptyset\} ! \quad [|\emptyset|=0, |\{\emptyset\}|=1]$



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Finite Sets and Infinite Sets

• Finite sets

- ♦ **Finite sets:** Sets including finite elements.
- ♦ The **size of a finite set** A (represented as $|A|$): the number of elements of A .
- ♦ $|\emptyset| =_{\text{df}} 0 \quad [|\emptyset|=0, |\{\emptyset\}|=1]$
- ♦ Ex: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

• Infinite sets

- ♦ **Infinite sets:** Sets including infinite elements.
- ♦ Note: There is no concept of “size” about infinite sets.
- ♦ Ex: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots, n, \dots\}$



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Definition and Representation of Finite/Infinite Sets

• Extensional definition and representation of finite/infinite sets

- ♦ Enumerate/list all elements of a set explicitly and usually surround them with braces: $A =_{\text{df}} \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, \dots\}$.
- ♦ Note: “...” must be “definite and distinguishable objects”.
- ♦ This way to define/represent a set is called the **roster method** and the list is called a **roster**.
- ♦ It is often difficult, sometime impossible, to define an infinite set by the roster method.

• Examples

- ♦ $N_{100} =_{\text{df}} \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 99\}$
- ♦ $N =_{\text{df}} \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots\}$
- ♦ $Alphabet =_{\text{df}} \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$



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Definition and Representation of Finite/Infinite Sets

• Intensional definition and representation of finite/infinite sets

- ♦ Define a property that all elements of a set have and usually show a typical element a that satisfies the property P :
 $A =_{\text{df}} \{a \mid P(a)\}$
- ♦ This way to define/represent a set is called the **abstraction method**.
- ♦ It is this abstraction method that arises some paradox problems in the naive Set Theory.

• Examples

- ♦ $N_{100} =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid x \in N \wedge x < 100\}$
- ♦ $N =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid x \in N\}$ (Is this definition OK?)
- ♦ $Z =_{\text{df}} \{n \mid n \in N \vee -n \in N\}$
- ♦ $Q =_{\text{df}} \{x/y \mid x \in Z \wedge y \in Z \wedge y \neq 0\}$



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Famous Sets [O’Leary]

Famous Sets

Although sets can contain many different types of elements, numbers are probably the most common for mathematics. For this reason particular important sets of numbers have been given their own symbols.

Symbol	Name
N	The set of natural numbers
Z	The set of integers
Q	The set of rational numbers
R	The set of real numbers
C	The set of complex numbers

Let $a, b \in R$ such that $a < b$.

As rosters,

$$N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

and

$$Z^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Notice that we define the set of natural numbers to include zero and do not make a distinction between counting numbers and whole numbers. Instead, write

$$Z^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

and

$$Z^- = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1\}.$$

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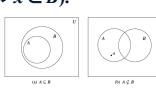
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The Subsets and Power Set of a Set

• Subsets and inclusion relation

- ♦ Set A is called a **subset** of set B , if all elements of A are also elements of B .
- ♦ **Inclusion relation:** $A \subseteq B$ IFF $(\forall x)(x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$.
- ♦ For any set A , $A \subseteq A$, $\emptyset \subseteq A$.
- ♦ **Proper subset:** $A \subset B$ IFF $(A \subseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)$.



• The power set of a set

- ♦ The **power set** of set A is the set that includes all subsets of A .
- ♦ $P(A) =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid x \subseteq A\}$, $2^A =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid x \subseteq A\}$ ($|P(A)| = 2^{|A|}$ if A is finite)
- ♦ $A \subseteq B$ IFF $P(A) \subseteq P(B)$, $A = B$ IFF $P(A) = P(B)$
- ♦ Ex: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$,
 $P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$



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Set Operations

Equivalence of two sets

- ◆ $A = B \text{ IFF } (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)$
- ◆ $A \neq B \text{ IFF } \neg(A = B) =_{\text{df}} \neg(A \subseteq B) \vee \neg(B \subseteq A)$

Join (Union) of sets

- ◆ $A \cup B =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\}$

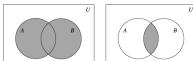


Figure 3.2 Venn diagrams for union and intersection.

Disjoint join (union, sum) of sets

- ◆ $A + B =_{\text{df}} \{x_A \text{ or } y_B \mid (x_A \in A) \wedge (y_B \in B)\}$
- ◆ If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $A + B = A \cup B$.

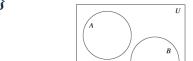


Figure 3.3 A Venn diagram for disjoint sets.

Meet (Intersection) of sets

- ◆ $A \cap B =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$
- ◆ If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then A and B are said to be **mutually disjoint**.



Figure 3.4 Venn diagrams for set difference and complement.

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Set Operations

Difference of sets

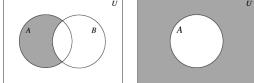
- ◆ $A - B =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)\}$

Symmetric difference of sets

- ◆ $A \oplus B =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid ((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \vee ((x \notin A) \wedge (x \in B))\}$

Complement of sets

- ◆ For $A \subseteq B$, $A^c =_{\text{df}} B - A$.
- ◆ $A \cup A^c = B$, $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$, $(A^c)^c = A$.



(a) $A \setminus B$



(b) \bar{A}

Figure 3.4 Venn diagrams for set difference and complement.

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Set Operation Laws

Idempotent laws

- ◆ $A \cup A = A$, $A \cap A = A$

Commutative laws

- ◆ $A \cup B = B \cup A$, $A \cap B = B \cap A$

Associative laws

- ◆ $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$, $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

Distributive laws

- ◆ $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
- ◆ $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Absorption law

- ◆ $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$, $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$

De Morgan's laws

- ◆ $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$, $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$



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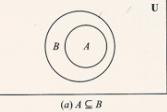
Set Operation Laws [Lipschutz]

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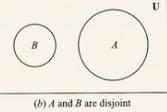
Idempotent laws	
(1a) $A \cup A = A$	(1b) $A \cap A = A$
Associative laws	
(2a) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$	(2b) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
Commutative laws	
(3a) $A \cup B = B \cup A$	(3b) $A \cap B = B \cap A$
Distributive laws	
(4a) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	(4b) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
Identity laws	
(5a) $A \cup \emptyset = A$	(5b) $A \cap U = A$
(6a) $A \cup U = U$	(6b) $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
Involution law	
(7) $(A')' = A$	
Complement laws	
(8a) $A \cup A' = U$	(8b) $A \cap A' = \emptyset$
(9a) $U' = \emptyset$	(9b) $\emptyset' = U$
DeMorgan's laws	
(10a) $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$	(10b) $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$

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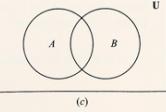
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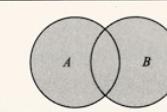
(a) $A \subseteq B$



