

Sets







Collection or Group

What is common in all of them?

Collection or Group of :

Boys in your Class

Girls in your Class

Vowels in English Alphabet

The rivers of India

Odd numbers

Even numbers

TYPE OF COLLECTION



Not well defined

- Top 3 actors of India
- Top 3 Punjabi Singers
- Top 3 Hindi Songs



Well Defined

- All Vowels in English Alphabet
- Name of all days in a week
- Name of all Months in a year

Note: In Well defined collection, we can definitely decide whether a given object belongs to the collection or not.

Set: Well Defined Collection of objects Vowels in English Alphabet

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Name of days in a week

Names of Months in a year

Things to Remember



Objects, elements and members of a set are synonymous terms



Sets are usually denoted by Capital Letters like A,B,C,D,E etc.



The elements of a set are represented by small letters like a,b,c,d,e etc

Commonly used Sets in Maths

- N: the set of all natural numbers
- Z: the set of all integers
- Q : Set of all rational numbers
- R : Set of real numbers
- Z⁺: Set of positive integers
- Z⁻: Set of negative integers

Notation

- · A: set of odd numbers
- · 3 is a member of set A.
- 2 is not a member of set A.

- · A: set of odd numbers
- 3 ∈ A
- 2 ∉ A

- B: set of vowels in English Alphabet
- · 'a' is a member of set B.
- 'd' is not a member of set B.
- B: set of vowels in English Alphabet
- a ∈ A
- b∉A

 $\in \rightarrow$ is a member of (Belongs to)

∉ → is not a member of (does not Belong to)

WAYS OF REPRESENTING A SET

Roaster/Tabular form

- List all elements of a set.
- A is set of natural numbers less than 10
- is → = set of → {}
- A = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}
- {} → Braces , → Comma
- List elements using ellipsis.
- A = {1, 2, 3,...,9}
- ... → Ellipsis

Set builder form

- Based on common property between all elements of a set.
- A is set of natural numbers less than 10
- A = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}
- A = {x : x is natural number and less than 10}
- $A = \{x : x < 10 \text{ and } x \in N\}$
- where N is a Set of natural numbers and: → such that

EXAMPLES

Roaster/Tabular form

- $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$
- B = {R, O, Y, A, L}
- $C = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$
- D {L, O, Y, A}

Order/Arrangement of elements is not specific here.

Set builder form

- A = {x: x is a prime number less than 10}
- B = {x: x is a letter in the word "ROYAL"}
- C = {x: x is an integer and -3 < x < 3}</p>
- D = {x: x is a letter in the word "LOYAL"}

Note: In Roaster/Tabular Form, repetition is generally not allowed.

Empty Set

 If a set doesn't have any element, it is known as an empty set or null set or void set. This set is represented by φ or {}.

- A : Set of prime numbers between 24 and 28
- B : Set of even prime numbers greater than 2
- C = { }
- D = {x: x is natural number less than 1}

Singleton Set

 If a set contains only one element, then it is called a singleton set.

- A: Set of prime numbers between 8 and 12
- · B: Set of even prime numbers
- C = {1}
- D = {x: x is natural number less than 2}



Finite Set

If a set contains no element or fixed number of elements, it is called a finite set.

Example:

A: Set of months in a year

B: Set of prime numbers less than 10

 $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

 $D = \{x: x \text{ is natural number less than 6}\}$

Infinite Set

 If a set contains endless number of elements, then it is called an infinite set.

- A : Set of prime numbers
- B : Set of even numbers
- $C = \{1,3,5,7,...\}$
- D = {x: x is a negative integer}

Cardinal Number of a Set

- The cardinal number of a finite set A is the number of distinct members of the set.
- It is denoted by n(A).
- The cardinal number of the empty set is 0.
- cardinal number of an infinite set is not defined.

- If A= {-3, -2, -1, 0, 1} then n(A) = 5
- If B: Set of months in a year, then n(B) = 12

Equivalent Sets

- Two finite sets with an equal number of members are called equivalent sets.
- If the sets A and B are equivalent, we write A
 → B and read this as
- "A is equivalent to B".
- A ↔ B if n(A) = n(B).

- $X = \{0, 2, 4\}$
- Y= {x : x is a letter of the word DOOR}.
- As n(X) = 3 and n(Y) = 3. So, X ↔ Y.

Equal Sets

 If two sets contain exactly same elements, then sets are known as Equal sets.

- A: {x: x is a vowel in word "loyal"}
- B: {x: x is a vowel in word "oral"}
- A = B

- C : Set of positive integers
- · D : Set of natural numbers
- C = D

Non-Equal Sets

 If two sets do not contain exactly same elements, then sets are known as Non-Equal sets.

