

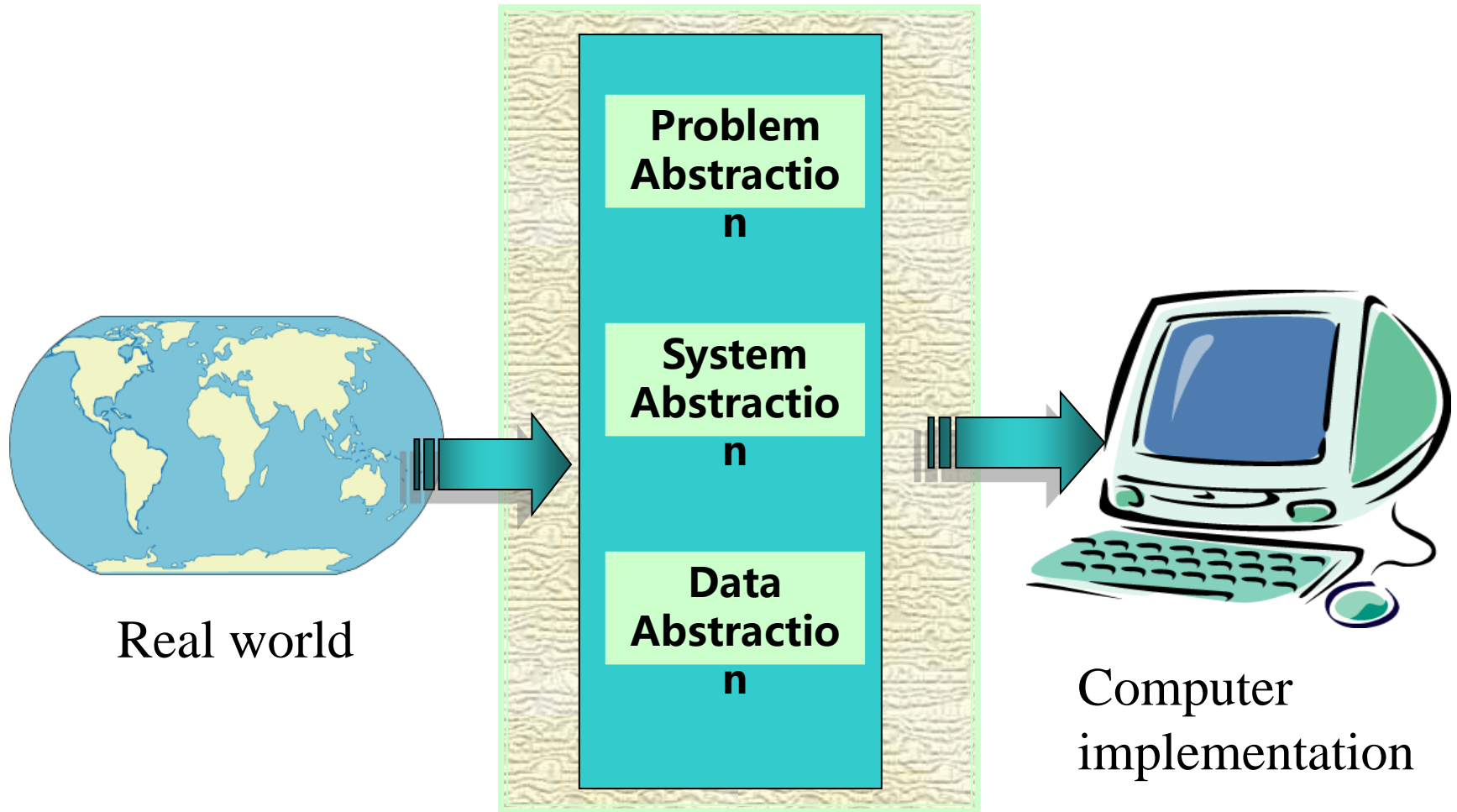


# Basic Models and Tools

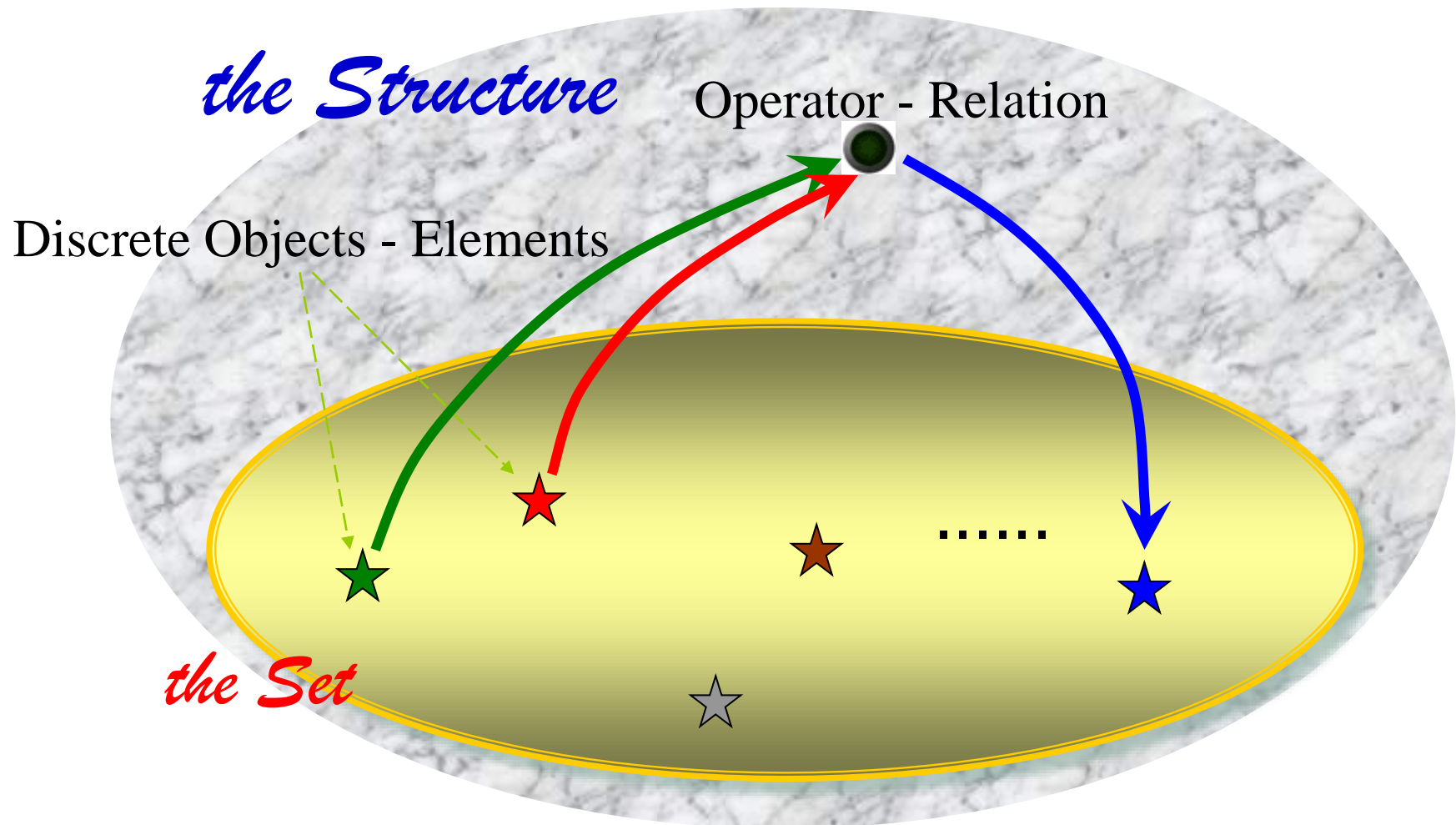
Lecture 1

Discrete Mathematical  
Structures

# Scenario



# Modeling the Real World



# What We Look at

Structures in General

Specific Structures

Details of Obs & Ops





# Discrete Math Model – an Example

- Two-player game using 9 matches
  - Each player in turn can take one, or two, or three matches away,
  - BUT cannot take the same number as the other **player took in the last run.**
  - The player lost the game if he can not take away any more match.
- The first player wins if he is smart enough!
  - Take away 1 match first: 8 matches left, the choices of second player: 2,3
  - If 2<sup>nd</sup> player takes away 2 matches:
    - Take away 3 matches: 3 matches left, the choices of 2<sup>nd</sup> player: 1,2.
  - If 2<sup>nd</sup> player takes away 3 matches:
    - Take away 1 matches: 4 matches left, the choices of 2<sup>nd</sup> player: 2,3 ...
- A more general problem:
  - Is the first player guaranteed to win if the game starts with  $N$  matches?