(b) A and B are disjoint



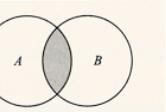
(c)



(a) $A \cup B$ is shaded

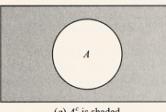


(b) $A \cap B$ is shaded

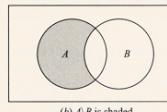


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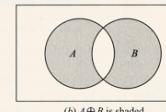
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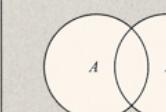
(a) A' is shaded



(b) $A \setminus B$ is shaded



(b) $A \oplus B$ is shaded



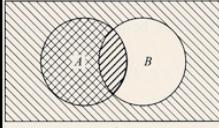
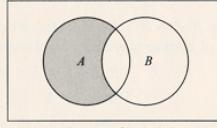
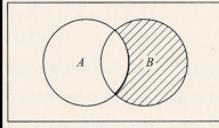
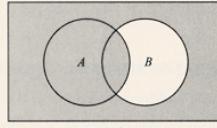
(a) Shaded area: $(A \cup B)^c$



(b) Cross-hatched area: $A^c \cap B^c$

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Venn Diagrams [Lipschutz]

(a) A and B^c are shaded(b) $A \cap B^c$ is shaded(a) $B \setminus A$ is shaded(b) $(B \setminus A)^c$ is shaded

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How to Define Natural Numbers Mathematically?

- ◆ $0 =_{\text{df}} \emptyset$ (define 0 as the empty set)
- ◆ $1 =_{\text{df}} \{0\} = \{\emptyset\} = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} = 0 \cup \{0\}$
- ◆ $2 =_{\text{df}} \{0, 1\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} = \emptyset \cup (\emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\}) = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\}\} = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\}\} = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{1\} = 1 \cup \{1\}$
- ◆ $3 =_{\text{df}} \{0, 1, 2\} = \emptyset(0) \cup \{0\} \cup \{1\} \cup \{2\} = 2 \cup \{2\}$
- ◆ $4 =_{\text{df}} \{0, 1, 2, 3\} = \emptyset(0) \cup \{0\} \cup \{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \{3\} = 3 \cup \{3\}$
- ◆ $5 =_{\text{df}} \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} = \emptyset(0) \cup \{0\} \cup \{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \{3\} \cup \{4\} = 4 \cup \{4\}$
- ⋮
- ◆ **$n + 1 = S(n) =_{\text{df}} \{0, 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset(0) \cup \{0\} \cup \{1\} \cup \dots \cup \{n\} = n \cup \{n\}$**
(define $n + 1$ as the set of from 0 to n , or the union of $\emptyset(0), \{0\}, \{1\}, \dots, \{n\}$, or the union of the set n and $\{n\}$)

◆ Fact: For any natural number n , there must be only one natural number $n+1$, i.e., $S(n)$, as its only successor.

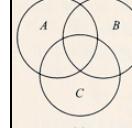


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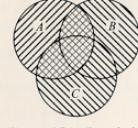
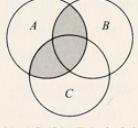
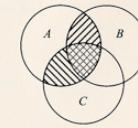
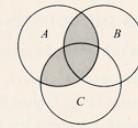
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Venn Diagrams [Lipschutz]



(a)

(b) A and $B \cup C$ are shaded(c) $A \cap (B \cup C)$ is shaded(d) $A \cap B$ and $A \cap C$ are shaded(e) $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ is shaded

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Ordered Pairs and Direct (Cartesian) Products

Ordered pair

◆ $(a, b) =_{\text{df}} \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ [K. Kuratowski, 1921]

◆ Special case: (a, a)

Direct (Cartesian) product of two sets

◆ $A \times B =_{\text{df}} \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$

◆ Ex: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $A \times B = \{(1, x), (1, y), (1, z), (2, x), (2, y), (2, z), (3, x), (3, y), (3, z)\}$

Notes

◆ R. Descartes realized that, by taking two perpendicular axes and setting up coordinates, the points of the Euclidean plane can be labelled in a unique way by ordered pairs of real numbers.

◆ A point is an ordered pair of real numbers, so that the set of points of the Euclidean plane is the Cartesian product $R \times R$.



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Direct (Cartesian) Products and Set Operations [O'Leary]

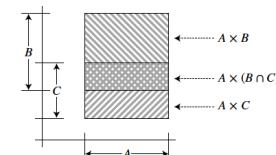
Direct (Cartesian) product and set operations

◆ $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$

◆ $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$

◆ $A \times (B - C) = (A \times B) - (A \times C)$

◆ $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

Figure 3.7 $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$.

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N-tuples and Direct Products

3-tuples (triples)

- $\diamond (a, b, c) =_{\text{df}} ((a, b), c) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}, c\}$
- $\diamond (a, b, c) =_{\text{df}} \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}$

n-tuples

- $\diamond (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n) =_{\text{df}} ((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}), a_n)$
- $\diamond (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n) =_{\text{df}} \{\{a_1\}, \{a_1, a_2\}, \dots, \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}, a_n\}$

Direct (Cartesian) products of sets

- $\diamond A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n =_{\text{df}} \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2, \dots, a_n \in A_n\}$

Cartesian power (exponentiation)

- $\diamond A^n =_{\text{df}} A \times A \times \dots \times A$



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The Notion of Relation: Binary Relations

Binary relations

- \diamond A **binary relation** R from set A (**source, from-set**) to set B (**target, to-set**) is defined as $R: A \rightarrow B =_{\text{df}} R \subseteq A \times B$. We write aRb if $(a, b) \in R$.

- Any binary relation is a set of ordered pairs.

- $R: A \rightarrow B$ defines an **abstract binary relation** (related two sets A and B) that may have many instances.

- Any concrete (explicitly enumerates all elements) subset of $A \times B$ defines a **concrete binary relation** from A to B .

Domain and range of a binary relation $R: A \rightarrow B$

- Domain:** $\text{dom}(R) =_{\text{df}} \{a \mid (\exists b)((a, b) \in R)\}$, $\text{dom}(R) \subseteq A$

- Range:** $\text{ran}(R) =_{\text{df}} \{b \mid (\exists a)((a, b) \in R)\}$, $\text{ran}(R) \subseteq B$



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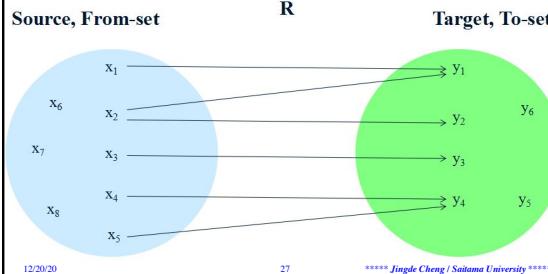
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The Source, From-set, Target, and To-set of a Relation

Binary relations

- $\diamond R: X \rightarrow Y =_{\text{df}} R \subseteq X \times Y$.

