Collections

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0.1 Notes

1. The notebooks are largely self-contained, i.e, if you see a symbol there will be an explanation about it at some point in the notebook.
    - Most often there will be links to the cell where the symbols are explained
    - If the symbols are not explained in this notebook, a reference to the appropriate notebook will be provided
2. **Github does a poor job of rendering this notebook**. The online render of this notebook is missing links, symbols, and notations are badly formatted. It is advised that you clone a local copy (or download the notebook) and open it locally.

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1.1 Importing Libraries

```
[1]: import itertools
```

Sets

Introduction

A set is an unordererd collection of objects in which repetition is forbidden. Order does NOT matter. Denoted by

$$\{a, b, c\}$$

Notation: $\{2,3,7\}$ is a set of three integers

Large sets can be specified using a ellipses to show a continuing pattern: $\{2,4,6,8, …\}$

```
[2]: set([12,4,21,21])
```

```
[2]: {4, 12, 21}
```

Membership

Membership in a set is indicated using $\in$ which is read as 'belongs to' or 'is an element of'. So

$$x \in A$$

can be read as object x is an element of set A.

Note: sometimes the backward $\in$ is used in the same way, such that

$$A \ni x$$

means exactly the same as above. It is sometimes used to represent the phrase 'such that' but its more common to represent 'such that' with s.t

```
[3]: A = set([5,6,7])
     x = 5

     x in A
```

```
[3]: True
```

The opposite, i.e non-Membership, is indicated using $\notin$ which is read as 'not an element of' or 'does not belog to'. So

$$x \notin A$$

can be read as object x is NOT an element of set A.

```
[4]: A = set([5,6,7])
     x = 4

     x not in A
```

[4]: True

Null set

A set containing no elements is called a null set or an empty set. Denoted most commonly by:

$$\emptyset$$

But it is also generally denoted by

$$O$$

or

$$\varnothing$$

or simply by

$$\{\}$$

For more information, see the Numbers notebook

```
[5]: a = set([])

     a == set()
```

[5]: True

Real set

A set containing real numbers is called a real number set. It is represented by:

$$\mathbb{R}$$

So we can represent variable x can only be a real number with the representation:

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

For more information, see the Numbers notebook

```
[6]: R = (float,int)
     x = 3.8

     type(x) == R[0] or type(x) == R[1]
```

Integer set

A set containing only integers is called an integer set. It is represented by:

$$\mathbb{Z}$$

So we can represent variable x can only be an integer with the representation:

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Nonnegative and negative integers can also be represented, but with additions to this symbol. There are various ways to represent it, commonly used symbols for **non-negative integers** are: $\mathbb{Z}^*, \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

For more information, see the Numbers notebook

```
[7]: Z = int
x = 5

type(x) == Z
```

[7]: True

Complex set

A set containing only complex numbers is called a complex number set. It is represented by:

$$\mathbb{C}$$

So we can represent variable x can only be a complex number with the representation:

$$x \in \mathbb{C}$$

For more information, see the Numbers notebook

```
[8]: C = complex
x = complex(3,5)

print(x.real,x.imag)
type(x) == C
```

3.0 5.0

[8]: True

Set builders notation

The set builder notation can be used to represent sets in a more consistent manner. The set builder notation will include a couple of statements within curly braces that generally denotes the elements of the built set and it's conditions. For example

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 1 \leq x \leq 100\}$$

This can be read as the dummy variable x, which is just a generic name for elements of this set, comes from an integer set (i.e all elements of A are integers). The colon then describes additional conditions for x, which in this case is that x has to be between 1 and 100 **inclusive**.

Sometimes, instead of a colon a pipe can be used . **This DOES not mean conditioning as used in probability notations**. The meaning is the same as above, the colon and pipe are interchangeable from a notation perspective. The above notation is equivalent to:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq x \leq 100\}$$

Sometimes the conditions can be described in simple words. It has the same meaning as the above as well:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{x is greater than or equal to 1 but less than or equal to 100}\}$$

```
[9]: Z = int
     #A = set(list(range(1,101)))
     A_example = set([2,3,7,34,3,91])

     for x in A_example:
         print((type(x) == Z) and (100 >=x>= 1))
```

```
True
True
True
True
True
```

