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# Discrete Structures: CMPSC 102

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Creator of Set theory

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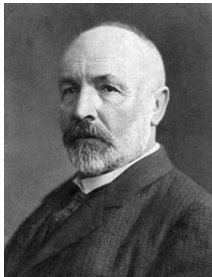
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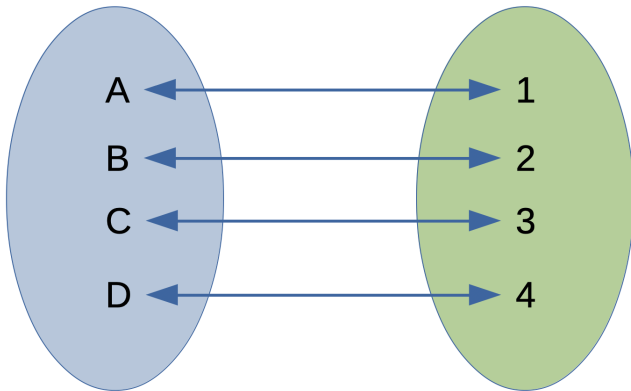
- German mathematician: 19 February 1845 - 6 January 1918
- Function definition: established the importance of one-to-one correspondence between the members of two sets ( more on that in a moment!)
- Defined infinite and well-ordered sets
- Proved that the real numbers (*rational* and *irrational*) are more numerous than the natural numbers (*counting* numbers)

# Functions as Sets

Regular Set: one-to-one relationship maintained

Letter Set

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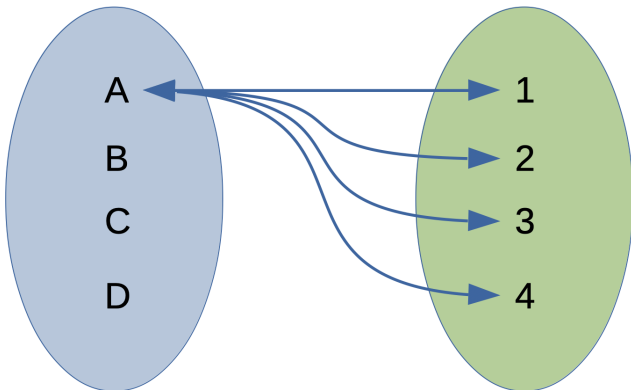
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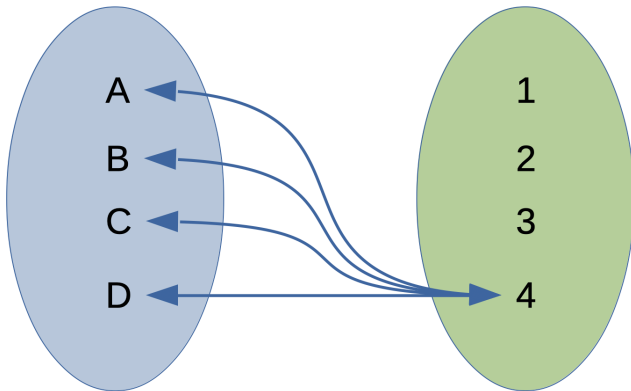
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# Functions as Sets

One-to-one-ism is NOT maintained!

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## What is a set?

- For example, the numbers 1, 2, and 3 are distinct objects when considered separately, but when they are considered collectively they form a single set of size three, written  $\{1,2,3\}$ .
- Set theory is now a ubiquitous part of mathematics,
- May be used as a foundation from which nearly all of mathematics can be derived (From 19<sup>th</sup> century mathematical thinking!)

# Types of Sets

## Intensional and Extensional

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**Intentional** definition of sets: *I intend this set to be ...*

- Defines a set by specifying the necessary and sufficient conditions for when the set should be used.

**Extensional** definition of sets: *Logically this set is ...*

- Defines a set by some definition of a concept or a term.

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Intentional: One decides which elements make up a set

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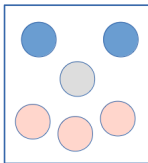
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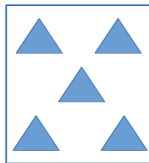
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Set of Circles



Set of Triangles

Intentional definition of sets: *I intend that these set be ...*

- The set of blue, grey and pink circles
- The set of blue triangles
- The set of colors of the Union Jack (i.e., the British flag)





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Extensional: Sets of members in curly brackets

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## Extensional definition of sets

- $A_2 = \{4, 2, 1, 3\}$ 
  - The first four positive numbers
- $B_2 = \{\text{Blue, Red and White}\}$ 
  - The set of colors of the Union Jack (the British flag)
- $F = \{n^2 - 4 : n \text{ is an integer; and } 0 \leq n \leq 19\}$ 
  - The set of all values gained from plugging in  $n$  between 0 and 19 into the equation  $n^2 - 4$