Source (From-set) and target (To-set) of relation $R: X \rightarrow Y$

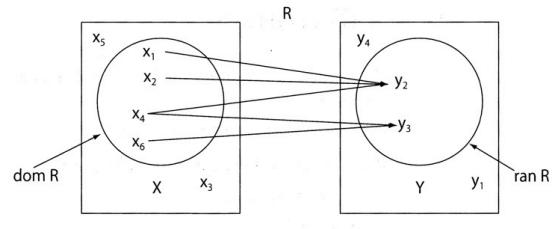


The Domain and Range of a Relation

Binary relations

- $\diamond R: X \rightarrow Y =_{\text{df}} R \subseteq X \times Y$.

Domain and range of relation $R: X \rightarrow Y$



Various Binary Relations

Universal relation

- $\diamond R: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be a **universal relation** if $R = A \times B$.

- Ex.:** $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $R = \{(1, x), (1, y), (1, z), (2, x), (2, y), (2, z), (3, x), (3, y), (3, z)\} = A \times B$
 $R' = \{(1, x), (1, y), (1, z), (2, x), (2, y), (2, z), (3, x), (3, y)\} \neq A \times B$

- Note: There are many (infinite) universal relations, because there are many different source A and target B .

The empty relation

- $R = \emptyset$.

- Note: There is only one empty relation.



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Various Binary Relations

Identity relation

- $\diamond id_A =_{\text{df}} \{(a, a) \mid (a \in A)\}$.

- Ex.:** $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $id_A = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$
 $R'' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$ and $R''' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (3, 1)\}$ are not identity relations.

The inverse relation of a relation

- $\diamond R^{-1}: B \rightarrow A =_{\text{df}} \{(b, a) \mid (a, b) \in R\}$ where $R \subseteq A \times B$.

- $\diamond (R^{-1})^{-1} = R$; $(A \times A)^{-1} = A \times A$; $(\emptyset)^{-1} = \emptyset$; $(id_A)^{-1} = id_A$

- Ex.:** $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $R = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, z)\}$
 $R^{-1} = \{(x, 1), (y, 2), (z, 3)\}$
 $R' = \{(x, 1), (y, 2), (z, 3), (z, 2)\} \neq R^{-1}$



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Various Binary Relations

❖ Reflexive relation

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is said to be **reflexive** if $(\forall a)(a \in A \Rightarrow (a, a) \in R)$.
- ◆ Ex.: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$, $R^* = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2)\}$ are reflexive relations.
 $R'' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$, $R''' = \{(1, 1), (3, 3), (1, 2)\}$ are not reflexive relations.

❖ Irreflexive relation

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is said to be **irreflexive** if $(\forall a)(a \in A \Rightarrow (a, a) \notin R)$.
- ◆ Ex.: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3)\}$ is an irreflexive relation.
 $R' = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 2)\}$ is not an irreflexive relation.

◆ Note: “Irreflexive” is not the same as “not reflexive”.



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Various Binary Relations

❖ Connected relation

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is said to be **connected** if $(\forall a)(\forall b)((a \in A \wedge b \in A) \Rightarrow (a \neq b \Rightarrow ((a, b) \in R \vee (b, a) \in R)))$.
- ◆ Ex.: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1)\}$ and
 $R' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1)\}$ are connected relations.
 $R'' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ is not a connected relation.



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Various Binary Relations

❖ Symmetric relation

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is said to be **symmetric** if $(\forall a)(\forall b)((a \in A \wedge b \in A) \Rightarrow ((a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R))$.
- ◆ Ex.: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ is a symmetric relation.
 $R' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 3)\}$ is not a symmetric relation.

❖ Antisymmetric relation

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is said to be **antisymmetric** if $(\forall a)(\forall b)((a \in A \wedge b \in A) \Rightarrow (((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R) \Rightarrow a = b))$.
- ◆ Ex.: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$ are antisymmetric relations.
 $R' = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$, $R'' = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ are not antisymmetric relations.

◆ Note: “Antisymmetric” is not the same as “not symmetric”.



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Various Binary Relations [Devlin]

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|-----------------------------|--|
| R is <i>reflexive</i> | if $(\forall a \in x)(aRa)$; |
| R is <i>symmetric</i> | if $(\forall a, b \in x)(aRb \rightarrow bRa)$; |
| R is <i>antisymmetric</i> | if $(\forall a, b \in x)[(aRb \wedge a \neq b) \rightarrow \neg(bRa)]$; |
| R is <i>connected</i> | if $(\forall a, b \in x)[(a \neq b) \rightarrow (aRb \vee bRa)]$; |
| R is <i>transitive</i> | if $(\forall a, b, c \in x)[(aRb \wedge bRc) \rightarrow (aRc)]$. |



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Equivalence Relations and Partial Order Relations

❖ Equivalence relations

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is an **equivalence relation** IFF it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.
- ◆ Ex.: $\equiv_N =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in N \wedge y \in N \wedge y = x\}$
- ◆ Ex.: $\equiv_Z =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in Z \wedge y \in Z \wedge y = x\}$

❖ Partial order relations

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a **partial order relation** IFF it is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.
- ◆ Ex.: $\leq_N =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in N \wedge y \in N \wedge x \leq y\}$
- ◆ Ex.: $\leq_Z =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in Z \wedge y \in Z \wedge x \leq y\}$

❖ Note

- ◆ The equivalence relation and partial order relation are two types of most important and useful relations.



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The Notion of Relation: Composition of Relations

❖ Composite relation (composition of relations)

- ◆ Let $R: A \rightarrow B$ and $S: B \rightarrow C$.
- ◆ $R \bullet S =_{\text{df}} \{(a, c) \mid (\exists b)(b \in B \wedge (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S)\}$
 $(R \bullet S \subseteq A \times C)$.
- ◆ The target (to-set) of R must be the source (from-set) of S .
- ◆ $R \bullet (S \bullet T) = (R \bullet S) \bullet T$

❖ Example

- ◆ $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$, $C = \{7, 8, 9\}$.
- ◆ $R = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, z)\}$,
- ◆ $S = \{(x, 7), (y, 8), (z, 9)\}$,
- ◆ $R \bullet S = \{(1, 7), (2, 8), (3, 9)\}$

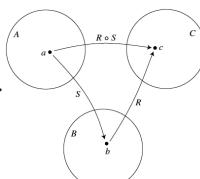


Figure 4.2 A composition of relations.

