

Chapter 3. Sets

"Naively", a set is a collection of uniquely determined abstract objects.

This theory was introduced by Georg Cantor (~1870)
Later, contradictions have been found in this theory
(i.e. Cantor's set theory is not consistent)

Around 1920 \rightarrow axiomatic set theory has been developed.

- The concepts of $\begin{array}{l} \text{-- set} \\ \text{-- element} \\ \text{-- belongs } \in \end{array}$ } variables of the language
 $\text{-- belongs } \in$ - binary predicate
are primary, i.e. they are not defined.

A set can be given by:

- enumerating the elements e.g. $A = \{a, b, c\}$

- a property e.g. $A = \{x \mid P(x)\}$
where P is a predicate

e.g. $\{x \mid \underbrace{x \neq x}_{\exists (x=x)}\} = \emptyset$ the empty set
(it is unique)

- two sets are equal if they have the same elements:

$$A = B \iff \forall x (x \in A \iff x \in B).$$

- A is a subset of B

$$A \subseteq B \iff \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

• the power set of A is the set of all subsets of A .

$$\mathcal{P}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X \mid X \subseteq A\}$$

rem $X \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow X \in \mathcal{P}(A)$.

Example $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$.

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Rem. we will consider that all our sets are subsets of a "big" set U (universe)

Operations with sets

✓ (connective)

1) union $A \cup B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

2) intersection $A \cap B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

3) difference $A \setminus B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$

problem: $(A = U \setminus A = \{x \mid x \notin A\})$ \uparrow $\neg(x \in B)$

complement of A

hence $A \setminus B = A \cap \complement B$

4) symmetric difference

$\begin{cases} \Delta - \text{Delta} \\ \oplus - \text{delt} \end{cases}$

$$A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cap \complement B) \cup (B \cap \complement A)$$

$$= \{x \mid (x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B) \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A)\}$$

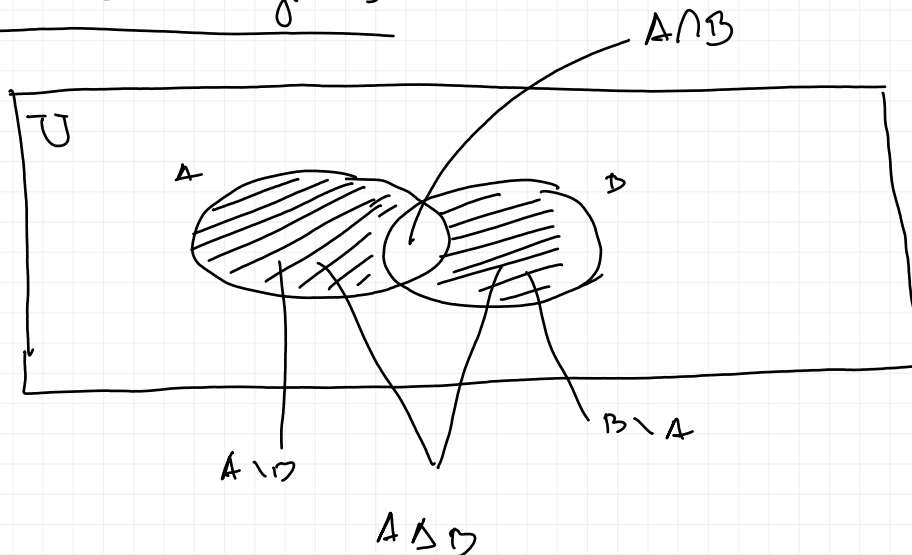
$$= \{x \mid x \in A \text{ xor } x \in B\}$$

$$= (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) = (A \cup B) \cap \complement(A \cap B)$$

truth table

p	q	p xor q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Euler-Venn diagrams



Ordered pair of elements

consider the element $a, b \in U$.

recall $\therefore \{a, b\} = \{b, a\}$

• if $a=b$ $\{a, b\} = \{a\}$

we want to define the ordered pair (a, b) such that the foll. property is satisfied:

$$(a, b) = (c, d) \iff a=c \text{ and } b=d$$

Def (Kuratowski, 1921).

$$(a, b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

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

Def by recursion we define ordered n -tuples:

$$(a, b, c) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((a, b), c)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}), a_n)$$

5). Cartesian product (René Descartes ~ 1650)
Renatus Cartesius)

$$A \times B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \ a_i \in A_i\}$$

Russell's paradox (Bertrand Russell).