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Extensional definition of sets: a list of its members in curly brackets

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- **Intentional Definition:**

- $A_1$  is the set are the first four positive integers.
- $B_1$  is the set of colors of the Union Jack

- **Extensional Definition:**

- $A_2 = \{4, 2, 1, 3\}$
- $B_2 = \{\text{Blue, Red and White}\}$

Specify a set *intensionally* or *extensionally*

In the examples above, for instance,  $A_1 = A_2$  and  $B_1 = B_2$

# Infinite Sets: an Extensional set example

Sets that go on forever

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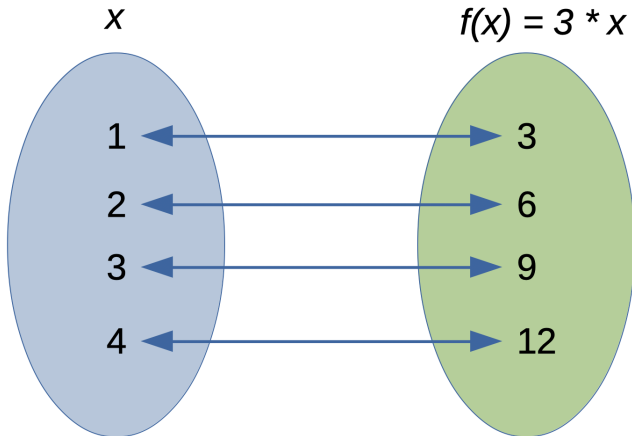
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Start with  
a line



Same line, with  
middle third  
missing



Each line, with  
middle third  
missing



Continue to  
Infinity  
and  
beyond



# Listing Elements in Sets

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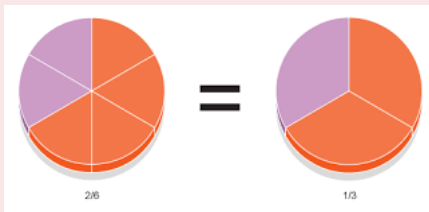
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- In extensionally defined sets, members in braces can be listed two or more times,
  - For example,  $\{11, 6, 6\}$  is identical to the set  $\{11, 6\}$
- Order of members is not important
  - For example,  $\{6, 11\} = \{11, 6\} = \{11, 6, 6, 11\}$

Similar to the equivalence of these pie charts:  
the content is the same in both cases



# Sets with Notation

## Venn Diagram

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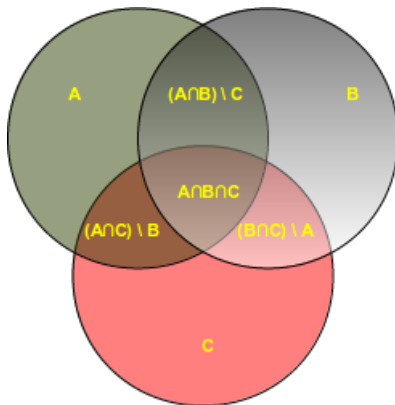
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- $\cup$ , Union:  $A \cup B$  of a collection of sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of all elements in the collection
- $\cap$ , Intersection  $A \cap B$  of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set that contains all elements of  $A$  that also belong to  $B$

# Sets in Python

An array of non-redundant elements

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## Creating a set of chars

```
x_st = set("This is a set")
x_st    # or print(x_st)
        # the unordered chars are the elements
        # {'s', 'T', ' ', 'e', 't', 'h', 'i', 'a'}
print(type(x_st))
        # <class 'set'>
```

## Creating a set of string(s)

```
x_st = set(["This is a set"])
x_st    # or print(x_st)
        # only one element in set; the string itself
        # {'This is a set'}
x_st = set(["This", "is", "a", "set"])
        # each word is an element
        # {'This', 'is', 'set', 'a'}
```

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```
# next line on one line
cities_st = set(("Paris", "Lyon",
                "London","Berlin","Birmingham", "Paris"))
print(cities_st)
# {'Berlin', 'Paris', 'Birmingham', 'London', 'Lyon'}
```

## Adding new elements

```
cities_st = set(["Frankfurt", "Basel", "Freiburg"])
cities_st.add("Meadville")
cities_st # or print(cities_st)
# {'Freiburg', 'Meadville', 'Basel', 'Frankfurt'}
```



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## Removing elements

```
cities_st = set(["Frankfurt", "Basel", "Meadville"])
cities_st.remove("Meadville")    # Meadville is a key
cities_st    # or print(cities_st)
           # {'Basel', 'Frankfurt'}
```

## Frozensets cannot be changed