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The Notion of Relation: Composition of Relations

❖ Power (exponentiation) of relations ($R: A \rightarrow A$)

- ◆ $R^0 =_{\text{df}} \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$,
- ◆ $R^1 =_{\text{df}} R$,
- ◆ $R^2 =_{\text{df}} R \bullet R$,
- ◆ ...
- ◆ $R^{n+1} =_{\text{df}} R^n \bullet R$.

❖ Transitive closure

- ◆ $R^+ =_{\text{df}} R^1 \cup R^2 \cup \dots \cup R^n \cup \dots$
- ◆ Ex: Let R be the parent-child relationship, then R^+ is the ancestor-descendant relationship.

❖ Reflexive transitive closure

- ◆ $R^* =_{\text{df}} R^0 \cup R^+ = R^0 \cup R^1 \cup R^2 \cup \dots \cup R^n \cup \dots$
- ◆ Ex: Let R be the blood relationship, then R^* is the consanguinity relation.

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The Notion of Relation: Composition of Relations

❖ Composite relation examples

- ◆ Let $\text{Successor} =_{\text{df}} \{(x, y) \mid x \in N \wedge y \in N \wedge y = x + 1\}$.
- ◆ $\text{Successor}^0 = \{(x, x) \mid x \in N\}$ is the relation “=”.
- ◆ $\text{Successor}^1 = \text{Successor}$ is the relation “successor”.
- ◆ $\text{Successor}^2 = \text{Successor} \bullet \text{Successor}$ is the relation “ $x+2 = y$ ”.
- ◆ $\text{Successor}^n = \text{Successor}^{n-1} \bullet \text{Successor}$ is the relation “ $x+n = y$ ”.

❖ Transitive closure example

- ◆ Successor^+ is the relation “ $x < y$ ”.

❖ Reflexive transitive closure example

- ◆ Successor^* is the relation “ $x \leq y$ ”.



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Properties of Various Binary Relations

- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a reflexive relation IFF $R = R \cup id_A$.
- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a symmetric relation IFF $R = R \cup R^{-1}$.
- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a transitive relation IFF $R = R \cup R^+$.
- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a reflexive and symmetric relation IFF $R = R \cup id_A \cup R^{-1}$.
- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a reflexive and transitive relation IFF $R = R^*$.
- ◆ $R: A \rightarrow A$ is a symmetric and transitive relation IFF $R = (R \cup R^{-1})^+$.

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Equivalence Classes and Quotient Set

❖ Equivalence classes

- ◆ Let $\equiv : A \rightarrow A$ is an equivalence relation on A , i.e., it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive: for any $a, b, c \in A$, $(a, a) \in \equiv$,
- $(a, b) \in \equiv \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \equiv$, and
- $((a, b) \in \equiv \wedge (b, c) \in \equiv) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \equiv$.
- The **equivalence classes** of A defined by \equiv are defined as follows: $[a]_{\equiv} =_{\text{df}} \{b \mid (a, b) \in \equiv\}$.

❖ Quotient set

- ◆ The **quotient set** of A defined by \equiv (A modulo \equiv) is defined as follows:
- $A/\equiv =_{\text{df}} \{[a]_{\equiv} \mid a \in A\}$.
- ◆ The quotient set of A is a **partition** of A .



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Equivalence Classes and Quotient Set: Properties

❖ Properties of equivalence classes

- ◆ Let $\equiv : A \rightarrow A$ is an equivalence relation on A .
- ◆ (1) $a \in [a]_{\equiv}$
- ◆ (2) $b \in [a]_{\equiv} \Leftrightarrow a \in [b]_{\equiv}$
- ◆ (3) $a \equiv b \Leftrightarrow [a]_{\equiv} = [b]_{\equiv}$
- ◆ (4) $b \in [a]_{\equiv} \wedge c \in [a]_{\equiv} \Rightarrow b \equiv c$
- ◆ (5) $([a]_{\equiv} \neq [b]_{\equiv} \Rightarrow [a]_{\equiv} \cap [b]_{\equiv} = \emptyset) \wedge ([a]_{\equiv} \cap [b]_{\equiv} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow [a]_{\equiv} = [b]_{\equiv})$
- ◆ (6) $\bigcup_{a \in A} [a]_{\equiv} = A$

❖ Quotient set and partition

- ◆ The quotient set of A , $A/\equiv =_{\text{df}} \{[a]_{\equiv} \mid a \in A\}$, as a partition of A , satisfies (5) and (6).

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Equivalence Classes and Quotient Set: Examples

♣ A mathematical puzzle

- ◆ $1 = 4$,
- $2 = 8$,
- $3 = 24$,
- $4 = ?$

◆ Note: Regard “=” as just a symbol!

♣ A solution form the viewpoint of equivalence relation

- ◆ $1 = 4$,
- $2 = 8$,
- $3 = 24$,
- $4 = 1$,
- $8 = 2$,
- $24 = 3$.

♣ A further question: Which equivalence relation?

- ◆ $5 = ? \quad ? = 5$



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Equivalence Classes and Quotient Set: Examples

♣ Congruent relations on N

- ◆ $a \equiv r \pmod{m}$ [$a \equiv r \pmod{m}$] IFF $a = qm + r$ ($0 \leq r \leq m - 1$)

◆ Congruent relations are equivalence relations.

♣ A partition of N by a congruent relation ($m = 5$)

- ◆ $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}, 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}, 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{5},$
- $6 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, 7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}, 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, 9 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}, 10 \equiv 5 \pmod{5},$
- $11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, 12 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}, 13 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, 14 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}, 15 \equiv 5 \pmod{5},$
- $16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, 17 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}, 18 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, \dots$

♣ A partition of N by a congruent relation ($m = 3$)

- ◆ $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{3},$
- $4 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, 6 \equiv 3 \pmod{3},$
- $7 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, 8 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, 9 \equiv 3 \pmod{3}, \dots$



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Partial Order Relations

♣ Partial order relations

- ◆ Let $\leq : A \rightarrow A$ is a partial order relation on A , i.e., it is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive: for any $a, b, c \in A$,
- $(a, a) \in \leq$,
- $((a, b) \in \leq \wedge (b, a) \in \leq) \Rightarrow a = b$, and
- $((a, b) \in \leq \wedge (b, c) \in \leq) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \leq$.

◆ The notation “ $a < b$ ” means $a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$.

♣ An example: Inclusion relation \subseteq on power set $P(A)$

- ◆ For any $a, b, c \in P(A)$,
- $(a, a) \in \subseteq$,
- $((a, b) \in \subseteq \wedge (b, a) \in \subseteq) \Rightarrow a = b$, and
- $((a, b) \in \subseteq \wedge (b, c) \in \subseteq) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \subseteq$.

◆ There are always some subsets of A which cannot be compared with each other.



