

Set Operators

- The operators are given in the right hand side table
- Here we are taking the following sets and performing different set operators.

$s = \{ 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 \}$

$A = \{ 1,2,3,5,7 \}$ $B = \{ 5,7,9,10,11 \}$

- **Union** means combining both sets and removing duplicates

$C = A \mid B \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \mid B = \{ 1,2,3,5,7,9,10,11 \}$

C - Taking result of A , B in var C
| - pipe / union symbol

- **Intersection** means giving common elements

$C = A \& B \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \& B = \{ 5,7 \}$

C - Taking result of A , B in var C
& - Intersection symbol

- **Difference** of A - B means take all elements of A except those common in B

$C = A - B \quad \Rightarrow \quad A - B = \{ 1,2,3 \}$

- **Symmetric Difference** means take all elements of A and B except those common to both sets

$C = A \wedge B \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \wedge B = \{ 1,2,3,9,10,11 \}$

C - Taking result of A , B in var C
^ - Symmetric difference

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<
<=
>
>=
==
!=
in
not in

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>>>
>>> A={1,2,3,5,7}
>>> B={5,7,9,10,11}
>>> A|B                                #union
{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11}
>>> A&B                                #intersection
{5, 7}
>>> A-B                                #difference
{1, 2, 3}
>>> A^B                                #symmetric difference
{1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11}
>>>

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- Now let us check other operators.
- `<, >` are useful for checking proper subset (or) proper superset
- `<=, >=` they consider equal sets as well while checking subset and superset
- `==` they check if two sets are equal or not
- `!=` they check if two sets are not equal

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>>>
>>> S = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}
>>> A={1,2,3,5,7}
>>> B={5,7,9,10,11}
>>>
>>> A<B
False
>>> B<A
False
>>> A<S
True
>>> S>B
False                                #11 Is in B but not in S so that's why false
>>> S==S
True
>>> S!=A
True
>>> S<=A
False
>>> S>=B
False
>>>

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- `in, not in` are also known as membership operators
- They check if an element is present in a set or not and return boolean type as result.

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>>>
>>> S = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}
>>> A={1,2,3,5,7}
>>> B={5,7,9,10,11}
>>>
>>> 8 in S
True
>>> 11 in S
False
>>> 11 in B
True
>>>
>>>
>>> 11 not in S
True
>>>

```

Note :

- If you store the result of $A \mid B$ in A, then the result will be go in A itself. So, You can write this as

$A \mid B$ (same as $A = A \mid B$)

$A \& B$ (same as $A = A \& B$)

$A - B$ (same as $A = A - B$)