```
cities_st = frozenset(["Frankfurt", "Basel", "Freiburg"])
cities_st.add("Meadville")
           # AttributeError:
           # 'frozenset' object has no attribute 'add'
cities_st # or print(cities_st)
           # frozenset({'Freiburg', 'Basel', 'Frankfurt'})
type(cities_st)
           # <class 'frozenset'>
```

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## Removing all elements of set

```
cities_st = {"Stuttgart", "Konstanz", "Freiburg"}
cities_st
# {'Freiburg', 'Konstanz', 'Stuttgart'}
cities_st.clear()
cities_st
# set()
```

## Determining difference between sets

```
x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
y = {"b","c"}
z = {"c","d"}
x.difference(y) # {'a', 'e', 'd'}
x.difference(y).difference(z) # {'a', 'e'}
```

- Returns the characters which are never repeated across {x, y, y}

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## Difference and subtraction

```
x = {'c', 'a', 'd', 'b', 'e'}
y = {'c', 'b'}
x.difference_update(y)
print(x) # {'a', 'd', 'e'}
print(y) # {'c', 'b'}

print(x)  # {'a', 'e', 'd'}
x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
y = {"b","c"}
x = x - y
print(x)  # {'e', 'd', 'a'}
```

- Top: Returns an updated set of  $x$  of the characters which are never repeated across  $\{x, y, y\}$

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### Cloning and removing from original

```
x = {'e', 'd', 'a'}  
v = x  
print(x)    # {'a', 'e', 'd'}  
print(v)    # {'a', 'e', 'd'}  
x.remove('a')  
x    # {'e', 'd'}  
v    # {'e', 'd'}  
v.remove('d')  
x    # {'e'}  
v    # {'e'}
```

- $x = v$  does not make a copy of  $x$ . Instead this is a reference from one object to another.

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## Is an element in a List?

```
x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}  
"e" in x      # True  
"e" and "a" in x  # True  
"e" and "i" in x  # False
```

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## Iteration

```
abc_set = {"a","b","c","d","e"}  
for i in abc_set:  
    print(i)
```

## Note

- Since there is no order control in the set, you cannot know which element will be printed first (from above).

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Lists, similar to arrays, are collections which are ordered and changeable.

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## Creating Lists with append maintains position information

```
myList_list = []  
myList_list #or print(myList_list)  
# []  
myList_list.append("x")  
myList_list.append("x")    # again  
myList_list    # ['x', 'x']
```

## Creating lists in entirety

```
myList_list = ["a","b","c","d"]  
myList_list #or print(myList_list)  
#['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']  
type(myList_list)  
#<class 'list'>
```

- With a list, position of character is maintained, not so with a set.

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## Removing an element

```
myList_list = ["a"]  
print(myList_list)  
#    ['a']  
myList_list.remove("a")  
print(myList_list)  
#    []
```

## Reverse the entire list, no assignment necessary

```
myList_list = ["a","b","c","d"]  
myList_list.reverse()  
myList_list #or print(myList_list)  
# ['d', 'c', 'b', 'a']
```



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## Each element has a location

```
myList_list = ["a","b","c","d"]  
myList_list[0] # 'a'  
myList_list[3] # 'd'  
myList_list[300] #IndexError
```

## Print each element by location

```
for i in range(len(myList_list)):  
    print("index = ",i)  
    print("    myList_list[i] = ",myList_list[i])  
#     index = 0  
#     myList_list[i] = a  
#     ...  
#     index = 3  
#     myList_list[i] = d
```

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## Iteration

```
l_list = ["a","b","c","d"]
for i in l_list:
    print(i)
```

## Iteration

```
l_list = ["a","b","c","d"]
for i in range(len(l_list)):
    print("i = ",i," and l_list[i] = ",l_list[i])
```

## Note

- With lists, we know which element will be printed first (the first element, from above).

# Lambda Functions

We will use these to create lists ...

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## Lambda function definition

- The lambda operator or lambda function is a way to create small anonymous functions (i.e. functions without a name), and are *throw-away* functions

## General syntax

lambda argument\_list: expression

```
g = lambda x: 3*x + 1
g(2) # 7
```

```
sum = lambda x, y : x + y
sum(3,4) # 7
```

# List Comprehensions to build lists

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## List comprehensions definition

- List comprehensions provide a concise way to create lists (or sets)

## General syntax

[ expression for item in list if conditional ]

## Make list

```
[i for i in range(10)]  
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

## Assign list to variable

```
b_list = [i for i in range(10)]  
type(b_list)  
<class 'list'>
```

# List Comps and Lambda Functions to build lists

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## Build a list with an anonymous function

```
g_list = lambda x: list(i for i in range(x))
g_list(4)    #    [0, 1, 2, 3]
myList_list = g_list(4)
myList_list #    [0, 1, 2, 3]
# slicing particular elements
myList_list[0:2] #    [0, 1]
```