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Partially Ordered Sets (Posets)

♣ Partially ordered sets (posets)

- ◆ Let $\leq : P \rightarrow P$ is a partial order relation on P . (P, \leq) is called a **partially ordered set (poset)**.
- ◆ Note: When we say a poset, we have to represent both the set P and a partial order relation defined on it.

♣ Comparable elements in partially ordered sets

- ◆ Let (P, \leq) be a poset. For any $a, b \in P$, a and b are said to be **comparable** if either $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$ holds.
- ◆ Any two elements of a poset are not necessarily comparable.

♣ Examples

- ◆ $(N, \leq_N), (Z, \leq_Z), (P(A), \subseteq), (Z, |)$ (exact division relation “ $a | b$ ” means that $b = q \cdot a$ for $a, b, q \in Z$).



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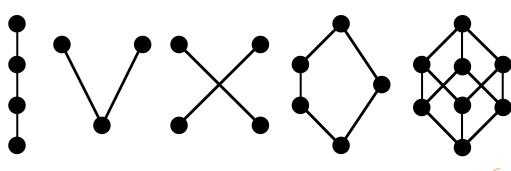
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Hasse Diagrams

♣ Hasse diagrams (H. Hasse)

- ◆ Let (P, \leq) be a poset. For any $a, b \in P$, if $a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$, then put a point representing b higher than a point representing a and draw down a line from b to a .

♣ Examples

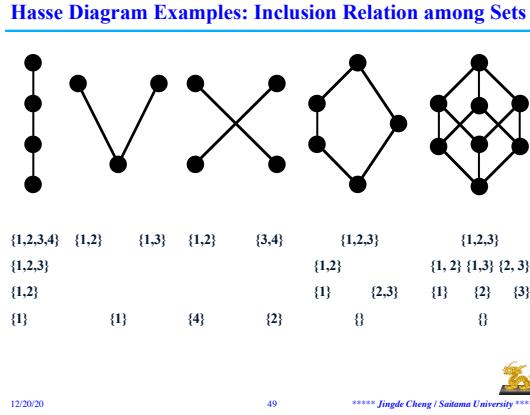


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**Bounds of Partially Ordered Sets (Posets)****Maximal elements and minimal elements**

- Let (P, \leq) be a poset. For $a \in P$, if $\neg(\exists b)(a < b)$, then a is called a **maximal element** of (P, \leq) ; For $a \in P$, if $\neg(\exists b)(b < a)$, then a is called a **minimal element** of (P, \leq) .

A poset may have multiple maximal/minimal elements.

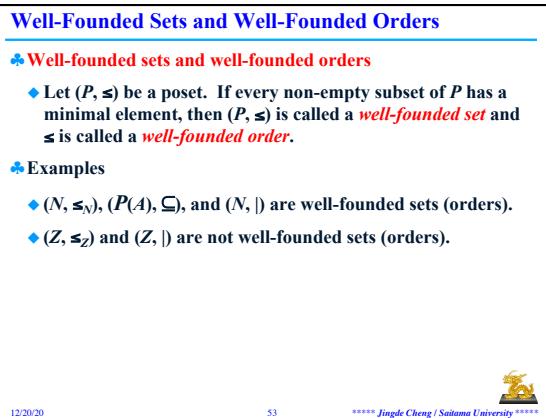
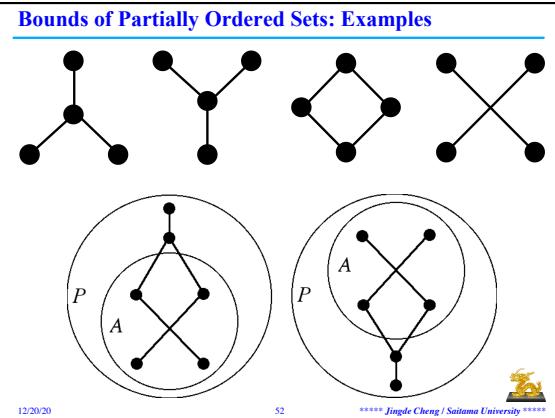
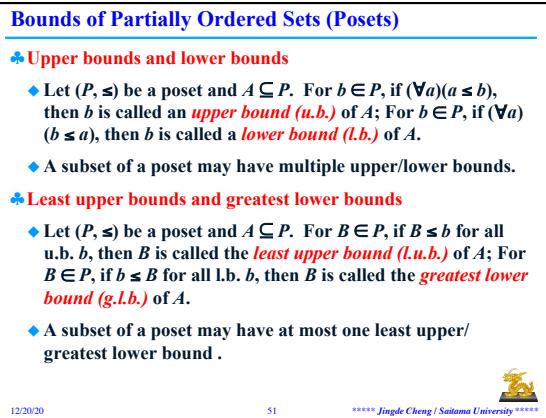
“maximal/minimal” means “nothing else is larger/smaller”.

Maximum (greatest) elements and minimum (least) elements

- Let (P, \leq) be a poset. For $T \in (P, \leq)$, if $(\forall b)(b \leq T)$, then T is called the **maximum (greatest) element** of (P, \leq) ; For $\perp \in (P, \leq)$, if $(\forall b)(\perp \leq b)$, then \perp is called the **minimum (least) element** of (P, \leq) .

A poset may have at most one maximum (greatest) / minimum (least) element.

“greatest/least” means “larger/smaller than everything else”

**Total (Linear) Order Relations****Total (Linear) order relations**

- A partial order relation is called a **total (linear) order relation** if it is connected, i.e., a relation is called a total (linear) order relation if it is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive, and connected.

Examples

- Ex: $\leq_N =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in N \wedge y \in N \wedge x \leq y\}$
- Ex: $\leq_Z =_{df} \{(x, y) \mid x \in Z \wedge y \in Z \wedge x \leq y\}$

Totally Ordered Sets (Tosets, Chains)

• Totally ordered sets (Toset, Chains)

- ◆ Let $\leq : T \rightarrow T$ is a totally ordered relation on T , i.e., it is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive, and connected: for any $a, b, c \in T$,
 - $(a, a) \in \leq$,
 - $((a, b) \in \leq \wedge (b, a) \in \leq) \Rightarrow a = b$,
 - $((a, b) \in \leq \wedge (b, c) \in \leq) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \leq$, and
 - $(a \neq b) \Rightarrow ((a, b) \in \leq \vee (b, a) \in \leq)$.
- ◆ (T, \leq) is called a **totally ordered set (toset, chain)**.
- ◆ **Trichotomy law:** For any $a, b \in (T, \leq)$, exactly one of the following holds: $a < b$, $b < a$, or $a = b$ (Any two elements of a totally ordered set are necessarily comparable).