# Modeling The Game

- The model should specify all the aspects concerned
- To record the current situation (configuration).
  - Next player,
  - The number of matches left,
  - Forbidden move
  - $(X, m, k)$
- Possible move: taking away  $i$  matches, where
  - $i = 1, 2, \text{or } 3;$
  - $i \neq k$
  - $i \leq m$

# Solve the problem by algorithm

- $\text{Win}(X, m, k)$ 
  - Can player X win if m matches left, and he can not take away k matches from the rest matches?

- Losing configurations:
  - $(X, 1, 1), (X, 0, *)$

The first player wins if  
 $\text{Win}(0, N, -1)$  return true

```
Win(X, m, k)
{
    if(m == 1 && k == 1 || m == 0)
        return false;

    for(i = 1,2,3)
    {
        if(i > m || i == k) continue;
        if(!Win(1-X, m-i, i))
            return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

# Generalize More !

- Can the algorithm be generalized to solve other kinds of games?
- Specify Configurations and Moves

## Conditions

- Either win or lose
- Each move results in a “smaller” configuration.

Abstract configurations  
details not concerned.

```
Win(Configuration cfg)
{
    if(LosingConfiguration(cfg))
        return false;

    for(each possible move m)
    {
        cfg' = m(cfg);
        if(! Win(cfg'))
            return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```





# Basic Models and Tools

- Part I: Sets, Sequences and Structures
  - Sets: fundamental model in mathematics
  - Sequences: elements and order
  - Structures: sets with operations
- Part II: Some Useful Tools
  - Division, prime and algorithm



# Concept of Set

## ■ No exact definition

- a variety of **different** objects as being bound together **by some common property**, the property may **be nothing more than** the ability to think of these objects (as being) together

## ■ Description by Cantor

- A set is a collection into a whole of **definite**, **distinct** objects of our intuition or our thought. The objects are called elements (member) of the set.

# Representation of Set

- Enumeration:  $\{\text{element}_1, \text{element}_2, \dots, \text{element}_n\}$
- $\{x \mid \mathbf{P}(x)\}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$  must be a mathematically definite property
  - “There exists no  $Y \in X$ ” is a well-defined property about  $X$
- There may be more than one representation for one set:
  - $\{2, 3, 5\}$
  - $\{x \mid x \geq 1 \text{ AND } x < 7 \text{ AND isPrime}(x)\}$ 
    - All prime numbers in  $[1, 7)$
  - $\{x \mid x^3 - 10x^2 + 31x - 30 = 0\}$ 
    - All real roots of the equation  $x^3 - 10x^2 + 31x - 30 = 0$ .

# is a member of

- An object  $x$  is an element of a set  $A$  ( or  $x$  is in  $A$ ) is denoted as  $x \in A$
- An object  $x$  is not an element of a set  $A$  (or  $x$  is not in  $A$ ) is denoted as  $x \notin A$
- Examples
  - $2 \in \{2, 3, 5\}$
  - $6 \notin \{2, 3, 5\}$

# Subset

- “ is a subset of ” is a relation between two sets:
  - $A \subseteq B$  is defined as: for all  $x$ ,  $x \in B$  if  $x \in A$
  - So,  $A \not\subseteq B$  means that: There exists at least an  $x$ , satisfying  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$
- $A$  is a true subset of  $B$  if and only if
  - $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \not\subseteq A$



# Equality of Sets

- Two sets  $A, B$  are equal ( $A=B$ ) if they have the same elements.
- For any two sets  $A, B$ ,  $A=B$  if and only if:
  - $A \subseteq B$ , and
  - $B \subseteq A$

