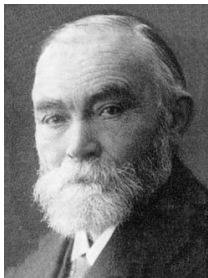# 1-8 集合及其运算

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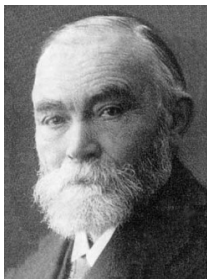
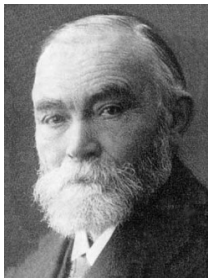hfwei@nju.edu.cn

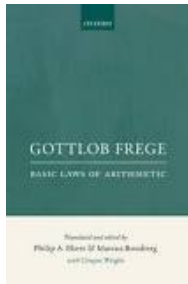2017 年 12 月 04 日

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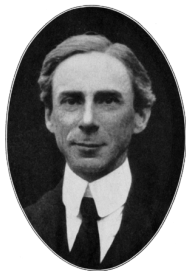
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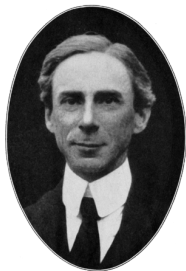
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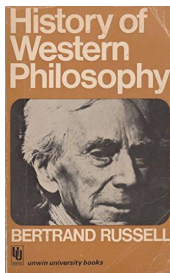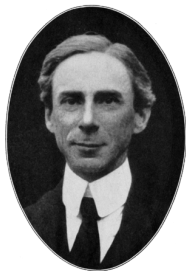
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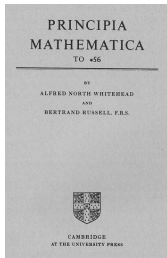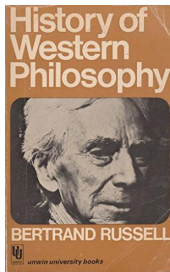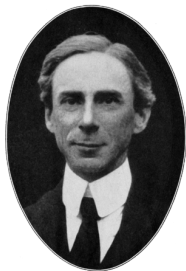
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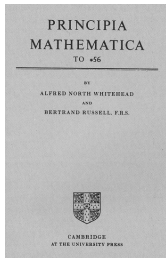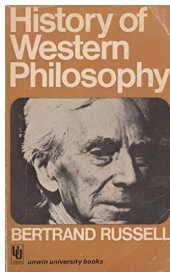
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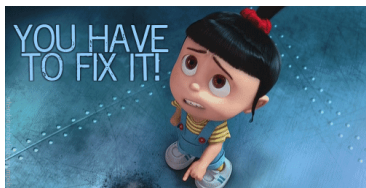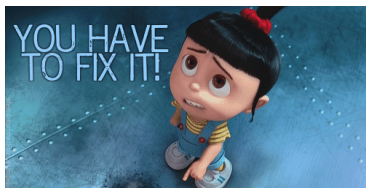
Solution: $\{x \mid x \notin x\}$ **does not exist!**

A Little Axiomatic Set Theory (ZFC)

Ernst Zermelo (1871–1953)

Abraham Fraenkel (1891–1965)

Definition (Axiom Schema of Separation)

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We can never look for objects "not in B" unless we know where to start looking. So we use A to tell us where to look for elements not in B. — UD (Chapter 6)

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Set Operations

$\cap$ $\cup$ $\setminus$

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UD 7.1 (b): Distributive Property

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Theorem (Distributive Property (Theorem 7.1))

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

Proof.
If $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$, then $x \in A$ or $x \in B \cap C$. Suppose first that $x \in A$. Then $x \in A \cup B$ and $x \in A \cup C$. In this first case, we see that $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$. Now suppose that $x \in B \cap C$. Then $x \in B$ and $x \in C$. Since $x \in B$, we see that $x \in A \cup B$. Since we also have $x \in C$, we see that $x \in A \cup C$. Therefore, $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ in this case as well. In either case $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ and we may conclude that $A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$.

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Since we proved containment in both directions we may conclude that the two sets are equal. ∎

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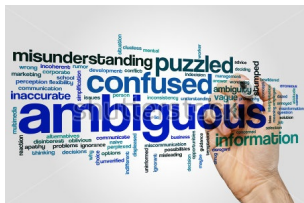
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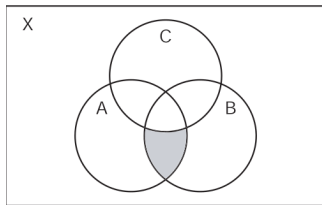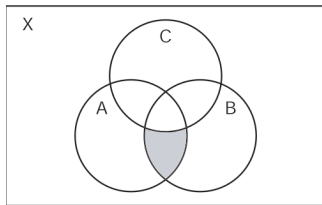(i) $(A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap B \cap C)$

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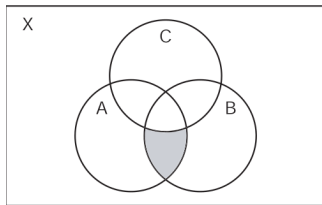
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Set Family $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$

$\bigcap \quad \bigcup$

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Theorem (The Nested Interval Theorem (Cantor))

设 $\{[a_n, b_n]\}$ 为递降闭区间套序列, 即

$$[a_1, b_1] \supset [a_2, b_2] \supset \cdots \supset [a_n, b_n] \supset \cdots.$$

如果 $\lim_{n \to \infty} (b_n - a_n) = 0$, 则存在唯一的点 c, 使得 $c \in [a_n, b_n], \forall n \geq 1$.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : A_n \subset B_n \not\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$$

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DeMorgan's Law: UD Exercise 8.9

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DeMorgan's Law: UD 8.9

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Video:

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UD Exercise 9.3

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