# Tuples

A Tuple is a collection of Python objects separated by commas

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## An empty tuple

```
empty_tuple = ()  
print (empty_tuple)  
type(empty_tuple)    # <class 'tuple'>
```

## A non-empty tuple

```
nonEmpty_tuple = ("a","b","c","d")  
nonEmpty_tuple[0]    #    'a'  
nonEmpty_tuple[len(nonEmpty_tuple)-1]    #    'd'
```

## Check to see that elements are in a tuple

```
nonEmpty_tuple    #    ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 4, 'Hi')  
"Hi" in nonEmpty_tuple    #    True  
4 in nonEmpty_tuple    #    True  
3 in nonEmpty_tuple    #    False
```

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Check to see that elements are in an element at a tuple location

```
nonEmpty_tuple = ("a","b","c","d", 4, "Hi", "My music")
nonEmpty_tuple
# ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 4, 'Hi', 'My music')
"my" in nonEmpty_tuple    # False
"My" in nonEmpty_tuple    # False

# check to see if detail is in a substring in tuple
"My" in nonEmpty_tuple[6] # True
```

# Adding to Tuples

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## Convert tuple to list, add element, convert back

```
a_tuple = ('2',) #define Tuple
items = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'] # elements to add
l_list = list(a_tuple)# make a list
for x in items:
    l_list.append(x) # add items to list
#output as a tuple
print(tuple(l_list))
```



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## Iteration

```
nonEmpty_tuple = ("a","b","c","d", 4, "Hi", "My music")
for i in nonEmpty_tuple:
    print(i)
```

## Iteration

```
for i in range(len(nonEmpty_tuple)):
    print("i= ",i, "nonEmpty_tuple[i]="nonEmpty_tuple[i])
```

## Note

- With tuples (like lists), we know which element will be printed first (the first element, from above).

# Dictionaries

An array of a key and a value that is connected for quick searching

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- A dictionary maps a set of objects (keys) to another set of objects (values).
- A Python dictionary is a mapping of unique keys to values.
- Dictionaries are mutable, which means they can be changed.
- The values that the keys point to can be any Python value

## An empty dictionary

```
myDictionary_dict = {}  
print (myDictionary_dict)  
type(myDictionary_dict)    # <class 'dict'>
```

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## Adding to a dictionary

```
myDictionary_dict = {}  
myDictionary_dict[0] = "zero"  
myDictionary_dict[0] # gives 'zero'  
  
myDictionary_dict[1] = "one"  
print (myDictionary_dict) #{1: 'one', 0: 'zero'}
```

## Removing elements from a dictionary

```
myDictionary_dict = {}  
myDictionary_dict[3] = "three"  
  
del myDictionary_dict[3]  
print (myDictionary_dict) #{} (is empty)
```

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## Choosing Elements from a List

```
import random
abc_list = ['a','b','c','d','e']
random.choice(abc_list)    # 'c'
random.choice(abc_list)    # 'd'
```

## Choosing Elements from a List

```
import random
abc_set = set(['a','b','c','d','e'])
    # convert to list
abc2_list = list(abc_set)
random.choice(abc2_list)    # 'd'
```

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## Choosing Elements from a Dictionary

```
import random
abc_dict = {1:"one",2:"two",3:"Three"} # {vals : keys}
num_list = list(abc_dict) # convert dict to list
n = random.choice(num_list) # pick a number in list
abc_dict[n] # sub in n to get key value
# 'two'
```

# This Week: You will be comparing Lists

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```
aliceVocab_list = ["I like cats", "I like dogs",  
"I like rabbits", "I gave carrots to horses",  
"I live on a farm"]
```

```
aliceSays_str = random.choice(aliceVocab_list) # choose random  
print("  This is Alice. I say to Bob :", aliceSays_str)
```

```
bobVocab_list = ["I have two cats", "I have three dogs",  
"I know several rabbits", "I love carrots",  
"I love horses", "I also live on a farm"]
```

```
bobSays_str = random.choice(bobVocab_list)  
print("  This is Bob. I reply to Alice :", bobSays_str)
```

# Removing Stop-Words

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## This week's lab: Remove Words from Strings using Lists

```
stopWords_list = ["I", "have", "know",  
"like", "love", " to ", " a "]
```

```
# we remove stop words
```

```
# as they do not add specificity to the strings
```

```
def removeStopWords(in_str): # string input  
    for s in stopWords_list:  
        in_str = in_str.replace(s,"") #word with empty space  
    return in_str.strip() # remove spaces, return.  
#end of removeStopWords()
```

- Find remove the stop-words and compare the lists to find common words.
- When you find the common words between two lists, you have found a contextual link between them.