



## Chapter 3: SETS

"Naively", a set is a collection of uniquely determined abstract objects.

The concepts of:

- set
  - element
  - belongs  $\in$  binary predicate
- are primitive  
we don't define them

A set can be given by:

- enumerating the elements:  $A = \{a, b, c\}$
- a property (predicate)

$$A = \{x \mid P(x)\}$$

e.g.  $\{x \mid x \neq x\} = \emptyset$  the empty set

it is unique!

- two sets are equal if they have the same elements

$$A = B \Leftrightarrow (\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B))$$

- $A$  is a subset of  $B$  if the elements of  $A$  are also elements of  $B$

$$A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow (\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B))$$

- the powerset of  $A$  is the set of subsets of  $A$

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \subseteq A\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x \in \mathcal{P}(A) \Leftrightarrow x \subseteq A$$

Example  $P(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$

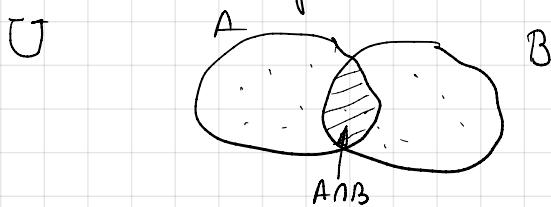
$$P(P(\emptyset)) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

$$P(P(P(\emptyset))) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

In what follows, we consider that our sets are subsets of set  $U$

### Operations with sets (i.e. operation $P(U)$ )

#### Euler-Venn diagrams



1) Union of sets :  $A \cup B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$

2) Intersection :  $A \cap B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$

3) Difference :  $A \setminus B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$   
In particular, the complement of A is:  $\overline{A} = U \setminus A = \{x \mid x \notin A\}$

We get  $A \setminus B = A \cap \overline{B}$

#### Symmetric difference

$$\begin{aligned} A \Delta B &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \\ &= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (B \cap \overline{A}) \\ &= (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) \\ &= \{x \mid \text{either } x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in A \text{ xor } x \in B\} \end{aligned}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  exclusive or

## Ordered pair of elements

We want to define the pair  $(a, b)$  such that we have the full property.

$$(a, b) = (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a = c \text{ and } b = d$$

Note that if we take  $\{a, b\}$ , then  $\{a, b\} = \{c, d\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a = c, b = d$

Def ( Kuratowski )

$$(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

By recursion, we define ordered  $n$ -uples:

$$(a, b, c) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((a, b), c)$$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}), a_m)$$

Cartesian product (Descartes Cartesii) ( $17^{\text{th}}$  cent.)

$$A \times B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \mid \forall i=1, \dots, m \quad a_i \in A_i\}$$

Russell's paradox      Bertrand Russell

The naive theory of Cantor and Frege permits the formation of "the set of all sets"  $\mathcal{S} := \{S \mid S \in S\}$

Question:  $S \in S$ ?

Consider the set:

$$R := \{X \mid X \notin X\}$$

$$R \in R?$$

- If  $R \in R$ , then  $R$  does not satisfy the condition from the def of  $R$ , hence  $R \notin R$ , contradiction

If  $R \notin Q$ , then  $R$  satisfies the condition from the def of  $Q$ , hence  $R \in Q$ , contradiction

This leads to the need to develop axiomatic set theory

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## Chapter 4: RELATIONS (correspondences)

Def: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. A relation between the elements of  $A$  and  $B$  is a triple  $\rho = (A, B, R)$ , where  $R \subseteq A \times B$

$$\boxed{a \rho b \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R}$$

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dom  $\rho$    ↑  
codom  $\rho$    graph of  $\rho$

We usually

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } a = b \\ \quad a \subset b \end{array}$$

$$d, \text{Id}_2, d, \text{Id}_3$$

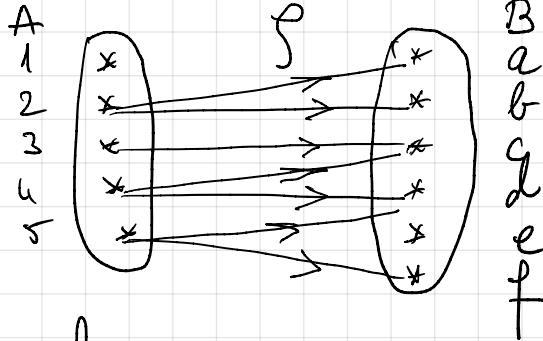
R: Equality of relations:

if  $\rho = (A, B, R)$  and  $\tau = (C, D, S)$  are relations  
then  $\rho = \tau \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A = C : \text{have the same domain} \\ B = D : \text{--- --- codomain} \\ R = S : \text{--- --- graph} \end{cases}$

i.e. for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$  we have

$$\boxed{a \rho b \Leftrightarrow a \tau b}$$

- We may represent relations using oriented graphs.



$$B \quad R = \{(1,a), (1,b), (3,c), (4,d), (5,e), (5,f)\}$$

Examples: 1)  $(A, B, \Delta \times B)$  the universal relation  
 (A, B,  $\emptyset$ ) the empty relation

2)  $I_A = (A, A, \Delta_A)$   $\Delta$  Delta

where  $\Delta_A = \{(a,a) \mid a \in A\}$  is the diagonal subset  
 of  $A \times A$

We have  $a I_A b \Leftrightarrow (a,b) \in \Delta_A \Leftrightarrow a = b \in \Delta_A \Leftrightarrow a = b$

So  $I_A$  is just the equality relation on A

### Operations with relations

1) Union: Let  $P = (A, B, R)$ ,  $T = (A, B, S)$   
 $P \cup T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A, B, R \cup S)$

hence  $\forall (a,b) \in A \times B$ , we have

$a P \cup T b \Leftrightarrow a P b \text{ or } a T b$

2) Intersection:  $P \cap T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A, B, R \cap S)$

hence,  $\forall (a,b) \in A \times B$  we have

$a P \cap T b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} a P b \text{ and } a T b$

3) The inverse of a relation.

