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6.1 Set Theory

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Definition

Unions and Intersections of an Indexed Collection of Sets

Given A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are subsets of a universal set U and given a positive integer n ,

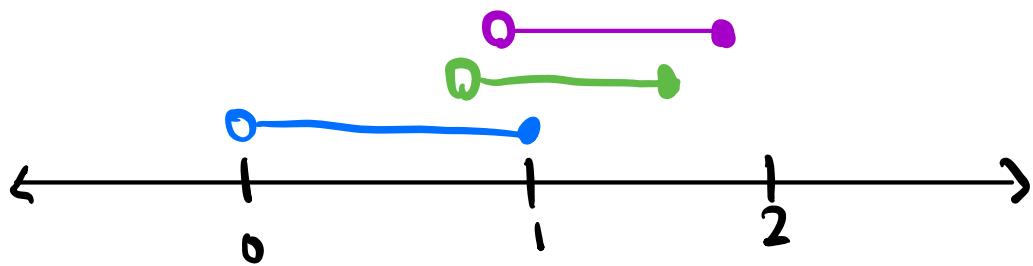
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \{x \in U \mid \exists i \in \{1, \dots, n\} (x \in A_i)\}$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{x \in U \mid \exists i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (x \in A_i)\}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = \{x \in U \mid \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} (x \in A_i)\}$$

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$$A_1 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}, 2 - \frac{1}{n}\right] = (0, 2)$$



$$(1-\frac{1}{1}, 2-\frac{1}{1}] \cup (1-\frac{1}{4}, 2-\frac{1}{2}] \cup (1-\frac{1}{9}, 2-\frac{1}{3}] \cup \dots$$

$$(0, 1] \cup (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{2}] \cup (\frac{8}{9}, \frac{5}{3}] \cup \dots$$

Definition

The empty set or null set is the set with no elements denoted \emptyset or $\{\}$.

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example

Let S be any set.

e.g.

① Prove that $\emptyset \subseteq S$.

$\{\}\subseteq\{1, 2\}$

$\forall x(x \in \emptyset \rightarrow x \in S)$

$\{\}\not\subseteq\{1, 2\}$

vacuously true

$\{\}\in\{\{\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

② Is it always true that $\emptyset \in S$?

False in general, e.g. $S = \{2\}$, $\emptyset \notin S$

③ Is it always true that $\emptyset \notin S$?

False, e.g. $S = \{\emptyset\}$, $\emptyset \in S$

④ Prove that if $S \subset \emptyset$ then $S = \emptyset$.

Suppose $S \subset \emptyset$. By ①, $\emptyset \subset S$, so
 $S \subset \emptyset$ and $\emptyset \subset S$. Thus $S = \emptyset$.

e.g. $A = \{1, 2\}$

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$$

$$N(A) = 2 = |A| = \#(A) = \text{card}(A)$$

$$N(\mathcal{P}(A)) = 2^{N(A)}$$

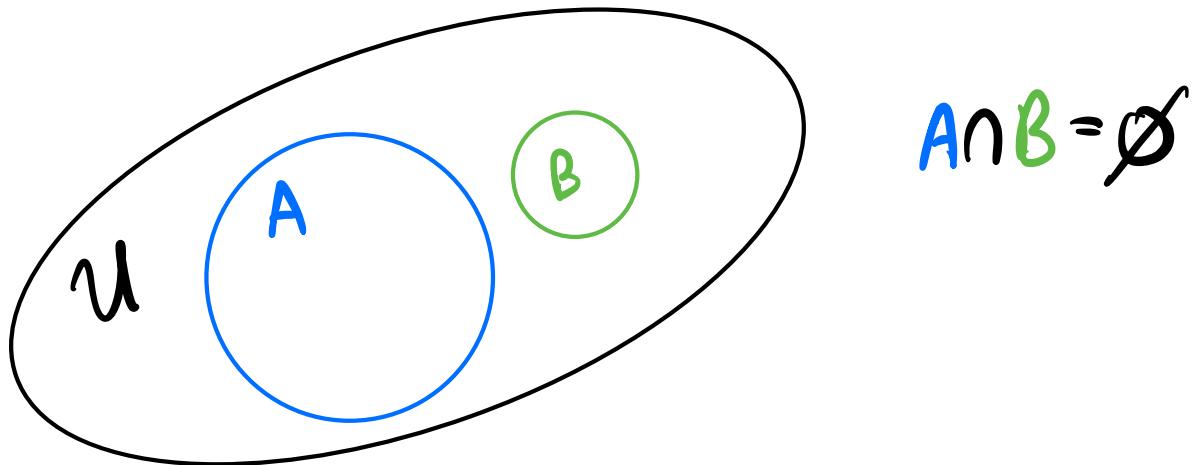
$$B = \{\{1\}\} = \{B'\} \quad \text{let } B' = \{1\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(B) = \{\emptyset, \{\{1\}\}\}$$

Definition

Two sets are **disjoint** if and only if the two sets have no elements in common.

