

Set Properties

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Sets have properties similar but not the same as Arithmetic.

Let U be the Universal set of elements of interest.

Let $X, Y, Z \subseteq U$

The basic operators on sets are:

- Complement: \overline{X}
- Intersection: $X \cap Y$
- Union $X \cup Y$

Set Props. Cont'd

Fundamental Properties of Set Theory Operators

Identity

$$X \cap U = X$$

$$X \cup \{\} = X$$

Anihilation

$$X \cap \{\} = \{\}$$

$$X \cup U = U$$

Complement

$$X \cap \overline{X} = \{\}$$

$$X \cup \overline{X} = U$$

Idempotent

$$X \cap X = X$$

$$X \cup X = X$$

Commutativity

$$X \cap Y = Y \cap X$$

$$X \cup Y = Y \cup X$$

Set Props Cont'd

Associativity

$$(X \cap Y) \cap Z = X \cap (Y \cap Z) \quad (X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)$$

Distributivity: \cap over \cup

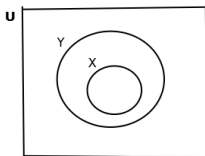
$$X \cap (Y \cup Z) = (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap Z)$$

Distributivity: \cup over \cap

$$X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$$

Elementary Properties of Sets

- $\overline{\overline{X}} = X$
- $X \cap Y \subseteq X$ and $X \cap Y \subseteq Y$
- $X \subseteq X \cup Y$ and $Y \subseteq X \cup Y$
- $X \subseteq Y \equiv \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X}$



- Also $Y \subseteq X \equiv \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{Y}$

Elementary Properties (Cont'd)

- $X = Y \equiv \overline{X} = \overline{Y}$

Proof:

$$X = Y$$

$$\equiv X \subseteq Y \text{ and } Y \subseteq X$$

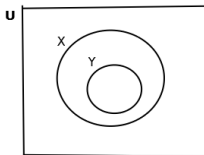
$$\equiv \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \text{ and } \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{Y}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X} = \overline{Y}$$

Set Theory Theorems

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- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$
- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$$

Show $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$

① $Y \subseteq X \rightarrow X \cup Y = X$

② $X \cup Y = X \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

(1.)

Assume $Y \subseteq X$,

show $X \cup Y = X$ i.e. $X \cup Y \subseteq X$ and $X \subseteq X \cup Y$

Show $X \cup Y \subseteq X$

let $z \in X \cup Y$

$\therefore z \in X$ or $z \in Y$



Cont'd

Proof.

Case $z \in X$

$\therefore z \in X$

Case $z \in Y$

{assuming $Y \subseteq X$ }

$\therefore z \in X$.

Show $X \subseteq X \cup Y$

True, from properties of \cup .



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X \text{ (Cont'd)}$$

Show(2.) $X \cup Y = X \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

(2.)

Assume $X \cup Y = X$, show $Y \subseteq X$

let $z \in Y$,

$\therefore z \in X \cup Y$

{assuming $X \cup Y = X$ }

$\therefore z \in X$



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$$

Show $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$

i.e. Show

- ① $Y \subseteq X \rightarrow X \cap Y = Y$
- ② $X \cap Y = Y \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

Exercise ☐

$$X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Theorem

$$X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Diagram:



$$\text{Show } X \subseteq Y \rightarrow X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Assume $X \subseteq Y$

i.e. from above (swapping X and Y): $X \cap Y = X \therefore$

$$X \cap \overline{Y}$$

$$= (X \cap Y) \cap \overline{Y}$$

$$= X \cap (Y \cap \overline{Y})$$

$$= X \cap \{\}$$

$$= \{\}$$

Show $X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\} \rightarrow X \subseteq Y$

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Assume $X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$

As $X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap Y = X$, show $X = X \cap Y$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= X \cap U \\ &= X \cap (Y \cup \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cap Y) \cup \{\} \\ &= X \cap Y \end{aligned}$$

De Morgan's Laws

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \overline{(X \cap Y)} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} - \text{De Morgan 1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \overline{(X \cup Y)} = \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y} - \text{De Morgan 2}$$