# Empty Set

- A set without any element in it is called empty set
  - Ex.  $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer and } x > x\}$
  - $\{x \mid P(x)\}$ , where  $P(x)$  is unsatisfiable
- Property : Empty set is a subset of any set.
  - If  $A$  is a set, “For all  $x$ ,  $x$  is in  $A$  if  $x$  is in  $\emptyset$ ” is always true.
- Property : There is a unique empty set
  - If there are two empty sets  $\emptyset_1, \emptyset_2$ , then both  $\emptyset_1 \subseteq \emptyset_2$  and  $\emptyset_2 \subseteq \emptyset_1$  are true.
  - Empty set is denoted as  $\emptyset$

# Power Set

- $\rho(A) = \{x \mid x \subseteq A\}$ , where  $A$  is a set.
- $\rho(\{a,b\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$
- $\rho(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$
- If  $|A|=n$ , then  $|\rho(A)|=2^n$ 
  - So, another denotation for power set:  $2^A$



# Fundamental Set Operations

- Union and intersection

- $A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

- $A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

- Complement (with respect to a universal set)

- $\sim A = \{x | x \notin A\}$

- Complement with respect to a given set

- $A - B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\} = A \cap \sim B$

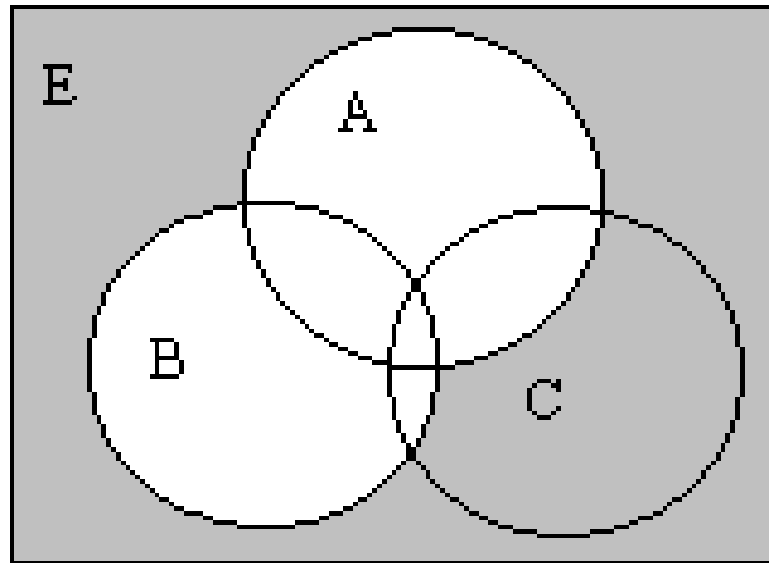
- Symmetric difference

- $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$

# Venn's Diagram: Example 1

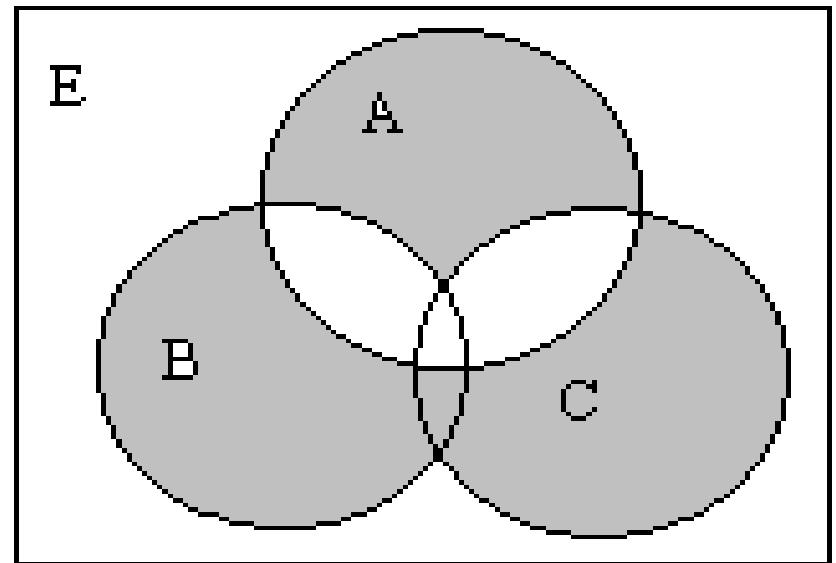
- $\sim A \cap \sim B$

- $\sim(A \cup B)$



# Venn's Diagram: Example 2

- $(A - (B \cup C)) \cup ((B \cup C) - A)$
- $A \oplus (B \cup C)$



# Properties of Set Operations (1)

- Least upper bound and greatest lower bound under inclusion relation
  - $A \subseteq A \cup B, B \subseteq A \cup B$
  - For any  $X$ , if  $A \subseteq X, B \subseteq X$ , then  $A \cup B \subseteq X$
  - $A \cup B$  is the least upper bound of  $A$  and  $B$
  - $A \cap B \subseteq A, A \cap B \subseteq B$
  - For any  $X$ , if  $X \subseteq A, X \subseteq B$ , then  $X \subseteq A \cap B$
  - $A \cap B$  is the greatest lower bound

# Properties of Set Operations (2)

## ■ Subset relation and set operations

1.  $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow$
2.  $A \cup B = B \Leftrightarrow$
3.  $A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow$
4.  $A - B = \phi$



# Properties of Set Operations (3)

## ■ Properties of Union and Intersection

- ☐ Idempotent properties
- ☐ Associative properties
- ☐ Commutative properties
- ☐ Distributive properties
- ☐ Properties related to empty and universal set
- ☐ Properties related to complement
- ☐ Absorptive properties
- ☐ de Morgan's Law