- A: {x: x is a vowel in word "loyal"}
- B: {x: x is a vowel in word "towel"}
- A ≠ B

- C : Set of negative integers
- · D : Set of natural numbers
- C ≠ D

Subset and Superset

- If every element of set A is also an element of set B, then A is called as subset of B or B is superset of A.
- It is denoted as A ⊆ B (subset) or B ⊇ A (superset)

Example:

A : set of vowels in English alphabet

B: set of letters in English alphabet

 $A \subseteq B$

or

 $B \supseteq A$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$D = \{2, 3\}$$

$$D \subseteq C$$

or

$$C \supseteq D$$

Proper Subset and Proper Superset

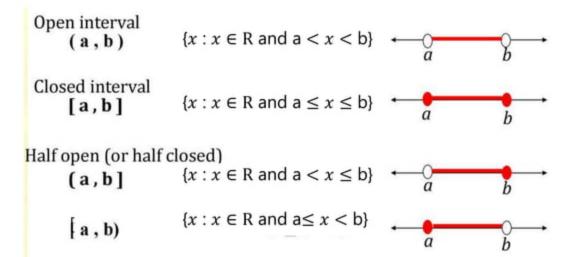
- If A is a subset of B and A ≠ B, then A is proper subset of B
- If B is a superset of A and A ≠ B, then B is proper superset of A
- It is denoted as A ⊂ B (subset) or B ⊃ A (superset)

$$C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$D = \{2, 3\}$$

INTERVALS

Let a, $b \in R$ and a < b



Power Set

The power set is a set which includes all the subsets including the empty set and the original set itself.

Example:

Let us say Set $A = \{a, b, c\}$

Number of elements: 3

Therefore, the subsets of the set are:

Power set of A will be

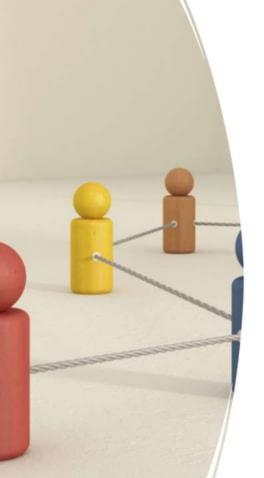
If A has 'n' elements then it can be written as

$$|P(A)| = 2^n$$

The number of elements of a

power set is written as |A|,

$$P(A) = \{\{\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$



Universal Set

- A Universal Set is the set of all elements under consideration, denoted by U. All other sets are subsets of the universal set.
- · Example:
- A : set of equilateral triangles
- B : set of scalene triangles
- C : set of isosceles triangles
- U : set of triangles (Universal set)
- A ⊂ U, B ⊂ U, C ⊂ U

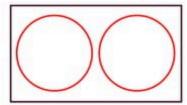
VENN DIAGRAM

 A Venn diagram used to represent all possible relations of different sets. It can be represented by any closed figure, whether it be a Circle or a Polygon (square, hexagon, etc.). But usually, we use circles to represent each set.

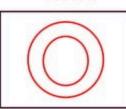
- Example:
- $U = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10\}$
- $A = \{2,4,6,8,10\}$

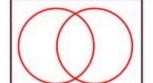
Non Intersecting sets

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Subsets





Intersecting sets

Operation on sets

Operations on numbers:

Addition(+) Subtraction(-)

 $Multiplication(\times)$ $Division(\div)$

Set operations are the operations that are applied on two more sets to develop a relationship between them.

There are four main kinds of set operations which are:

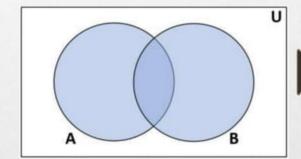
☐ Union of sets ☐ Complement of a set

□ Intersection of sets
□ Difference between sets

Union

The union of sets A and B is the set of items that are in either A or B.

Notation: A U B



$$\{1,2\} \cup \{1,2\} = \{1,2\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{4, 5, 6\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

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

Commutative Law: The union of two or more sets follows the commutative law i.e., if we have two sets A and B then,

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

Example: $A = \{a, b\} \text{ and } B = \{b, c, d\}$

So, $A \cup B = \{a,b,c,d\}$

 $B \cup A = \{b,c,d,a\}$

 $A \cup B = B \cup A$

Hence, Commutative law proved.

Associative Law: The union operation follows the associative law i.e., if we have three sets A, B and C then

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

Example:
$$A = \{a, b\}$$
 and $B = \{b, c, d\}$ and $C = \{a,c,e\}$

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = \{a,b,c,d\} \cup \{a,c,e\} = \{a,b,c,d,e\}$$

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = \{a, b\} \cup \{b,c,d,e\} = \{a,b,c,d,e\}$$

Hence, Associative law proved.

