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Week 1 Book of Proofs

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Definition 1.1.1: Introduction to sets

N —Natural Numbers— = $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is the set of natural numbers.

Z —Integers— = $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Q —Rational Numbers— = $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

R —Real Numbers— = $\{\dots, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-3}{4}, 0, \dots\}$

C —Complex Numbers— = All number of the form $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers and i is imaginary

P —Prime Numbers— = Natural numbers greater than 1 that are divisible only by 1 and themselves

F —Finite Fields— = A set of elements with operation of $+$, $-$, $*$ and $/$ (except by 0)

Definition 1.1.2: The Cartesian Product

An ordered pair (a, b) is a set

$\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

You've seen ordered pairs before as graphs coordinates

$(1, 2) = \{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

$(1, 2) = \{\{2\}, \{2, 1\}\}$

$(-2, 0)$

Definition 1.1.3: Subsets

Definition 1.1.4: Power Sets

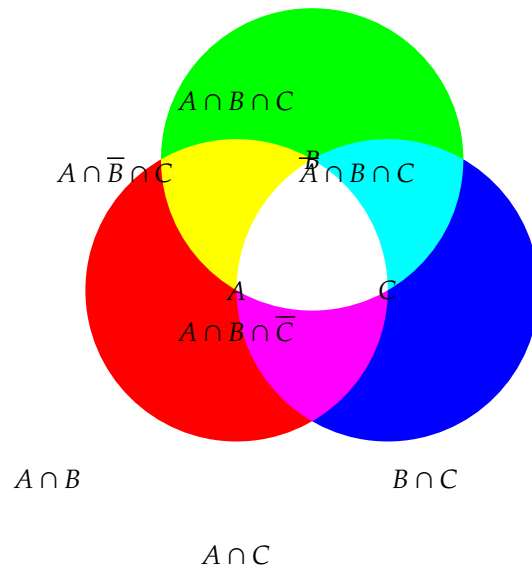


Figure 1.1: A Venn diagram for the sets A , B , and C .

Definition 1.1.5: Union, Intersection, Difference

The **Union** of two sets contains all the elements contained in either set (or both sets).

The union is notated $A \cup B$

More formally, $x \in A \cup B$ if $x \in A$ or $x \in B$ (or both)

The **intersection** of two sets contains only the elements that are in both sets.

The intersection is notated $A \cap B$

More formally, $x \in A \cap B$ if $x \in A$ and $x \in B$

The **complement** of a set A contains everything that is not in the set A .

The complement is notated A^c , or A^c , or sometimes A^c .

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$$A \cup B = \{x: x \in A \text{ OR } x \in B\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x: x \in A \text{ AND } x \in B\}$$

$$A^c = \{x: x \notin A\}$$

$$A - B = \{x: x \in A \text{ AND } x \notin B\}$$