When context is clear we may skip the preamble, or the preamble may be used to just introduce the dummy variable such that:

$$\{x : 1 \leq x \leq 100\}$$

or

$$\{x \mid 1 \leq x \leq 100\}$$

The conditions can be sophisticated and complex at times and can require careful reading to understand the nuances. For example: some of the conditions may actually be expressions that need to be evaluated such as:

$$\{(x, y) : x + y = 6\}, x \in A, y \in B$$

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Breaking this down, this set builder notation builds a set of ordered pairs of x and y that SHOULD sum to 6, where x takes values from set A and y takes values from set B. It should be noted that $(x, y) \neq (y, x)$ since the paranthesis suggests that (x, y) is a list. For more on lists, see: introduction to Lists

```
[10]: Z = int
      A = set([-2,4,7])
      B = set([2,8,9])

      example_set_of_x_y = itertools.product(A,B)

      print(list(itertools.product(A,B)))

      set([ (x,y) for x,y in example_set_of_x_y if (x + y == 6)])
```

```
[(4, 8), (4, 9), (4, 2), (-2, 8), (-2, 9), (-2, 2), (7, 8), (7, 9), (7, 2)]
```

[10]: {(-2, 8), (4, 2)}

```
[11]: # However, set_of_x_y is a set which is unordered and does NOT allow␣
      ↪repetitions
      set_of_x_y = set([(2,4),
                        (4,2),
                        (3,3),
                        (3,3),
                        (2,4),
                        (4,2)
                      ])
      set_of_x_y
```

[11]: {(2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 2)}

Set equality

Two sets A and B are equal if they have the same elements.

$$A = B$$

```
[12]: A = set([3,5,6,7])
      B = set([3,5,6,7])

      A == B
```

[12]: True

Subset

Consider two sets A and B. A is considered a subset of B if all elements of A are also elements in B. A may also be equal to B.

Denoted by:
$$A \subseteq B$$

Note: Strict subsets can be denoted by $\subset$. This denotes only subset with no equality of the subsets. Consider sets A and B where A is a subset of B but never equal to B:
$$A \subset B$$

However, this isn't universally accepted and some authors use $\subset$ and $\subseteq$ interchangeably

```
[13]:  A = set([3,5,6,7])
       B = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
       C = set([3,5,6,7])

       A.issubset(B), A.issubset(C), A == B, A == C
```

```
[13]:  (True, True, False, True)
```

Note: It should be noted that $A \subseteq B$ is not the same as $A \in B$, mainly because when we talk about subsets we are talking about **sets** A and B. When we talk about membership $x \in B$ we are talking about **elements** in Sets.

```
[14]:  A = set([4])
       B = set([4])

       print('A is a subset of B: ',A.issubset(B))

       print('\nA belongs to B', A in B)

       for x in A:
           print('\nElement in A belongs to B: ', x in B)
```

```
A is a subset of B:  True

A belongs to B False

Element in A belongs to B:  True
```

Superset

Consider two sets A and B. A is considered a superset of B if all elements of B are also elements in A. A may also be equal to B.

Denoted by:
$$A \supseteq B$$

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Note: Strict supersets can be denoted by $\supset$. This denotes only superset with no equality of the subsets. Consider sets A and B where A is a superset of B but never equal to B:

$$A \supset B$$

However, this isn't universally accepted and some authors use $\supset$ and $\supseteq$ interchangeably

```
[15]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
      B = set([3,5,6,7])
      C = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])

      A.issuperset(B), A.issuperset(C), A == B, A == C
```

```
[15]: (True, True, False, True)
```

Union

Consider two sets A and B. The union of A and B are the set of elements that are in both A and B.

Denoted by:

$$A \cup B$$

```
[16]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
      B = set([3,5,6,          11,12,13,14,15])

      A.union(B)
```

```
[16]: {3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15}
```

Disjoint Union

Consider two sets A and B. A disjoint union is a single symbol that denotes that A and B DO NOT share common elements and the result is a new set with elements from both A and B.

This may denoted by any of several symbols such as: $\oplus, \uplus, +, \sqcup$ etc and can be an author preference.

For example

$$A_1 \uplus A_2 \uplus ... \uplus A_n = B$$

This means that none of the sets $A_1, A_2, A_3...A_n$ share common elements: i.e

- $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \ \forall i \neq j$ (See: For all, Null set, and Intersection)

And that the union of $A_1, A_2, A_3...A_n$ is B - $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup .. \cup A_3 = B$

Note: Such aggegations can be simply denoted using Big notations: see Big Union and Intersection

```
[17]: def disjoint_union(A,B):
          return A.union(B) if A.intersection(B) == set() else 'Invalid'
```

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```
A = set([      7,8,9,10])
B = set([3,5,6,        11,12,13,14,15])

disjoint_union(A,B)
```

[17]: {3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15}

Intersection

Consider two sets A and B. The intersection of A and B are the set of elements that they have in common.

Denoted by:
$$A \cap B$$

```
[18]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
      B = set([3,5,6,        11,12,13,14,15])

      A.intersection(B)
```

[18]: {3, 5, 6}

Difference or relative complement

Consider two sets A and B. The difference of A and B is a set of all elements in A that are not in B.

Denoted by:
$$A - B$$

Since this can be ambiguous and may **erroneously** be interpreted as $a - b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, it can also be denoted as a relative complement:

$$A \setminus B$$

