

Engineering Mathematics

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Basic mathematical Concepts

Sets

Definition 1 *A set is a well defined collection or group of objects.*

These objects are also referred to as members of a set

1. Requirements of a set

- (a) A set must be well defined, i.e, must not leave room for any ambiguity.
- (b) The elements of a given set must be distinct, i.e, each element should appear only once.
- (c) The order of representing elements of a set is immaterial, different arrangement of the same elements does not show any difference.

2. Specifying or naming of sets

By convention, sets are specified (named) using a capital letter. Further, the elements of a set are designated by either listing all the elements or by using a descriptive characteristic or pattern. The elements of a set are enclosed using curly brackets. We can represent them in three ways

- Listing of all elements
 $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- Using a descriptive characteristic
 $A = \{X \text{ such that } X \text{ is a positive integer from } 0 \text{ to } 6 \text{ inclusive}\}$
- Using a pattern
 $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

3. Set membership

This is expressed by using the symbol \in . Considering set A in which 3 is a member
Expressed as $3 \in A$

4. Finite set

A set that consists of a limited or countable number of elements.

5. Subset

Any set S is a subset of set A if all elements in S are members of A and is denoted by \subset and is read as " S is a subset of A "

A is said to be the superset of S denoted by \supset , $A \supset S$

6. Equality of Sets

If all elements in set $D1$ are in $D2$ and all the elements in $D2$ are in $D1$ then they are equal
Can be denoted as $D1 \supset D2$ or $D2 \subset D1$, i.e, they are subsets or supersets of each other.

7. Universal Set

Set that contains all the elements under consideration, denoted U .

8. Null or empty set

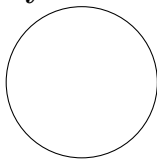
Is a set with no elements and is denoted by $\{\}$ or \emptyset .

9. Complement of a set

Given U and $A \subset U$ then the complement of A , denoted by A' or A^c represents all elements in U that are not in A .

10. Sets are pictorially represented using Venn Diagrams

Symbols



Circles: used to represent ordinary sets



Rectangle: Used to represent Universal set

11. Singleton Set
Set with only one element
12. Disjoint sets
Are two sets with no elements in common

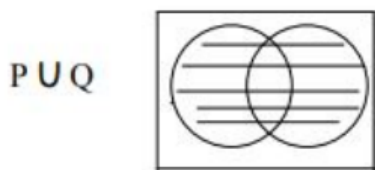
Set Operations and Algebra

Definition 2 *These are operations where sets are combined to obtain other sets of interest*

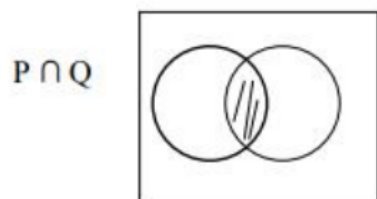
Given two sets P and Q

They include:

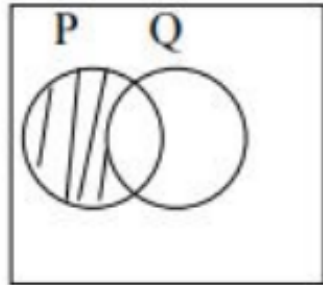
1. **Union of Sets, \cup**
Consists of elements in P or Q or both



2. **Intersection of sets, \cap**
Consists of elements in both P and Q (common elements)



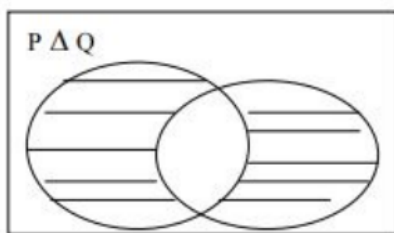
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3. **Set difference/Injunction, \setminus**
Consists of elements in P but not in Q

4. **Symetric difference, Δ**
Consists of elements in P but not in Q and thos in Q but not in P

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Laws of Set aAlgebra

1. Commutative Laws
The order in which sets are combined in union or intersection is irrelevant, i.e
 $P \cup Q = Q \cup P$ and $P \cap Q = Q \cap P$

2. Associative Laws

The selection of 3 or more sets for grouping in a union or intersection is immaterial, i.e
 $(P \cup Q) \cup R = P \cup (Q \cup R)$

3. Distributive Laws

For any 3 sets P, Q and R:

$$P \cup (Q \cap R) = (P \cup Q) \cap (P \cup R)$$

4. Impotent Laws

For a set Q

$$Q \cup Q = Q \text{ and } Q \cap Q = Q$$

Other Laws:

5. $P \cup \emptyset = P$

6. $P \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

7. $P \cup U = U$

8. $P \cap U = P$

9. $P \cup P' = U$

10. $P \cap P' = \emptyset$

11. De Morgan's Laws

For any two sets Q and R

i $(Q \cup R)' = Q' \cap R'$

ii $(Q \cap R)' = Q' \cup R'$

Boolean Algebra

Can be used to describe the manipulation and processing of binary information
It's two-valued and has applications in the design of modern computer systems.
It is common to interpret the digital values 0 as false and 1 as true.

Definitions

- 1.

Cartesian Products and Relations

For two sets A and B , the Cartesian Product of A and B is

$$A \times B = \{(a, b); a \in A, b \in B\}$$

We say that the elements of $A \times B$ are ordered pairs

Definition 3 : For sets A, B , any subset of $A \times B$ is called a *binary relation* from A to B . Any subset of $A \times A$ is called a **binary relation** on A .