• Examples

- ◆ (N, \leq_N) , (Z, \leq_Z)

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Compatible Relations and Pseudo Order Relations

• Compatible relations

- ◆ $R : A \rightarrow A$ is called a **compatible relation** if it is reflexive and symmetric, i.e., for any $a, b \in R$, $(a, a) \in R$, $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$.

• Pseudo order (preorder) relations

- ◆ $\leq : A \rightarrow A$ is called a **pseudo order (preorder) relation** if it is reflexive and transitive, i.e., for any $a, b, c \in \leq$,
 $(a, a) \in \leq$, $((a, b) \in \leq \wedge (b, c) \in \leq) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \leq$.

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The Notion of Relation: Ternary Relations and N-ary Relations

• Ternary relation

- ◆ $R =_{\text{df}} R \subseteq A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3$.

◆ Example: Parents-Child relationship

Parents-Child =_{df} $\{(f, m, c) \mid (\exists f)(f \in F) \wedge (\exists m)(m \in M) \wedge (\exists c)(c \in C) \wedge (f, c) \in FC \wedge (m, c) \in MC\}$
 where F is the set of fathers, M is the set of mothers, C is the set of children, FC is the relation of father-child, and MC is the relation of mother-child.

• N-ary relation

- ◆ $R =_{\text{df}} R \subseteq A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$.

◆ Example: student record

SR =_{df} $\{(i, n, d, c1, c2, \dots) \mid (\exists i)((i \in ID) \wedge (\exists n)((n \in NAME) \wedge (\exists d)((d \in DEPT) \wedge (\exists c)((c \in COURSE) \wedge \dots))\}$

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Well-Ordered Sets (Wosets) and Well-Orders

• Well-ordered sets (Wosets) and well-orders

- ◆ Let (T, \leq) be a totally ordered set. If every non-empty subset of T has a minimum (least) element, then (T, \leq) is called a **well-ordered set (woset)** and \leq is called a **well-order**.

• Examples

- ◆ (N, \leq_N) is a well-ordered set (order).
- ◆ $(N, |)$ is not a well-ordered set (order).

• The axiom of choice and well-ordering theorem

- ◆ The **axiom of choice** [E. Zermelo, 1904]: For any set (family) F of non-empty pairwise disjoint sets, there is a set C (called a **choice set**) that contains exactly one element in common with each set in F .

- ◆ The **well-ordering theorem**: Under the axiom of choice, any set can be well-ordered.

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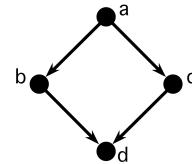


Church-Rosser Property (Diamond Property)

• Church-Rosser property (Diamond property)

- ◆ $(\forall a)(\forall b)(\forall c)((a, b) \in R \wedge (a, c) \in R) \Rightarrow (\exists d)((b, d) \in R \wedge (c, d) \in R)$

- ◆ Church-Rosser property is a very useful property in theoretical computer science.



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How to Define the Addition Relation Mathematically?

• Addition relation on natural numbers

- ◆ Let N be the set of natural numbers.
- ◆ $AddR : N \rightarrow N =_{\text{df}} AddR \subseteq N \times N$.

• Addition relation on natural numbers less than 5

- ◆ $N_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- ◆ $AddR_5 : N_5 \rightarrow N_5$
 $=_{\text{df}} \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3), (0,4),$
 $(1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4),$
 $(2,0), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4),$
 $(3,0), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4),$
 $(4,0), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4)\}$

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The Notion of Function: Binary Functions

- ❖ **Binary functions (2-ary functions, 1-ary functions (sometime))**
- ◆ A **binary function f** from set A (**source, from-set**) to set B (**target, to-set**) is defined as $f: A \rightarrow B =_{\text{df}} f \subseteq (A \times B)$ \wedge $(\forall x)(\forall y)(\forall z)((x \in A \wedge y \in B \wedge z \in B) \Rightarrow (((x, y) \in f \wedge (x, z) \in f) \Rightarrow y = z))$.
- ◆ For $(x, y) \in f$, $y = f(x)$ is called the **image of x under f** .
- ◆ Any binary function is a binary relation (the contrary is NOT necessarily true) and a set of ordered pairs.
- ◆ Binary function $f: A \rightarrow B$ defines an **abstract binary function** that may have many instances.
- ◆ Some (NOT all !) subsets of $A \times B$ define **concrete binary functions** from A to B .



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The Notion of Function: Binary Functions

- ❖ **Domain and range of a binary function $f: A \rightarrow B$**
- ◆ **Domain:** $\text{dom}(f) =_{\text{df}} \{a \mid (\exists b)((a, b) \in f)\}$, $\text{dom}(f) \subseteq A$
- ◆ **Range:** $\text{ran}(f) =_{\text{df}} \{b \mid (\exists a)((a, b) \in f)\}$, $\text{ran}(f) \subseteq B$
- ◆ **Image:** For $A' \subseteq A$, $f(A') =_{\text{df}} \{b \mid (\exists a)((a \in A') \wedge ((a, b) \in f))\}$, $f(A') \subseteq \text{ran}(f) \subseteq B$



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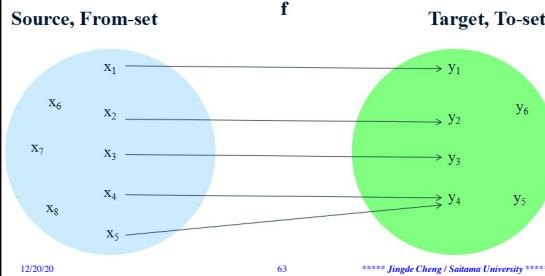
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The Source, From-set, Target, and To-set of a Function

❖ Binary functions

$$\diamond f: X \rightarrow Y =_{\text{df}} f \subseteq X \times Y$$

❖ Source (From-set) and target (To-set) of function $f: X \rightarrow Y$



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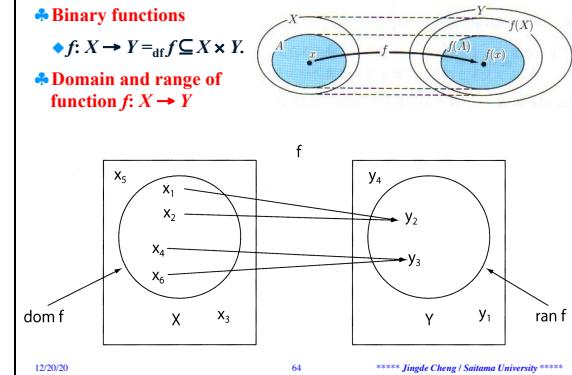
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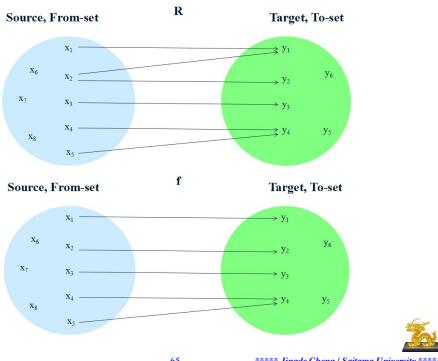


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Difference between Relations and Functions



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How to Define the Addition Function Mathematically?