```
[19]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
      B = set([3,5,6,        11,12,13,14,15])

      A - B
```

[19]: {7, 8, 9, 10}

Complement

The absolute complement of a set A is all elements that are not in A. This can mean a very large space of elements and is denoted various ways:

$$A^c$$

or

$$\overline{A}$$

or

$$A'$$

Symmetric Difference

Consider two sets A and B, the the symmetric difference of A and B are elements in A or B but not both.

Denoted by:
$$A \Delta B$$

Note that $A \Delta B = (A - B) \cap (B - A)$

```
[20]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])
      B = set([3,5,6,       11,12,13,14,15])

      A.symmetric_difference(B)
```

[20]: {7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15}

Cardinality

Consider set A, the cardinality is the number of elements in A. Denoted by:

$$|A|$$

```
[21]: A = set([3,5,6,7,8,9,10])

      cardinality = len(A)

      print(cardinality)
```

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Cartesian Product

Consider two sets A and B, the cartesian product is the set of all oredered pairs of elements in A and B:

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

Here (a,b) is a list (ordered pair) so $(a,b) \neq (b,a)$. See Lists: Introduction

```
[22]: A = set([3,5,6])
      B = set([7,8,9])

      set(itertools.product(A,B))
```

```
[22]: {(3, 7), (3, 8), (3, 9), (5, 7), (5, 8), (5, 9), (6, 7), (6, 8), (6, 9)}
```

As an extension of the cartesian product, the notation A^2 is cartesian product of A with A, so it is:

$$A^2 = \{(x,y) : x,y \in A\}$$

```
[23]: A = set([3,5,6])

      set(itertools.product(A,repeat=2))
```

```
[23]: {(3, 3), (3, 5), (3, 6), (5, 3), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 3), (6, 5), (6, 6)}
```

A further extension of the cartesian product, the notation A^n is the set of all n-tuples of elements of A:

$$A^n = \{(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n) : a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \in A\}, \ n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

(See: Integer set)

```
[24]: A = set([3,5])
      n = 3

      set(itertools.product(A,repeat=n))
```

```
[24]: {(3, 3, 3),
       (3, 3, 5),
       (3, 5, 3),
       (3, 5, 5),
       (5, 3, 3),
       (5, 3, 5),
       (5, 5, 3),
       (5, 5, 5)}
```

Power Set

Consider a set A, the power set of A is the set of all subsets of A. Denoted by the Weierstrass symbol:

$$\wp(A)$$

or

$$2^A$$

```
[25]: def powerset(A):
          return itertools.chain.from_iterable(itertools.combinations(A, i) for i in
      ↪range(len(A)+1))

      A = set([2,3,4])

      set(powerset(A))
```

[25]: {(), (2,), (2, 3), (2, 3, 4), (2, 4), (3,), (3, 4), (4,)}

Set Exponentiation

##Need to add

```
[ ]:
```

Lists

Introduction

Note: Here we are talking about the mathematical definition of List.

A list is an ordered collection of objects in which repetition is permitted. Lists are denoted using paranthesis:

$$A = (2, 7, 2, 8, 11)$$

Order matters in lists and repetiton is allowed such that $(a_1, a_1, a_2) \neq (a_1, a_2, a_1)$

A list of n elements is sometimes called an $n-$tuple.

```
[26]: A = [2,1,1]
      B = [1,2,2]

      A == B
```

[26]: False

Aggregation symbols

Big Sum

The symbol $\sum$ is used to represent a sum of a collection. The sum notation is typically used as:

$$\sum_{i=\text{start}}^{\text{stop}} \text{expression involving i}$$

For example:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{5} x^i$$

which after explicitely expanding the sum will look like:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{5} x^i = x^1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5$$

```python
[27]: def sum_x_1_to_5(x):

          sum_var = 0
          for i in range(1,6):
              sum_var += x**i
              print('x: ',x,',i: ',i,',sum: ',sum_var)
          return sum_var

      sum_x_1_to_5(3)
```

```
x:  3 ,i:  1 ,sum:  3
x:  3 ,i:  2 ,sum:  12
x:  3 ,i:  3 ,sum:  39
x:  3 ,i:  4 ,sum:  120
x:  3 ,i:  5 ,sum:  363
```