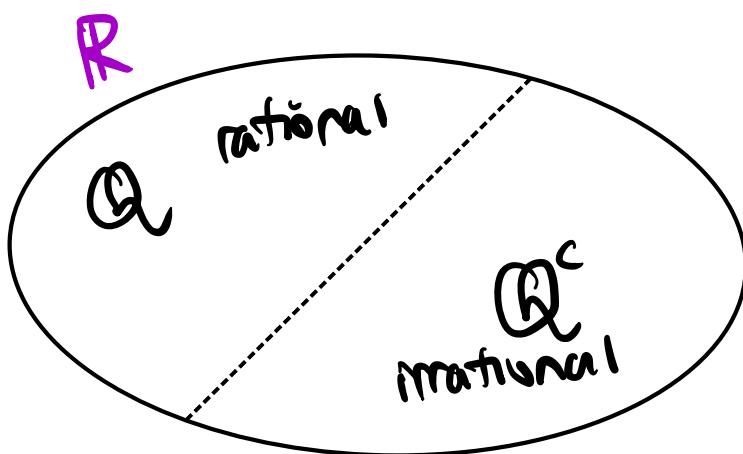
$$A \text{ and } B \text{ are disjoint} \iff A \cap B = \emptyset$$



Definition

Sets A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are **mutually disjoint**, **pairwise disjoint**, or **nonoverlapping** if and only if any two sets A_i and A_j such that $i \neq j$ have no elements in common.

$$i \neq j \Rightarrow A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$$



example

Let $A_i = (i-1, i]$ for any $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

If $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $i \neq j$,
what is $A_i \cap A_j$?

$$i=2 \quad A_2 = (2-1, 2] = (1, 2]$$

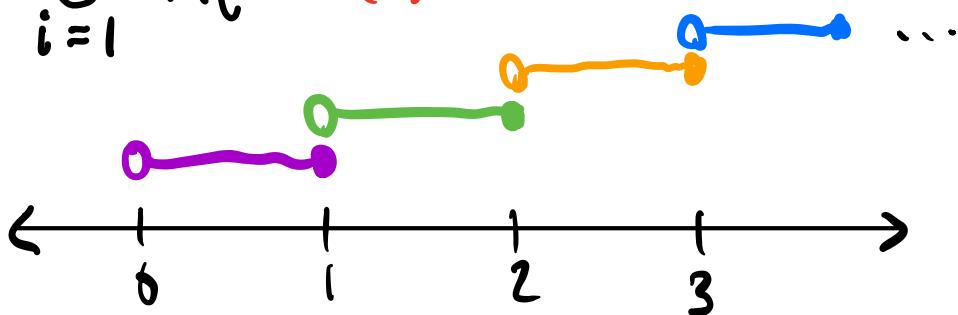
$$j=12 \quad A_{12} = (11, 12]$$

$$(0, 1] \cup (1, 2] \cup (2, 3] \cup \dots$$

$$i \neq j \Rightarrow A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$$

How about $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$?

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = (0, \infty)$$



Definition

A finite or infinite collection of nonempty sets $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots\}$ is a **partition** of a set A if and only if

- ① A is the union of all A_i
- ② the sets A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are mutually disjoint.

example 6.1.11

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that, for any $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$,

$$Z_i := \{m \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} (m = i + nk)\}.$$

$$n=4, i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= \{m \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} (m = 0 + 4k)\} \\ &= \{0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 12, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_1 = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} (m = 1 + 4k)\}$$

$$= \{\dots, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots\}$$

$$Z_2 = \{\dots, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, \dots\}$$

$$Z_3 = \{\dots, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, \dots\}$$

Then $\mathbb{Z} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} Z_i$ and $\{Z_i\}$ is a partition of \mathbb{Z} .

Definition

Given a set A , the power set of A , denoted $\mathcal{P}(A)$, is the set of all subsets of A .