# Properties of Set Operations (4)

## ■ Properties of the relative complement

- $A - B \subseteq A$

- $A - B = A \cap \sim B$

# Properties of Set Operations (5)

## ■ Properties of the symmetric difference

- Commutation and Association

- Idempotention

- $A \oplus A = \phi$

- Cancellation



# True or False?

- ✗ (1)  $A \in \{\{A\}\}$
- ✓ (2)  $\{A\} \in \{\{A\}\}$
- ✓ (3)  $x \in \{x\} - \{\{x\}\}$
- ✓ (4)  $\{x\} \subseteq \{x\} - \{\{x\}\}$
- ✗ (5)  $A - B = A \iff B = \emptyset$
- ✗ (6)  $A - B = \emptyset \iff A = B$
- ✗ (7)  $A \oplus A = A$
- ✓ (8)  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$
- ✗ (9) If  $A \cap B = B$ , then  $A = B$
- ✓ (10)  $A = \{x\} \cup x$ , then  $x \in A$  and  $x \subseteq A$

# How to Prove (1)

## ■ Using definitions of equality or inclusion

□ Ex:  $A \cup B = B \Rightarrow A \subseteq B$

■ Prove “For any  $x$ , if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$ ”

□ Ex:  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$

■ Prove both:

“For any  $x$ , if  $x \in A \cap B$ , then  $x \in A$ ”

“For any  $x$ , if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ ”

# How to Prove (2)

## ■ Using definition of operations

□ Ex:  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

$$A - (B \cup C) = \{x \mid x \in A, \text{ but } x \notin B \cup C\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \in A, \text{ but } (x \notin B \text{ and } x \notin C)\}$$

$$= \{x \mid (x \in A, \text{ but } x \notin B) \text{ and } (x \in A, \text{ but } x \notin C)\}$$

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

# How to prove (2)

$$A \cap B = A \Rightarrow A - B = \phi:$$

$$A - B = \phi \Rightarrow A \cap B = A:$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \sim B) \\ &= A \cap (B \cup \sim B) = A \cap E = A \end{aligned}$$

$$= A \cap \sim(A \cap B) = A \cap \sim A = \phi$$

## ■ Algebraic reduction

□ Ex:  $A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow A - B = \phi$

□ Ex:  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$

□ Ex: If  $A \oplus B = A \oplus C$ , prove  $B = C$

□ A more complicated example:

■ Using  $A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$  to prove:

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

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

$$(A \cup (B - C)) \cap A = A, \text{ so } (A \cup B) - A = B - A$$

# How to prove (4)

## ■ Prove a sequence of logically equivalent expression

□  $A \cup B = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow A - B = \phi,$

■ Using the results above, we only need prove  $A - B = \phi \Rightarrow A \cup B = B$ .