```
[27]: 363
```

If the stop condition is ∞, the summation keeps going on without end:

$$F(\infty) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + ...$$

When computing this sum, it's obviously impossible to keep summing to infinity, the computation will never end. In such cases we can define a tolerance level δ, that is the increase in magnitude of the sum for an iteration reaching which the computation will be terminated.

$$F(i) - F(i-1) \le \delta$$

In this case

$$F(i) - F(i-1) = \frac{1}{2^i}$$

so the tolerance value for termination will be:

$$\frac{1}{2^i} \le \delta$$

For more information defining functions F, see the Functions notebook

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```
[28]: def sum_1_by_2_n(tol):

          sum_var = 0
          i = 0
          current_iter = 1000 #Dummy value to begin the algorithm
          while current_iter > tol:
              current_iter = (1/(2**i))
              sum_var += current_iter
              i += 1
              print('Current iteration value: ', current_iter,', tolerance: ',tol,',␣
      ↪sum: ',sum_var)


          return sum_var

      sum_1_by_2_n(0.0005)
```

```
Current iteration value:  1.0 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.0
Current iteration value:  0.5 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.5
Current iteration value:  0.25 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.75
Current iteration value:  0.125 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.875
Current iteration value:  0.0625 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.9375
Current iteration value:  0.03125 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.96875
Current iteration value:  0.015625 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.984375
Current iteration value:  0.0078125 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.9921875
Current iteration value:  0.00390625 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.99609375
Current iteration value:  0.001953125 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.998046875
Current iteration value:  0.0009765625 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:  1.9990234375
Current iteration value:  0.00048828125 , tolerance:  0.0005 , sum:
1.99951171875
```

[28]: 1.99951171875

Big Product

The symbol $\prod$ is used to represent products of a collection and it is analogous to the big sum. The big product notation is typically used as:

$$\prod_{i=\text{start}}^{\text{stop}} \text{expression involving i}$$

For example:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{5}(2i+1)$$

which after explicitly expanding the sum will look like:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{5}(2i+1) = 1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 9 \times 11$$

```
[29]: prod = 1

      for i in range(6):
          prod *= (2*i+1)
          print('Iteration: ',i,', value: ',(2*i+1),', product: ',prod)

      prod
```

```
Iteration:  0 , value:  1 , product:  1
Iteration:  1 , value:  3 , product:  3
Iteration:  2 , value:  5 , product:  15
Iteration:  3 , value:  7 , product:  105
Iteration:  4 , value:  9 , product:  945
Iteration:  5 , value:  11 , product:   10395
```

[29]: 10395

Big Union, Intersection, And etc

In fact, analogous to the Big sum and Big product notation, most other operators may be denoted for aggregation by using the giant form of it with a dummy index.

For example: Assume A_1, A_2, A_3 are sets, then the Big Union can be used to show aggregation of several unions

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{3} A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$$

The Big Intersection can be used to show aggregation of several intersections

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{3} A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3$$

If p_1, p_2, p_3 are Booleans, Big And shows aggregation of several Logical Ands (see Logic notebook)

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{3} p_i = p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3$$

Aggegating over collections

Unitl now all aggegration operations traverses a continious stretch of integers. Sometimes, we want to traverse over other forms of indices. In such cases, we can indicate traversals over sets by showing membership of the index:

$$\sum_{i \in A} i^2$$

This can be expanded explicitly by defining set A, for example consider set $A = \{3, 6, 1.7, 5\}$, then

$$\sum_{i \in A} i^2 = 3^2 + 6^2 + 1.7^2 + 5^2$$

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Note: This is true for all the above aggegation notations

```
[30]: A = set([3,6,1.7,5])

      sum_var = 0
      for i in A:
          sum_var += i**2
          print('i: ',i,', sum: ',sum_var)

      sum_var
```

```
i:  1.7 , sum:  2.8899999999999997
i:  3 , sum:  11.89
i:  5 , sum:  36.89
i:  6 , sum:  72.89
```

[30]: 72.89

Einstein notations

In some contexts, especially in Tensor algebra, it is convenient to write sums without explicitly writing the Summation symbol $\sum$. **The Einstein or Tensor notation has several rules**, but in general a dummy index that is repeated is assumed to be the variable on which the summation is done. The summation is done from 1 to the order of the tensor.

For example consider a $m \times m$ square matrix A and vectors u and v of dimension m. Matrix vector multiplication can then be denoted using Einstein notation by

$$u_i = A_{ij}v_j$$

which is equivalent to:

$$u_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{j=3} A_{1j}v_j,$$

$$u_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{j=3} A_{2j}v_j,$$

$$u_3 = \sum_{j=1}^{j=3} A_{3j}v_j$$

This was a simple example to introduce the concept. Please see the wikipage for more rules: (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Einstein_notation#Matrix-vector_multiplication)

```
[31]: # Einstein Notation: u_i = A_ij * v_j

      A = [[1,2,3],
           [4,5,6],
           [7,8,9]]
```

```
v = [2,2,2]
u = [0,0,0] #initializing

for i in range(len(u)):
    u[i] = sum([ a*v[j] for j,a in enumerate(A[i])])

u
```

[31]: [12, 30, 48]