Let $A_1 = \{1\}$, $A_2 = \{1, 2\}$, and $A_3 = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

$$\mathcal{P}(A_1) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\} \quad 2^1 = 2$$

$$\mathcal{P}(A_2) \text{ see above} \quad 2^2 = 4 \quad 2^3 = 8$$

$$\mathcal{P}(A_3) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$$

$$N(P(A_1)) = |P(A_1)| = 2$$

6.2 Properties of Sets

Theorem 6.2.1

Some Subset Relations

① Inclusion of Intersection

For all sets A and B,

- a) $A \cap B \subseteq A$
- b) $A \cap B \subseteq B$

② Inclusion in Union

For all sets A and B,

- a) $A \subseteq A \cup B$ but $A \cup B \subseteq A$ is false
- b) $B \subseteq A \cup B$

③ Transitive Property of Subsets

For all sets A, B, and C,

if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$.

e.g. $\mathbb{Z}^+ \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0, -1\}$

$\mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0, -1\} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$

For any set A , $A \subseteq A$.

$$\forall x \in U (x \in A \rightarrow x \in A) \equiv \forall x \in A (x \in A)$$

Procedural Versions of Set Definitions

Let X and Y be subsets of a universal set U and suppose $x, y \in U$.

$$① x \in X \cup Y \iff x \in X \text{ or } x \in Y$$

$$② x \in X \cap Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } x \in Y$$

$$③ x \in X - Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } x \notin Y$$

$$④ x \in X^c \iff x \notin X$$

$$⑤ (x, y) \in X \times Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y$$

Theorem 6.2.2

Set Identities

Let all sets below be subsets of a universal set U .

① **Commutative Laws** For all sets A and B ,

a) $A \cup B = B \cup A$

b) $A \cap B = B \cap A$

② **Associative Laws** For all sets A, B , and C ,

a) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

b) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

③ **Distributive Laws** For all sets A, B , and C ,

a) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

b) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

④ **Identity Laws** For any set A ,

a) $A \cup \emptyset = A$

b) $A \cap U = A$

⑤ **Complement Laws** For any set A ,

a) $A \cup A^c = U$

b) $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$

⑥ **Double Complement Law** For any set A ,

$$(A^c)^c = A.$$

Theorem 6.2.2 (continued)

Let all sets below be subsets of a universal set U .

⑦ **Idempotent Laws** for any set A ,

a) $A \cup A = A$

b) $A \cap A = A$

⑧ **Universal Bound Laws** For any set A ,

a) $A \cup U = U$

b) $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

⑨ **DeMorgan's Laws** For any sets A and B ,

a) $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

b) $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

⑩ **Absorptions Laws** for any sets A and B ,

a) $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$

b) $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$

⑪ **Complements of U and \emptyset**

a) $U^c = \emptyset$

b) $\emptyset^c = U$

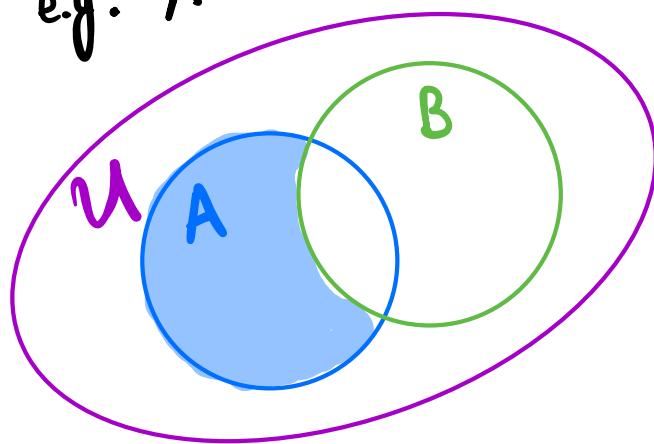
⑫ **Set Difference Law** for all sets A and B ,

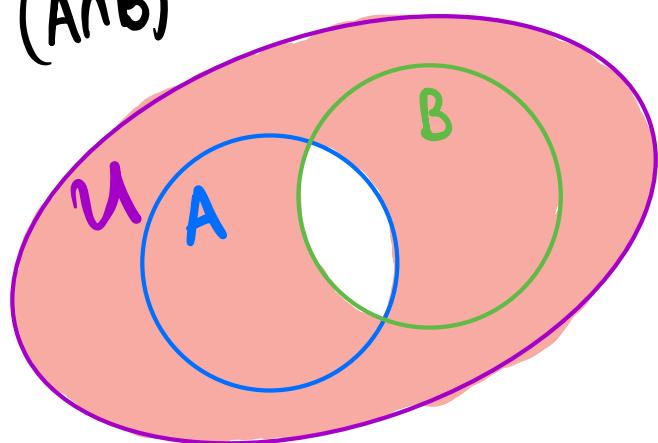
$$A - B = A \cap B^c$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(A \cap B)^c \cap A &= (A^c \cup B^c) \cap A && \text{DeMorgan's Laws} \\&= A \cap (A^c \cup B^c) && \text{commutativity} \\&= (A \cap A^c) \cup (A \cap B^c) && \text{distributivity} \\&= \emptyset \cup (A \cap B^c) && \text{complement law} \\&= (A \cap B^c) \cup \emptyset && \text{commutativity} \\&= A \cap B^c && \text{identity law} \\&= A - B && \text{set difference law}\end{aligned}$$

e.g. $A - B$



$(A \cap B)^c$ 

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