■ Note:  $A \cup B = (A \cup B) \cap E = (A \cup B) \cap (\sim B \cup B)$

# More about Venn's Diagram

- Venn's diagram and proof

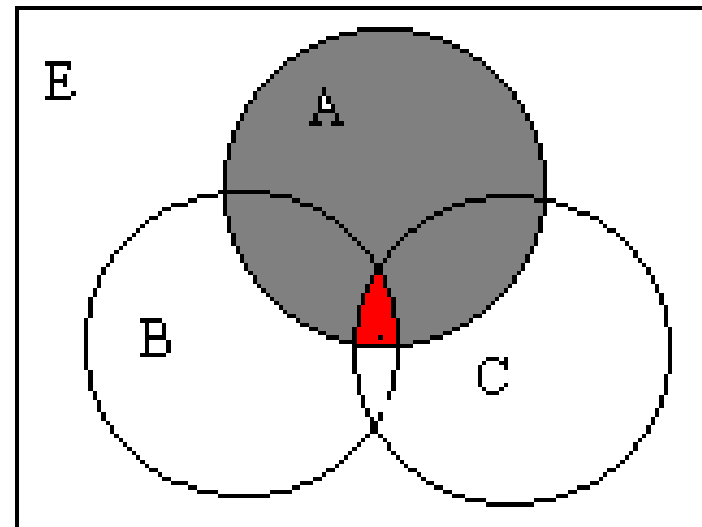
- Ex:

- Give the condition for

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

the sufficient and  
necessary condition  
is preferred

$$A \cap B \cap C = \phi$$



# Counting for Finite Sets

- Addition Principle (inclusion-exclusion principle)

- Two sets

- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

- Three sets

- $|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$



# Using Addition Principle

- Among 260 students, 64 select Math, 94 select Computing, 58 select Finance, 28 select both Math and Finance, 26 select both Math and Computing, 22 select both Computing and Finance, 14 select all three.
- Problem: How many select none, and how many select only one course?



# Solution

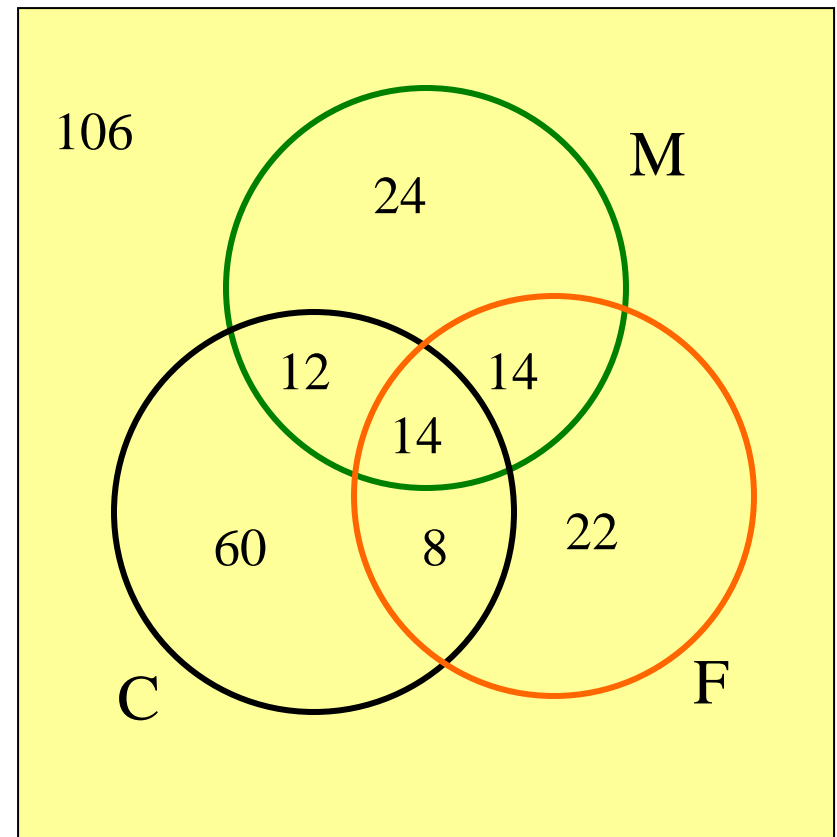
- Addition principle

$$|M \cup C \cup F| = |M| + |C| + |F| - |M \cap F| - |M \cap C| - |C \cap F| + |M \cap C \cap F|$$

$$= 64 + 94 + 58 - 28 - 26 - 22 + 14$$

$$= 154$$

So, 106 select none.



