

Sets 4 Relations

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1 notation

\mathbb{R}	the set of real numbers	
\mathbb{C}	the set of complex numbers	
\mathbb{Q}	the set of rational numbers	$\{ \frac{n}{m} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge m \neq 0 \wedge \gcd(n, m) = 1 \}$
\mathbb{Z}	the set of integers	
\mathbb{N}	the set of natural numbers	$\{ 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$
A^*	the non-zero elements of A	$\{ a \in A \mid a \neq 0 \}$
A^+	the positive elements of A	$\{ a \in A \mid a > 0 \}$
A^-	the negative elements of A	$\{ a \in A \mid a < 0 \}$
$\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$	the set of irrational numbers	$\{ a \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \notin \mathbb{Q} \}$ note: $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \cap \mathbb{Q} = \emptyset$
$\exists x$	there exists at least one x	
$\exists' x$	there exists only one x	

2 set definitions

def **subset**

A is a **subset** of B $A \subseteq B$ iff $\forall a \in A, a \in B$

def **proper subset**

A is a **proper subset** of B iff $\forall a \in A, a \in B \wedge \exists b \in B, b \notin A$ (denoted $A \subset B$)

def **relation**

a **relation** \mathcal{R} on a set A is a subset of $A \times A$ $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$

def **equivalence relation**

\mathcal{R} is an **equivalence relation** iff

1) it is **reflexive**

def **reflexive**

$\forall a \in A, a \mathcal{R} a \quad ((a, a) \in \mathcal{R})$

2) it is **symmetric**

def **symmetric**

$\forall a, b \in A, a \mathcal{R} b \Rightarrow b \mathcal{R} a$

3) it is **transitive**

def **transitive**

$\forall a, b, c \in A, a \mathcal{R} b \wedge b \mathcal{R} c \Rightarrow a \mathcal{R} c$

3 set operations

$A \cup B$	union	$\{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
$A \cap B$	intersection	$\{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
$A \setminus B$	complement of B in A	$\{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
$A \times B$	cartesian product of A and B	$\{(x, y) \mid x \in A \wedge y \in B\}$

note:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A \cup B = B \cup A \\ A \cap B = B \cap A \end{array} \right\} \text{ commutative}$$
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A \times B \neq B \times A \end{array} \right\} \text{ not commutative}$$

4 properties of relations

def **injective**

a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is **injective** (one-to-one) iff $\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) = f(a_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$

def **surjective**

$f : A \rightarrow B$ is **surjective** (onto) iff $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A$ where $f(a) = b$

def **bijective**

a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is **bijective** iff it is **injective** (one-to-one) and **surjective** (onto B).

note:

a bijective function has an inverse

5 cardinality

def **equinumerous**

having the same cardinality (size)

let S be a collection of sets and \mathcal{R} a **relation** on S .

let A, B be sets and $A, B \in S$. $A\mathcal{R}B$ iff $\exists f$ where $f : A \rightarrow B$ and f is **bijective**. if $A\mathcal{R}B$, A and B are equinumerous because they have a one-to-one correspondence

consider:

- 1) $\forall A \in S, A\mathcal{R}A$ because $\exists f = \text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$ as f , bijective, and so \mathcal{R} is **reflexive**
- 2) $\forall A, B \in S, A\mathcal{R}B \Rightarrow B\mathcal{R}A$ because $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ and as f is bijective $\exists g = f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$, so \mathcal{R} is **symmetric**
- 3) $\forall A, B, C \in S, A\mathcal{R}B \wedge B\mathcal{R}C \Rightarrow A\mathcal{R}C$ as $\exists f : A \rightarrow B, \exists g : B \rightarrow C$ and f, g are bijective $\Rightarrow \exists h : A \rightarrow C$ so \mathcal{R} is **transitive**

thus \mathcal{R} is an **equivalence relation** on S and partitions S

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note:

$E_A = \{ \mathcal{R} \in S \mid A\mathcal{R}B \}$ contains all the sets of size $|A|$

def **denumerable**

a set A is **denumerable** iff A is **equinumerous** to \mathbb{N}

def **countable**

a set A is **countable** iff A is finite or **denumerable**