We may consider "the set of all sets" $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{S}?$

Let $R = \{X \mid X \text{ is a set, } X \notin X\}$. - this is not according to Cantor

Question: does $R \in R$?

Case 1 Assume $R \in R$. Then R does not satisfy the condition in the def. of R , hence $R \notin R$, contradiction.

Case 2 Assume $R \notin R$. Then R satisfies the condition in the definition of R , hence $R \in R$, contradiction.

This leads to axiomatic set theory

- $X \in X$ is not allowed

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Chapter 4. Relations (correspondences)

Def A relation is a triple $\rho = (A, B, R)$ where $R \subseteq A \times B$ and A, B are sets.

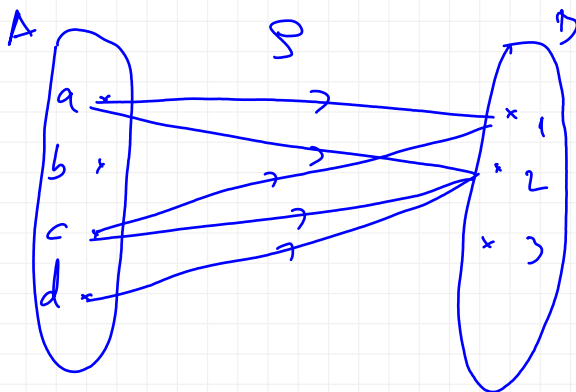
- A is called the domain of ρ : $\text{dom } \rho$
- B is called the codomain of ρ : $\text{codom } \rho$
- $R \subseteq A \times B$ is the graph of ρ

Rem a) equality of relations $\rho = (A, B, R), \sigma = (C, D, S)$.

$$\rho = \sigma \iff \begin{cases} A = C & (\text{have the same domain}) \\ B = D & (\text{have the same codomain}) \\ R = S & (\text{have the same graph}) \end{cases}$$

b). We write : $(a, b) \in R \xLeftrightarrow{\text{not.}} a \rho b$ e.g. $a < b$
 $a \mid b$
 $d_1 \perp d_2$
 $a \rho b \iff a \sigma b$

c). We may represent relation by any oriented graphs (quiver)



$$R = \{(a, x_1), (a, x_2), (c, x_1), (c, x_2), (c, x_3), (d, x_2), (d, x_3)\}$$

$$R^{-1} = \{(x_1, a), (x_2, a), (x_1, c), (x_2, c), (x_3, c), (x_2, d), (x_3, d)\}$$

(we invert the arrows)

Examps i) the universal relation $\rho = (A, B, A \times B)$.

ie. $\forall a \in A \forall b \in B \quad a \rho b$

the empty relation

$$(A, B, \emptyset)$$

2). The identity (equality) relation on the set A .

$$I_A = (A, A, \Delta_A) \quad \text{where}$$

$$\Delta_A = \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } a I_A b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (a, b) \in \Delta_A \\ \iff a = b.$$

Operations with relations

1) union Let $\rho = (A, B, R), \rho' = (A, B, R')$

$$\rho \cup \rho' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A, B, R \cup R')$$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall (a, b) \in A \times B : a \rho \cup \rho' b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} a \rho b \text{ or } a \rho' b.$$

2) intersection $\rho \cap \rho' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A, B, R \cap R')$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall (a, b) \in A \times B : a \rho \cap \rho' b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} a \rho b \text{ and } a \rho' b$$

3) the inverse of a relation Let $\rho = (A, B, R)$.

$$\text{then } \rho^{-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (B, A, \bar{R}^{-1}), \text{ where } \bar{R}^{-1} \subseteq B \times A$$

$$\bar{R}^{-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(b, a) \mid (a, b) \in R\}$$

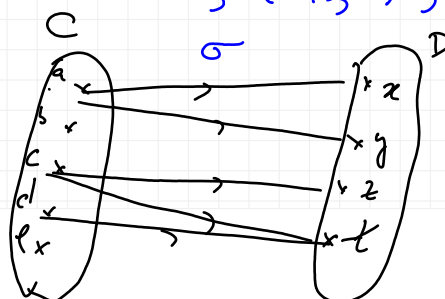
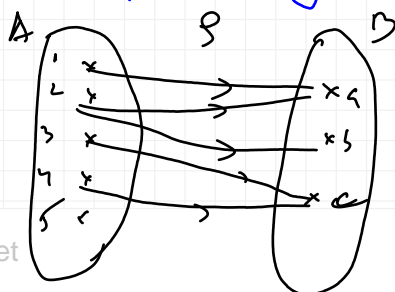
$$\text{i.e. } \forall (a, b) \in A \times B : a \rho b \iff b \rho^{-1} a$$