# Generalized Union and Intersection

## ■ Generalized union

$$\square \cup A = \{x \mid \text{exists some } z \in A, \text{ such that } x \in z\}$$

$$\square \cup \emptyset = ?$$

## ■ Generalized intersection

$$\square \cap A = \{x \mid \text{for any } z, \text{ if } z \in A, \text{ then } x \in z\}$$

$$\square \cap \emptyset = ?$$

# Examples on the Set of Real Number

## ■ Generalized union

□  $A_0 = \{a | a < 1\}$ ,  $A_i = \{a | a \leq 1 - 1/i\}$ ,

□ then:  $\cup \{A_i | i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = A_0$

## ■ Generalized intersection

□  $B_0 = \{b | b \leq 1\}$ ,  $B_i = \{b | b < 1 + 1/i\}$ ,

□ then:  $\cap \{B_i | i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = B_0$

# Inside or Outside

## ■ Characteristic Functions

$$f_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

**For any subset  $A$  of a universal set  $U$**

## ■ Examples:

□  $A = \{1, 2\}; f_A(x) = 1 - |\text{sign}((x-1)(x-2))|$

# Characteristic Functions and Set Operations

$$f_{A \cap B} = f_A f_B \quad \text{Both}$$

$$f_{A \cup B} = f_A + f_B - f_A f_B \quad \text{Either}$$

$$f_{A \oplus B} = f_A + f_B - 2f_A f_B \quad \text{Either, but not Both}$$

*What about  $f_{A-B}$  ?*

# With Ordering Added

- Sequence

- A list of objects **arranged** in a definite order

- The ordering number can be looked as a integral part of the object

- Defining a sequence by formular

- By explicit formular:  $s_n = (-4)^2$

- By recursive formula:  $f_1 = 0; f_2 = 1; f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$

# String – Sequence of symbols

- Alphabet

- A set of symbols, usually finite, such as  $A=\{a,b,c\}$

- Word (string)

- A finite sequence of elements of the alphabet, such as 'bcaabbcca'
  - A string of length zero is defined:  $\Lambda$

- All words on A consists the set  $A^*$

- Defining an operation on  $A^*$ : '·'(catenation)

- $w_1 \cdot w_2$  is just a longer string with  $w_2$  following  $w_1$

# Regular Expression

- The regular expression over an alphabet  $A$  is defined as following:
  - RE1. the symbol  $\Lambda$  is a regular expression
  - RE2. for any symbol  $x$  in  $A$ ,  $x$  is a regular expression
  - RE3. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are regular expressions, then  $\alpha\beta$  is
  - RE4. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are regular expressions, then  $\alpha \vee \beta$  is
  - RE5. If  $\alpha$  are regular expressions, then  $(\alpha)^*$  is
- Priority:  $*$   $>$  catenation  $>$   $\vee$



# Regular Expressions

- Given an alphabet  $A$ , a subset of  $A^*$  is a language over  $A^*$
- **Language represented by a regular expression.**

□ $\Lambda$	:	$\emptyset$
□ $x$	:	$\{x\}$
□ $\alpha\beta$	:	$L(\alpha).L(\beta)$
□ $\alpha\vee\beta$	:	$L(\alpha) \cup L(\beta)$
□ $(\alpha)^*$	:	$L(\alpha)^*$



# Defining a Language

- A language specified by a RE called a regular set.
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two regular sets,  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $\sim A$  are still regular sets.
- Given a Regular Expression  $r$ , and a string  $s$ , whether  $s$  is in the language of  $r$  can be decided automatically.