❖ Addition function on natural numbers

$$\diamond \text{Let } N \text{ be the set of natural numbers.}$$

$$\diamond \text{AddF: } (N \rightarrow N) \rightarrow N =_{\text{df}} \text{AddF} \subseteq N \times N \times N.$$

❖ Addition function on natural numbers less than 5

$$\diamond N_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, N_9 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 8\}$$

$$\diamond \text{AddF}_5: (N_5 \rightarrow N_5) \rightarrow N_9 \\ =_{\text{df}} \{(0,0,0), (0,1,1), (0,2,2), (0,3,3), (0,4,4), \\ (1,0,1), (1,1,2), (1,2,3), (1,3,4), (1,4,5), \\ (2,0,2), (2,1,3), (2,2,4), (2,3,5), (2,4,6), \\ (3,0,3), (3,1,4), (3,2,5), (3,3,6), (3,4,7), \\ (4,0,4), (4,1,5), (4,2,6), (4,3,7), (4,4,8)\}$$

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Injections (Injective Functions)

• Injections (Injective functions)

- ◆ An **injection**, or **injective function**, or “**one-to-one**”, is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ which maps different values of the source to different values of the target, i.e., it must satisfy the following condition:

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)(\forall u)(\forall v)((x,y \in A \wedge u,v \in B) \Rightarrow ((x,u) \in f \wedge (y,v) \in f \wedge x \neq y \Rightarrow u \neq v)).$$

• Examples

- ◆ $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{r, s, t, x, y, z\}$
 $f: A \rightarrow B (f \subseteq A \times B) = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, z), (4, r), (5, s)\}$ is an injection.
- ◆ $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $f: A \rightarrow B (f \subseteq A \times B) = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, x), (4, x), (5, y)\}$ is not an injection.

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Injections (Injective Functions)

Source, From-set

x_1
 x_2
 x_3
 x_4
 x_5
 x_6
 x_7
 x_8

f

Target, To-set

y_1
 y_2
 y_3
 y_4
 y_5
 y_6

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Surjections (Surjective Functions)

• Surjections (Surjective functions)

- ◆ A **surjection**, or **surjective function**, or “**on-to**”, is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ for which its range is the whole of its target, i.e., it must satisfy the following condition: $\text{ran}(f) = B$.

• Examples

- ◆ $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $f: A \rightarrow B (f \subseteq A \times B) = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, z), (4, x), (5, y)\}$ is a surjection.
- ◆ $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{x, y, z\}$
 $f: A \rightarrow B (f \subseteq A \times B) = \{(1, x), (2, y), (3, x), (4, x), (5, y)\}$ is not a surjection.

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y_1
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Partial Functions and Total Functions

• Partial functions

- ◆ A **partial function** is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ for which its domain is the proper subset of its source, i.e., it must satisfy the following condition: $\text{dom}(f) \subset A$.

• Total functions

- ◆ A **total function** is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ for which its domain is the whole of its source, i.e., it must satisfy the following condition: $\text{dom}(f) = A$.

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Partial Functions

Source, From-set

x_1
 x_2
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 x_8

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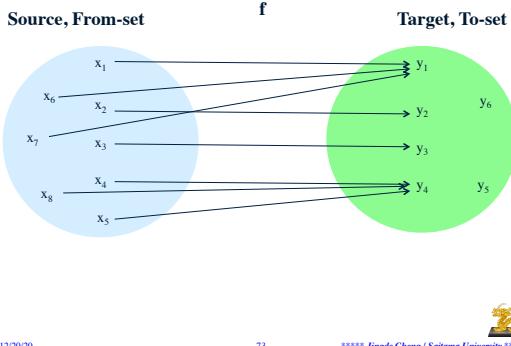
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Total Functions



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Bijections (Bijective Functions)

◆ Bijections

- ◆ A **bijection**, or **bijective function**, or “**one-to-one correspondence**” is a function which maps every element of the source on to every element of the target in a one-to-one relationship.

- ◆ A **bijection** is injective, surjective, and total.

◆ Invertible functions

- ◆ A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called to be invertible, if $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ is a function.
- ◆ A function is invertible IFF it is a bijection.

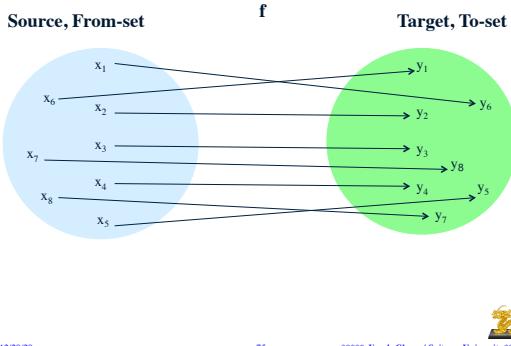


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Bijections (Bijective Functions)



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Order-Preserving Functions

◆ Order-preserving functions

- ◆ Let R be a relation on A and S be a relation on B . A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called an **order-preserving function** if for all $a_1, a_2 \in A$, $(a_1, a_2) \in R$ IFF $(f(a_1), f(a_2)) \in S$, and we say that f preserves R with S .

◆ Order isomorphism

- ◆ An order-preserving bijection is also called an **order isomorphism**.
- ◆ We say that (A, R) is **order isomorphic** to (B, S) and write $(A, R) \cong (B, S)$, if there exists an order isomorphism preserving R with S . Sometimes (A, R) and (B, S) are said to have the same order type when they are order isomorphic.
- ◆ An isomorphism pairs elements from two sets in such a way that the orders on the two sets appear to be the same.



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Equipotent Relations and Cardinalities of Infinite Sets

◆ Equipotent (equipollent) relations

- ◆ Two (infinite) sets A and B are said to be **equipotent** (**equipollent**), denoted by $A \cong B$, IFF there is a bijection between A and B .

- ◆ Theorem: Equipotent relations are equivalence relations.

◆ The cardinality (power, cardinal number) of an infinite set

- ◆ Two infinite sets A and B are said to have the same cardinality (power), written as $c(A) = c(B)$, if $A \cong B$.

◆ The first-property of infinite sets

- ◆ There is a bijection between an infinite set and one of its own proper subsets, i.e., an infinite set may equipotent to (have the same cardinality of) one of its own proper subsets.

