Discrete Structures

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1   Introduction

1.1   Terminology

A *structure* consists of certain *sets*. It also contains *elements* of these sets, *operations* on these sets and *relations* on these sets.

1.2   Carriers to learn

The following carriers must be learnt:

$\mathbb{N}$ The set of natural numbers (all whole numbers from 0 to ∞)

$\mathbb{Z}$ The set of integers (all whole numbers from $-\infty$ to ∞)

$\mathbb{Q}$ The set of rational numbers (any integer divided by any other integer - e.g. $\frac{5}{4} = 1.25$)

$\mathbb{R}$ The set of real numbers (all finite and infinite decimal numbers)