

# 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

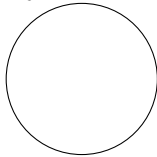
$$A = \{A \text{ such that } X \text{ is a positive integer from } 0 \text{ to } 6 \text{ inclusive}\}$$

- 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  $D1 = D2$   
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

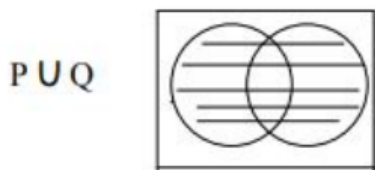
## Set Operations and Algebra

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

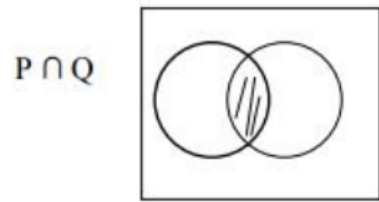
Given two sets P and Q

They include:

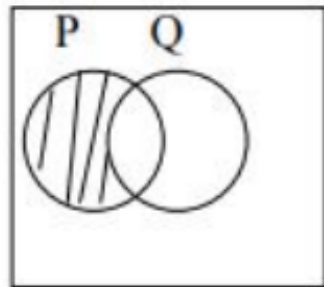
1. **Union of Sets,  $\cup$**   
Consists of elements in P or Q or both



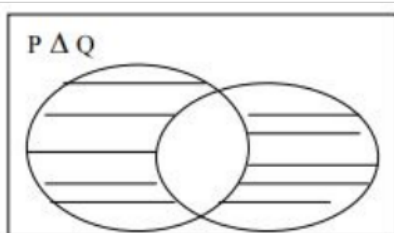
2. **Intersection of sets,  $\cap$**   
Consists of elements in both P and Q (common elements)
3. **Set difference/Injunction,  $\setminus$**   
Consists of elements in P but not in Q
4. **Symetric difference,  $\Delta$**   
Consists of elements in P but not in Q and thos in Q but not in P



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## Laws of Set Algebra

### 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. Boolean Expression: Combining the variables and operation yields Boolean expressions.
2. Boolean Function: A Boolean function typically has one or more input values and yields a result, based on these input value, in the range 0, 1.
3. A Boolean operator can be completely described using a table that list inputs, all possible values for these inputs, and the resulting values of the operation.
4. A truth table shows the relationship, in tabular form, between the input values and the result of a specific Boolean operator or function on the input variables.

Inputs		Outputs
$x$	$y$	$xy$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Figure 1: Truth table for AND

5. The AND operator is also known as a Boolean product. The Boolean expression  $xy$  is equivalent to the expression  $x * y$  and is read “x and y.” The behavior of this operator is characterized by the truth table shown below

Inputs		Outputs
$x$	$y$	$x+y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Figure 2: Truth Table for OR

Inputs	Outputs
$x$	$\bar{x}$
0	1
1	0

Figure 3: Truth table for NOT

6. The OR operator is often referred to as a Boolean sum. The expression  $x+y$  is read “x or y”. The truth table for OR is shown below
7. Both  $\bar{x}$  and  $x'$  are read as NOT x
8. The rule of precedence for Boolean operators give NOT top priority, followed by AND, and then OR

**DeMorgan’s law** provides an easy way of finding the complement of a Boolean function. Boolean algebra is used in implementing digital computer circuits called **gates**.



Identity Name	AND Form	OR Form
Identity Law	$1x = x$	$0+x = x$
Null (or Dominance) Law	$0x = 0$	$1+x = 1$
Idempotent Law	$xx = x$	$x+x = x$
Inverse Law	$x\bar{x} = 0$	$x+\bar{x} = 1$
Commutative Law	$xy = yx$	$x+y = y+x$
Associative Law	$(xy)z = x(yz)$	$(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$
Distributive Law	$x+yz = (x+y)(x+z)$	$x(y+z) = xy + xz$
Absorption Law	$x(x+y) = x$	$x+xy = x$
DeMorgan's Law	$(\overline{xy}) = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$	$(\overline{x+y}) = \bar{x}\bar{y}$
Double Complement Law	$\overline{\bar{x}} = x$	

Figure 4: Basic Identities of Boolean Algebra

# 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  $A$ .

A binary relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a set  $\mathcal{R}$  of ordered pairs where the first element of each ordered pair comes from  $A$  and the second element comes from  $B$ . We use the notation  $a\mathcal{R}b$  to denote that  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $a \not\mathcal{R}b$  When  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $a$  is said to be related to  $b$  by  $\mathcal{R}$ .

Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$  then  $\mathcal{R} = \{(0, a), (0, b), (1, a), (2, b)\}$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . This means for instance that  $0\mathcal{R}a, 1\mathcal{R}a$ , etc

The above relation can be represented graphically using arrows to represent ordered pairs:

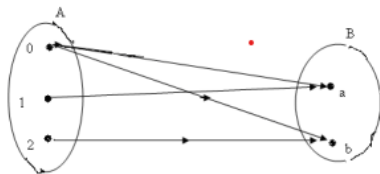


Figure 5: Graph for the relation explained above

## Relations on a set

**Definition 4** A relation on a set  $A$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $A$

**Example 1** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Which ordered pairs in the relation  $\mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$

**Solution** Since  $(a, b)$  is in  $\mathcal{R}$  if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers not exceeding 4 such that  $a$  divides  $b$ , we see that:

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$$

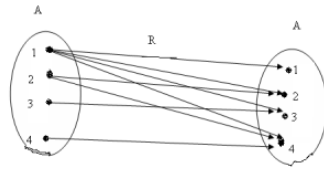


Figure 6: Graph of the relation in example 1

On a set  $A$  with  $n$  elements, a relation on  $A$  is a subset of  $A \times A$ . Since  $A \times A$  has  $n^2$  elements, when  $A$  has  $n$  elements and a set with  $m$  elements has  $2^m$  subsets, there are  $2^{n^2}$  subsets of  $A \times A$ . Thus there are  $2^{n^2}$  relations on a set with  $n$  elements.

## Properties of Relations

**Definition 5** A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$  is said to be **reflexive** if for all  $x \in A$ ,  $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

**Example 2** For  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

A relation  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$  will be reflexive if and only if  $\mathcal{R} \supseteq \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$

Consequently  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  is not a reflexive relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  since  $4 \in A$  but  $(4, 4) \notin \mathcal{R}$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in A, x \leq y\} \text{ is reflexive in } A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$