- ◆ Note: This first-property can be used to define infinite sets



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Enumerable (Countable) Sets

◆ Enumerable (Countable) sets

- ◆ An infinite set A is said to be **enumerable (countable)** if $A \cong N$.
- ◆ Cantor first used symbol “ \aleph_0 ” (aleph-zero, aleph-nought) to represent the cardinality of the set N of natural numbers (and any enumerable (countable) set).

◆ Examples of enumerable (countable) sets

- ◆ Odd number set N_{odd} , Even number set N_{even} , any infinite subset of N , Integer set Z , the set of the n th power of integers, Rational number set Q , Algebraic number set.



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Properties of Enumerable (Countable) Sets

- ◆ Any infinite subset of an enumerable (countable) set is also a enumerable (countable) set.
- ◆ The sum (difference) of an enumerable (countable) set and a finite set is also an enumerable (countable) set.
- ◆ The sum of finite enumerable (countable) sets is also enumerable (countable).
- ◆ The direct product of finite enumerable (countable) sets is also enumerable (countable).
- ◆ The direct product of enumerable (countable) number of enumerable (countable) sets is not an enumerable (countable) set!

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Cardinality Operations

◆ Sum of cardinality

- ◆ The cardinality of the disjoint join (union, sum) of two (infinite) sets A and B , $A + B$, is written as $c(A) + c(B)$, and called the **sum** of $c(A)$ and $c(B)$.

◆ Theorem: $\aleph_0 + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$, $n + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$.

◆ Product of cardinality

- ◆ The cardinality of the direct (Cartesian) product of two (infinite) sets A and B , $A \times B$, is written as $c(A) \cdot c(B)$, and called the **product** of $c(A)$ and $c(B)$.

◆ Theorem: $\aleph_0 \cdot \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$, $n \cdot \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$.

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Properties of Cardinality Operations [Lipschutz]

Cardinal numbers	Sets
(1) $(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma = \alpha + (\beta + \gamma)$	(1) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$
(2) $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$	(2) $A \cup B = B \cup A$
(3) $(\alpha\beta)\gamma = \alpha(\beta\gamma)$	(3) $(A \times B) \times C \approx A \times (B \times C)$
(4) $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$	(4) $A \times B \approx B \times A$
(5) $\alpha(\beta + \gamma) = \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma$	(5) $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
(6) If $\alpha \leq \beta$, then $\alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma$	(6) If $A \subseteq B$, then $(A \cup C) \subseteq (B \cup C)$
(7) If $\alpha \leq \beta$, then $\alpha\gamma \leq \beta\gamma$	(7) If $A \subseteq B$, then $(A \times C) \subseteq (B \times C)$

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Ordering of Cardinalities

◆ Cardinality comparison (smaller cardinality)

- ◆ For any two (infinite) sets A and B , if there is an injection from A to B , then we say that the set A **has smaller cardinality than** the set B and denote as $c(A) \leq c(B)$.

◆ Cardinality comparison (strictly smaller cardinality)

- ◆ For any two (infinite) sets A and B , if $c(A) \leq c(B)$ and $c(A) \neq c(B)$ (i.e., there is no bijection between A and B), then say that the set A **has strictly smaller cardinality than** the set B and denote as $c(A) < c(B)$.

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Cantor's Theorem

◆ Schröder-Bernshtein theorem

- ◆ If there is an injection from A to B and an injection from A to B , then there is a bijection from A to B .
- ◆ If $c(A) \leq c(B)$ and $c(B) \leq c(A)$, then $c(A) = c(B)$.
- ◆ The smaller cardinality relation \leq is a partial order relation.

◆ Theorem (Law of cardinality trichotomy)

- ◆ For any two infinite sets A and B , exactly one of the following holds: $c(A) < c(B)$, $c(B) < c(A)$, or $c(A) = c(B)$.

◆ Cantor's theorem

- ◆ For any set A , there is an injection from A to its power set $P(A)$ but no bijection between these sets, $c(A) < c(P(A))$.

◆ Corollary: $\aleph_0 < c(P(N))$.

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The Cardinality of Real Number Set R

◆ The cardinality of continuum

- ◆ The cardinality of real number set R (also called **continuum**) is represented by \aleph_1 .
- ◆ Theorem (by Cantor): $R[0,1]$ is not enumerable (countable).
- ◆ Theorem (by Cantor): R is not enumerable (countable).
- ◆ Theorem (by Cantor): $\aleph_1 = c(P(N))$.

◆ Examples of sets with the cardinality \aleph_1

- ◆ $c(R - Q) = \aleph_1$.
- ◆ $c(R[0, 1]) = \aleph_1$.
- ◆ $c(\text{the set of all points on the plane}) = \aleph_1$.

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The Continuum Hypothesis (CH)

♣ The continuum hypothesis (CH)

- ♦ $\aleph_0 < c(P(N))$ (Cantor's theorem; Recall $\aleph = c(P(N))$)
- ♦ Let us list all cardinalities according to the cardinality comparison relation \leq as $\aleph_0, \aleph_1, \dots, \aleph_\omega, \dots$, then $\aleph_1 \leq c(P(N))$.
- ♦ $\aleph_1 = \aleph = c(P(N))$? (There is no \aleph' such that $\aleph_0 < \aleph' < \aleph$)

♣ The general continuum hypothesis (GCH)

- ♦ If $c(A) = \aleph_\omega$, then $\aleph_{\omega+1} = c(P(A))$?
- ♦ The CH/GCH is the biggest open problem in modern Set Theory.



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Russell's Paradox

♣ A classification of all sets in Naïve Set Theory

- ♦ The first type: All sets that do not include itself as an element.
 - ♦ The second type: All sets that include itself as an element.
- ♣ Russell's question**
- ♦ Question: Let $M =_{df} \{x \mid x \notin x\}$. M is a set of the first type, or the second type?
 - ♦ If M is a set of the first type, then because it does not include itself as an element, i.e., $x \notin x$, therefore, $M \in M$, it should be a set of the second type.
 - ♦ If M is a set of the second type, then because it includes itself as an element, i.e., $x \in x$, therefore, $M \notin M$, it should be a set of the first type.



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Russell's Paradox [Cameron]

♣ Frege's work

- ♦ The logician Gottlob Frege was the first to develop mathematics on the foundation of set theory. He learned of Russell's Paradox while his work was in press, and wrote as the follows:
- “A scientist can hardly meet with anything more undesirable than to have the foundation give way just as the work is finished. In this position I was put by a letter from Mr Bertrand Russell as the work was nearly through the press.”

♣ Russell's question

- ♦ Russell asked: Let S be the set of all sets which are not members of themselves. Is S a member of itself?



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An Elementary Introduction to Set Theory

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