Identity Law: The union of an empty set with any set A gives the set itself.

$$A \cup \varphi = A$$

Example: A = $\{a,b,c\}$ and $\varphi = \{\}$

$$A \cup \varphi = \{a,b,c\} \cup \{\}$$
$$= \{a,b,c\}$$
$$= A$$

Hence, Identity law proved.

Idempotent Law: The union of any set A with itself gives the set A.

$$A \cup A = A$$

Example: $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$

$$A \cup A = \{1,2,3,4,5\} \cup \{1,2,3,4,5\}$$

= $\{1,2,3,4,5\} = A$

Hence, Idempotent Law proved.

Law of U: The union of a universal set U with its subset A gives the universal set itself.

$$A \cup U = U$$

Example: A = $\{1,2,4,7\}$ and U = $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$

$$A \cup U = \{1,2,4,7\} \cup \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$$

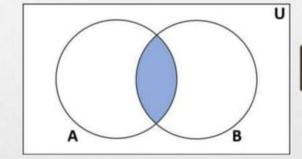
= $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\} = U$

Hence, Law of U proved.

Intersection

The intersection of sets A and B is the set of items that are in both A and B.

Notation: $A \cap B$



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

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{4, 5, 6\} = \phi \text{ or } \{\}$$

$$\{1,2\} \cap \{1,2\} = \{1,2\}$$

Commutative Law: The union of two or more sets follows the commutative law i.e., if we have two sets A and B then,

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

Example: $A = \{a, b\} \text{ and } B = \{b, c, d\}$

So, $A \cap B = \{b\}$

 $B \cap A = \{b\}$

So, $A \cap B = B \cap A$

Hence, Commutative law proved.

Associative Law: The union operation follows the associative law i.e., if we have three sets A, B and C then

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

Example:
$$A = \{a, b, c\} \text{ and } B = \{b, c, d\} \text{ and } C = \{a, c, e\}$$

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = \{b, c\} \cap \{a, c, e\} = \{c\}$$

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = \{a, b, c\} \cap \{c\} = \{c\}$$

Hence, Associative law proved.

Idempotent Law: The union of any set A with itself gives the set A.

$$A \cap A = A$$

Example: $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$

$$A \cap A = \{1,2,3,4,5\} \cap \{1,2,3,4,5\}$$

= $\{1,2,3,4,5\} = A$

Hence, Idempotent law proved.

Law of U: The union of a universal set U with its subset A gives the universal set itself.

$$A \cap U = A$$

$$A = \{1,2,4,7\}$$
 and $U = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$

Example:

$$A \cap U = \{1,2,4,7\} \cap \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$$

= $\{1,2,4,7\} = A$

Hence, Law of U proved.

Difference

The difference of sets A and B is the set of items that are in A but not B.

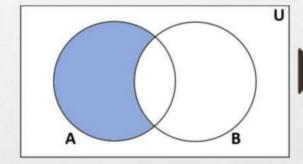
Notation: A - B



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

$$\{1,2\} - \{1,2\} = \phi$$

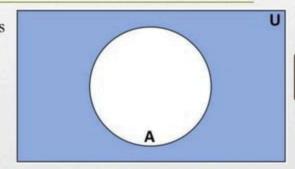
$$\{1, 2, 3\} - \{4, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$



Complement

The complement of set A is the set of items that are in the universal set U but are not in A.

Notation: A' or Ac



- If $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $A = \{1, 2\}$ then $A^c = \{3\}$
- If $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $A = \{1, 2\}$ then $A^c = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Properties of Complement Sets

Complement Laws:

- A U A' = U
- $A \cap A' = \phi$

For Example:

- If U = {1,2,3,4,5} and A
 = {1,2,3} then
- $A' = \{4, 5\}$
- A U A' = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5} = U
- $A \cap A' = \{\} = \phi$

Properties of Complement Sets

Law of Double Complementation:

(A')' = A

For Example:

- If U = {1,2,3,4,5}
 and A = {1,2,3} then
- $A' = \{4, 5\}$
- $(A')' = \{1, 2, 3\} = A$
- (A')' = A

Properties of Complement Sets

Law of empty set and universal set:

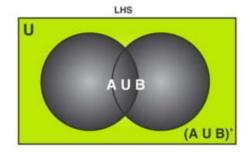
- $\phi' = U$
- $U' = \phi$

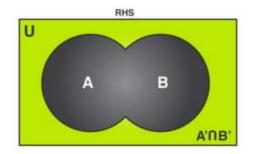


DE MORGAN'S LAW

The complement of the union of two sets A and B is equal to the intersection of the complement of the sets A and B.

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$





INCLUSION EXCLUSION PRINCIPLE

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

- n(A) = 5
- n(B) = 6
- $n(A \cap B) = 2$
- n(A U B) = 9