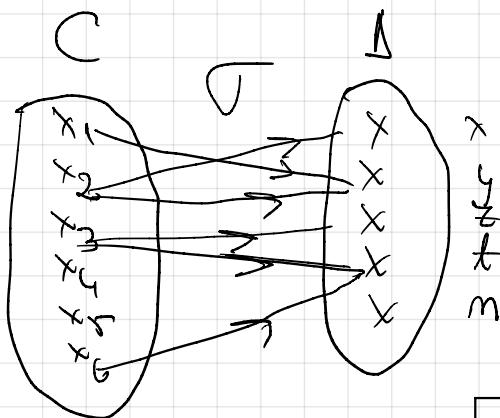
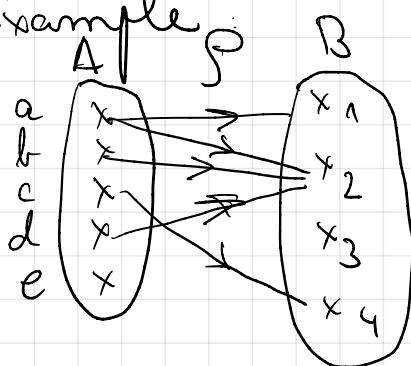
Let  $P = (A, B, R)$  a set. Then  $P^{-1} = (B, A, R^{-1})$   
 where  $R^{-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(b,a) \mid (a,b) \in R\}$

$a \rho b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b \rho^{-1} a$

#### 4) Composition of relations

$a \rightarrow 1 \quad 1 \rightarrow y$

Example  $\rho$



$$\sigma \circ \rho = (\Delta, \Delta, S \circ R)$$

↓  
 2nd      1st  
 dom ρ    codom σ

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In one example,  $S \circ R = \{(a, y), (a, x), (b, x), (b, y), (d, e), (d, y)\}$

In general:

$$S \circ R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ (a, d) \in A \times D \mid \exists x \in B \cap C \text{ and } (a, x) \in R \text{ and } (x, d) \in S \right\}$$

if  $(a, d) \in A \times D$ , we have  
 $a \tau \circ \rho d \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists x (a \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \rho x \text{ and } x \tau d)$

Theorem (properties of the composition)

1) The equality relation is a neutral element w.r.t. composition  
 i.e. if  $\rho = (A, B, R)$ , then  $1_B \circ \rho = \rho \circ 1_A = \rho$

2) Let  $\rho = (A, B, R)$ ,  $\sigma = (C, D, S)$ ,  $\tau = (E, F, T)$   
 be relations. Then:

$$\mathcal{C} \circ (\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{F}) = (\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{T}) \circ \mathcal{F}$$

(", " is associative)

Proof: 1) see the notes

$$2) \text{ We have } \mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{F} = (\Delta, \Delta, S \circ R)^{\text{dom } P, \text{ codom } \mathcal{T}}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \circ (\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{F}) = (\Delta, F, T \circ (S \circ R))$$

$$\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{T} = (C, F, T \circ S)$$

$$(\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{T}) \circ \mathcal{F} = (A, F, (T \circ S) \circ R)$$

So, the two relation have the same dom and codom.

To show the equality of graph, let a pair  $(a, f) \in A \times F$ . We have

$$a \in \mathcal{C} \circ (\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{F}) \Leftrightarrow \exists y (y \in \Delta \cap E \text{ and } a \in \mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{F} y \text{ and } y \in f) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists y (y \in \Delta \cap E \text{ and } \exists x (x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \in F x \text{ and } x \in T y) \text{ and } y \in f)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x (y \in \Delta \cap E \text{ and } x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \in F x \text{ and } x \in T y \text{ and } y \in f \text{ and } x \in F y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x \exists y (x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \in F x \text{ and } \exists y \forall x (y \in \Delta \cap E \text{ and } x \in T y \text{ and } y \in f))$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x (x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \in F x \text{ and } \exists y (y \in \Delta \cap E \text{ and } a \in F x \circ T y \text{ and } y \in f))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x (x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \in F x \text{ and } x \in \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{T} f) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in (\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{T}) \circ \mathcal{F}$$

We used the following tautologies.

$$- A \wedge B \Leftrightarrow B \wedge A$$

$$- (A \wedge B) \wedge C \Leftrightarrow A \wedge (B \wedge C)$$

$$- \exists x \exists y A(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x A(x, y)$$

$$- \exists x (C \wedge A(x)) \Leftrightarrow C \wedge \exists x A(x)$$