(ρ^{-1} is not the inverse w.r.t. an operation)

4) The composition of relations

$$\text{Let } \rho = (A, B, R), \sigma = (C, D, S)$$

Example



$$S \subseteq C \times D$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \sigma & \circ & \rho & = & (A & , & D & , & S \circ R) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \text{2nd} & & \text{1st} & & \text{domain} & & \text{codom } \sigma & & \end{array} \quad \text{where } S \circ R \subseteq A \times D$$

In our example: $S \circ R = \{(1, x), (1, y), (2, x), (2, y), (3, x), (3, y), (4, x), (4, y)\}$

In general:

$$S \circ R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, d) \in A \times D \mid (\exists x) \underset{\text{codom } \rho}{x \in B \cap C} \text{ s.t. } \underset{\text{dom } \sigma}{(a, x) \in R} \text{ and } (x, d) \in S\}$$

equivalently:

For $(a, d) \in A \times D$ we have:

$$a \circ \rho \circ d \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (\exists x) x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \circ \rho \text{ and } x \circ d$$

Theorem (Properties of the composition),

1). the identity relation is neutral element w.r.t. " \circ ".

i.e. $\rho \circ \mathbb{1}_A = \mathbb{1}_B \circ \rho = \rho$, where $\rho = (A, B, R)$

2). " \circ " is associative: if $\rho = (A, B, R)$, $\sigma = (C, D, S)$, $\tau = (E, F, T)$

then $\tau \circ (\sigma \circ \rho) = (\tau \circ \sigma) \circ \rho$

Proof 1). $\rho \circ \mathbb{1}_A = (A, B, R \circ \Delta_A)$

$\mathbb{1}_B \circ \rho = (A, B, \Delta_B \circ R)$

so we have
the same
domain and the
same codomain

Let $(a, b) \in A \times B$. We have:

$a \circ \rho \circ \mathbb{1}_A b \iff (\exists x) x \in A \cap A \text{ and } a \mathbb{1}_A x \text{ and } x \rho b \iff a \rho b$

$a \mathbb{1}_B \circ \rho b \iff (\exists x) x \in B \cap B \text{ and } a \rho x \text{ and } x \mathbb{1}_B b \iff a \rho b$

$$b). \quad \sigma \circ \rho = (A, D, S \circ R), \quad \tau \circ (\sigma \circ \rho) = (A, F, T \circ (S \circ R))$$

$$\tau \circ \sigma = (C, F, T \circ S); \quad (\tau \circ \sigma) \circ \rho = (A, F, (T \circ S) \circ R)$$

So both rel's have the same domain and the same codomain

Let $(a, f) \in A \times F$. We have

$$a \text{ } (\tau \circ \sigma) \circ \rho \text{ } \stackrel{\text{def. } \circ}{\iff} (\exists x) \ x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \rho x \text{ and } x \tau \circ \sigma \text{ } \stackrel{\text{def. } \circ}{\iff}$$

$$\iff (\exists x) \ x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \rho x \text{ and } (\exists y) \ y \in D \cap E \text{ and } x \sigma y \text{ and } y \tau f$$

$$\iff (\exists x) (\exists y) \ x \in B \cap C \text{ and } a \rho x \text{ and } y \in D \cap E \text{ and } x \sigma y \text{ and } y \tau f$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{def. } \circ}{\iff} (\exists y) \ y \in D \cap E \text{ and } a \sigma \circ \rho \ y \text{ and } y \tau f$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def. } \circ}{\iff} a \tau \circ (\sigma \circ \rho) \text{ } \stackrel{\text{def. } \circ}{\iff}$$

We have used the following truth logics:

$$\bullet \quad A \wedge (B \wedge C) \iff (A \wedge B) \wedge C \quad (\text{assoc of } \wedge)$$

$$\bullet \quad A \wedge B \iff B \wedge A \quad (\text{comm of } \wedge)$$

$$\bullet \quad \exists x \exists y \ A \iff \exists y \exists x \ A$$

$$\bullet \quad \exists x (A \wedge C(x)) \iff A \wedge \exists x \ C(x) \quad (A \text{ does not depend on the var } x)$$

Remark
2.3.9 (i) and (ii)
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