

MAT237 Lecture Notes

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Definition 1.1. A set is any collection of distinct objects.

Definition 1.2. Let S be a set and A and $B \subseteq S$, the binary operator **union** is defined as

$$A \cup B = \{x \in S : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

Definition 1.3. Let S be a set and A and $B \subseteq S$, the binary operator **intersection** is defined as

$$A \cap B = \{x \in S : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$

Definition 1.4. Let S be a set and $A \subseteq S$, then the **complement** of A with respect to S is defined as

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

Definition 1.5. The **Cartesian Product** of two sets A and B is the collection of ordered pairs, one from A and one from B , denoted as

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

Definition 1.6. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function, then

1. If $U \subseteq A$ then we define the **image** of U as

$$f(U) = \{y \in B : \exists x \in U \text{ s.t. } f(x) = y\} = \{f(x) : x \in U\}$$

2. If $V \subseteq B$ then we define the **pre-image** of V as

$$f^{-1}(V) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in V\}$$

Definition 1.7. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function, we say that

1. f is **injective** if and only if

$$f(x) = f(y) \implies x = y, \forall x, y \in A$$

2. f is **surjective** if and only if

$$\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A \text{ s.t. } f(x) = y.$$

3. f is **bijective** if and only if it is both injective and surjective.

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