

**Axiom of extension:** Two sets are equal if and only if they have the same elements.

**Axiom of specification:** To every set  $A$  and to every condition  $S(x)$  there corresponds a set  $B$  whose elements are exactly those elements  $x$  of  $A$  for which  $S(x)$  holds.

↳ "condition", that is, a sentence specifying the elements in  $A$  that satisfies the conditions of  $S$ .

Example:  $B = \{x \in A : S(x)\}$

**Axiom of pairing:** For any two sets there exists a set that they both belong to.

• A **collection** is a gathering of distinct objects, or elements, with a well-defined property or condition.

**Axiom of unions:** For every collection of sets there exists a set that contains all the elements that belong to at least one set of the given collection.

Example:  $U = \{x : x \in X \text{ for some } x \in C\}$

Notation:  $U\{X : X \in C\}$  or  $U_{X \in C} X$ . ↳ collection

Example:  $U\{X : X \in \{A, B\}\} = A \cup B$   
 $= \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

• **Intersection** is defined as

$$A \cap B = \{x \in A : x \in B\} \leftarrow \text{special case}$$
$$= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

Furthermore, for each collection  $C$ , other than  $\emptyset$ , there exists a set  $V$  such that  $x \in V$  if and only if  $x \in X$  for every  $x$  in  $C$ , that is

$$V = \{x \in A : x \in X \text{ for every } x \in C\}$$

The set  $V$  has a special notation

$$\cap\{X : X \in C\} \text{ or } \cap_{X \in C} X.$$

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, we say the **relative complement** of  $B$  in  $A$ , is the set

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

↳ not  $\in$

- The **symmetric difference** (or Boolean sum) of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set

$$A + B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$



**Axiom of powers:** For each set there exists a collection of sets that contains among its elements all the subsets of the given set.

Let  $E$  be the complement of  $\emptyset$ , then there exists a set  $\mathcal{P}$  such that if  $x \in E$ , then  $x \in \mathcal{P}$ , that is

Notation:  $\mathcal{P}(E) = \{x : x \subseteq E\}$

Example:  $\mathcal{P}(\{a\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$

- An **ordered pair** is a set defined as

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

Consequence: with this definition  $(a, b) = (x, y)$  if and only if  $a = x$  and  $b = y$ . Notice that, if  $(a, b)$  is a set the equality holds

$$\text{for } \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\} = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$$

$$\{a\} = \{x\} \Rightarrow a = x$$

$$\{a, b\} = \{x, y\} \Rightarrow b = y, \text{ for } a = x$$

- The **cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$  is a set defined as

$$A \times B = \{x : x = (a, b) \text{ for some } a \text{ in } A \text{ and for some } b \text{ in } B\}$$

- A **relation** is a set of ordered pairs

Notation:  $x R y$ , such that  $(x, y) \in R$ , with  $R$  being the set of ordered pairs.

- The **domain** is a set defined as

$\text{dom } R = \{x : \text{for some } y (x R y)\}$

- The **range** is a set defined as

$\text{ran } R = \{y : \text{for some } x (x R y)\}$

- A relation on  $X$  that is

1. Reflexive  $x R x, \forall x \in X$

2. Symmetric  $x R y \Rightarrow y R x, \forall x, y \in X$

3. Transitive  $(x R y) \wedge (y R z) \Rightarrow (x R z), \forall x, y, z \in X$

is called an **equivalence relation**

- A **partition** of  $X$  is a disjoint collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of non-empty subsets of  $X$  whose union is  $X$ .

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are sets, a **function** from (on)  $X$  to (into)  $Y$  is a **relation**  $f$  such that  $\text{dom } f = X$  and such that for each  $x$  in  $X$  there is a unique element  $y$  in  $Y$  with  $(x, y) \in f$ .

$f(x) = y \rightarrow$  value that  $f$  assumes (takes on) argument  $x$

Synonyms: map, mapping, transformation, correspondence, operator

\*  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is an **identity map**.

- Let  $X$  be a subset of  $Y$  and  $f$  a function from  $Y$  to  $Z$ , we can construct a function  $g: X \rightarrow Z$ , such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x$  in  $X$ .  $g$  is a **restriction** of  $f$  to  $X$

**Natural Numbers**

**Definition**  $0 = \emptyset$ ,  $1 = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $2 = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ , that is,  $1$  is  $\{0\}$  and  $2$  is  $\{0, 1\}$

- If  $A$  is a subset of a set  $X$ , the **characteristic function** of  $A$  is the function  $\chi$  from  $X$  to  $2$  such that

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in X - A \end{cases}$$

Notation:  $\chi_A$

• Let  $I$  and  $X$  be two sets and  $x$  a function from  $I$  to  $X$ .  
This function is called a **family**.  
 $i \in I$  is an index  
 $X$  is an indexed set

Notation:  $x_i$

$\mapsto x(i)$  is a function

"a family  $\{A_i\}$  of subsets of  $X$ " refers to a function  $A$  from  $I$  to  $\mathcal{P}(X)$

For  $x \in (\cup_i A_i) \cap (\cup_i B_i)$

$x \in (\cup_i A_i)$  and  $x \in (\cup_j B_j)$

for some  $x$ ,  $x$  is in  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ , for some  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$

So,  $x \in A_i \cap B_j$  as well as  $x \in \cup_{i,j} (A_i \cap B_j)$