# Examples of Regular Languages

- Let the alphabet be  $A=\{0,1\}$ 
  - $0^*(0\vee 1)^*$ :  
Simply the  $A^*$  itself
  - $00^*(0\vee 1)^*1$ :  
Beginning with a “0”, and ended with a “1”
  - $(01)^*(01\vee 1^*)$ :
    - Note:  $(01\vee 1^*)$  corresponds to  $\{01, 1, 11, 111, 1111, \dots\}$



# Structures in General

- Discrete mathematical structures, or systems
  - A collection of objects: the set
  - One or more operations defined on the set
  - The accompanying properties
    - Properties most commonly discussed:  
closure  
commutative, associative, distributive  
identity and inverse

# Operation Table

- Operation table can be used to define unary or binary operations on a finite set (usually only with several elements)

*	a	b	c	d
a	1	®	*	M
b	&	6	K	M
c	7	6	Q	0
d	G	#	~	◻

# Closed Operations

- A structure **is closed with respect to an operation** if that operation always produces another member of the collection of object.
- Arithmetic operations on sets of numbers
- Set  $A=\{1,2,3,\dots,10\}$ , **gcd** is closed, but **lcm** is not.
- Is the common addition closed on the following set:
  - $\{n \mid \text{there exists a positive integer } k, \text{ such that } 16 \mid n^k\}$
  - $\{n \mid 9 \text{ divides } 21n\}$

# Identity

- $1 * x = x * 1 = x$  for any real number  $x$ , (\* is the common multiplication)
- If, in a structure with a binary operation  $*$ , there is a specific element  $e$ , satisfying  $x * e = e * x = x$  for any  $x$  in the collection, then  $e$  is called an identity.
- In fact, such  $e$  is unique in the structure

# Inverse

- In the set of positive real number, for any  $x$ , there is an element  $x'$ , satisfying  $x*x'=1$ , the identity. ( $x'$  is  $1/x$ )
- If a binary operation  $*$  has an identity  $e$ , we say  $y$  is a  $*$ -inverse of  $x$  if  $x*y=y*x=e$
- If fact, if  $*$  is **associative**, and  $x$  has a  $*$ -inverse  $y$ , then  $y$  is unique
  - Suppose  $x$  has two  $*$ -inverse, say,  $y$  and  $z$ , then
$$y = e*y = (z*x)*y = z*(x*y) = z*e = z$$



# Details about Integer Division

- If  $n$  and  $m$  are integers and  $n > 0$ , we can write  $m = qn + r$  for uniquely determined integers  $q$  and  $r$  with  $0 \leq r < n$ .
- “ $n$  divides  $m$ ” is a relation on integers
  - If  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(mb+nc)$  for any integers  $m, n$
- Prime number

# Greatest Common Divisor(GCD)

- If  $d$  is  $\text{GCD}(a,b)$ , then  $d=sa+tb$  for some integer  $s$  and  $t$ 
  - Let  $x$  be **the smallest positive integer** that can be written as  **$sa+tb$** .
  - For any common divisor  $c$  of  $a,b$ ,  $c|(sa+tb)$ , which means that  **$x$  is no less than any common divisor of  $a,b$** .

Let  $a=qx+r$  ( $r<x$ ), then  $r = a-q(sa+tb) = (1-qs)a-qt b$ . Since  $r$  is also of the form of  $s'a+t'b$ ,  $r$  can not be positive, and must be 0. So,  $a=qx$ , that is,  $x|a$ . Similarly,  $x|b$ .

Conclusion:  $x=sa+tb$  is the largest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . And it is a multiple of any other common divisors.

- If  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, we can always find two integers  $s,t$ , satisfying  $sa+tb=1$

# Euclidean Algorithm

- Euclid ( $a, b$ ) [ $a, b$  are arbitrary nonnegative integers]
  - if  $b=0$  then return  $a$   
    else Euclid ( $b, a \bmod b$ )
- Correctness of Euclid Algorithm
  - The algorithm must terminate
  - Note: Let  $a = k_1 b + r_1$  (that is,  $r_1$  is  $a \bmod b$ ), then  $r_1 = a - k_1 b$ . It is easy to see that any common divisor of  $b, r_1$  must divide  $a$ , and any common divisor of  $a, b$  must divide  $r_1$  as well. So,  $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, r_1)$



# Home Assignments

## ■ To be checked

- ☐ pp.4-5: 5, 10, 16, 30-31, 34, 36
- ☐ pp.11-13: 1, 6, 10, 23-24, 34, 36, 39
- ☐ pp.19-20: 19, 20, 22, 25, 29, 32, 34, 37
- ☐ p.30-31: 24-29
- ☐ p.39-41: 6,9, 16, 17, 23, 29, 41
- ☐ P.44-45: 24-29, 35

## ■ Self tests