

Day 1: Notation and Logic

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Miscellaneous Info

- ▶ Going to jump around a little today
- ▶ PS 490 – R workshop to help smooth the way with this course
- ▶ Will post today's slides by end of day

Now, to the good stuff!

Overview of Math Camp

- ▶ TeX or Rmd are great for homework—Michelle will walk you through soon
- ▶ <http://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html>
- ▶ Canvas for symbol cheat sheet
- ▶ OH: we'll build in time at the end of class sessions in addition to during sessions. Please take advantage of this!
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- ▶ Will LOOSELY follow recommended book – may jump around a bit
- ▶ Homeworks not graded but you will submit them

Math (P)refresher: Review Topics

- ▶ Broad Overview
- ▶ Sets
- ▶ Algebra review
- ▶ Inequalities
- ▶ Combinatorics
- ▶ Summation
- ▶ Derivatives
- ▶ Integrals

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Notes:

Subscript: Z_+ only the positive or Q_- negative elements of the set Superscript: N^2 dimensions of the space

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Variables and Sets: Putting Things Together

- ▶ Solution set: set of all solutions to an equation
- ▶ Sample space: set that contains all the values a variable can take
- ▶ Subsets: groupings that fall within other sets

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Consider the set of all men and all women. The intersection is what is in both sets ('and') while the union ('or') is what is the collection of the two. We'll go into this vocabulary more tomorrow.

Notation Refresher

- ▶ There exists, \exists for all, \forall
- ▶ Union \cup , Intersection \cap
- ▶ Excluding \notin , \neg
- ▶ Empty set \emptyset
- ▶ Element \in
- ▶ Equivalent \equiv
- ▶ Such that (s.t) or $|$, e.g. $\{x|x > 7\}$
- ▶ Subset \subset, \subseteq (these function roughly like the less than/less than equal to, but for sets)

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Some commonly used letters include δ (integrals), Δ (difference/change), β (coefficients), μ (mean), σ (standard deviation), λ (eigenvalues (linear algebra)), ϵ (error)

Check in – all good?

What do I need to know?

We will use terms regarding proofs and you'll want to have a familiarity with these terms, but we won't be doing logic worksheets and/or testing you on these terms.