De Morgan 1 Veitch Diagram

$$X \cap Y = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \therefore \overline{X \cap Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\overline{X} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \quad \overline{Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\overline{X \cap Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} = \overline{X \cap Y}$$

Proof of De Morgan's Law 1

Proof of De Morgan 1 $\overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

- 1 Show $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$
- 2 Show $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

Show 1. $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{X}$$

Proof.

$$X \cap Y \subseteq X$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv A \cap B = A \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{X}$$



Corollary

$$\overline{Y \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{Y}$$

Show 1. $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$ (Cont'd)

Theorem

$$\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

Recall: $A \subseteq B \equiv A \cap B = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y} \\ &\equiv (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\quad \{ \cap \text{ Distributes over } \cup \} \\ &\equiv (\overline{X} \cap \overline{X \cap Y}) \cup (\overline{Y} \cap \overline{X \cap Y}) = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\quad \{ \text{by Thms. } \overline{X} \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \text{ and } \overline{Y} \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{Y} \} \\ &\equiv \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\equiv \text{True} \end{aligned}$$



Show 2. $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X = X$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{X} &\subseteq \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq \overline{\overline{X}} \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq X \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X = X\end{aligned}$$



Corollary

$$\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup Y = Y$$

Show 2. $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$ (Cont'd)

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$$

Proof.

$$\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup (X \cap Y) = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv (\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X) \cap (\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup Y) = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv X \cap Y = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$



Prove De Morgan 2 $\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$$

Proof.

$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$$

$$\{ A = B \equiv \bar{A} = \bar{B} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X \cup Y}} = \overline{\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}}$$

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$$\{ \text{De Morgan 1} \}$$

$$\equiv X \cup Y = \bar{\bar{X}} \cup \bar{\bar{Y}}$$

$$\equiv X \cup Y = X \cup Y$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$



Cardinality of Sets

Disjoint Sets

Sets X and Y are disjoint iff $X \cap Y = \{\}$.

We define $|X|$ as the size of set X ,

i.e. $|X|$ is the number of elements in X .

Sometimes $\#X$ is used instead of $|X|$.

With $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$, $|A| = 8$.

Lemma 1

$$B \subseteq A \rightarrow |A - B| = |A| - |B|$$

Lemma 2

$$A \cap B = \{\} \rightarrow |A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$$

Cardinality Cont'd

Theorem $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

We can split $A \cup B$ into disjoint sets:

i.e. $A \cup B = (A - (A \cap B)) \cup (B - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B| &= |(A - (A \cap B)) \cup (B - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B)| \\ &\quad \{all\ these\ disjoint\} \\ &= |A - (A \cap B)| + |B - (A \cap B)| + |A \cap B| \\ &\quad \{A \cap B \subseteq A\ and\ A \cap B \subseteq B\} \\ &= |A| - |A \cap B| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |A \cap B| \\ &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \end{aligned}$$



Cardinality of Sets

Cardinality $A \cup B \cup C$

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |(A \cup B) \cup C| \\ &= |A \cup B| + |C| - |(A \cup B) \cap C| \\ &= \{ \text{Set Theory distributive law} \} \\ &\quad |A \cup B| + |C| - |(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)| \\ &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |C| \\ &\quad - (|A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |(A \cap C) \cap (B \cap C)|) \\ &= |A| + |B| + |C| \\ &\quad - (|A \cap B| + |A \cap C| + |B \cap C|) \\ &\quad + |A \cap B \cap C| \end{aligned}$$

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

Example

Students pass the year if they pass all 3 exams A, B, C.
For a particular year it was found that

- 3% failed all 3 papers
 - 9% failed papers B and C
 - 10% failed papers A and C
 - 12% failed papers A and B
 - 32% failed paper A
 - 30% failed paper B
 - 46% failed paper C
- 1 What percentage of students passed the year
 - 2 What percentage failed exactly one paper.

Solution:

		B			
		20	30	6	12
A		13	7	3	9
		C			

Power Set

The Power Set, $P(S)$, of a set S , is the set of subsets of S ,

i.e. $x \in P(S) \equiv x \subseteq S$.

If $|S| = n$ then $|P(S)| = 2^n$.

Example

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

$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$

where \emptyset is the empty set, i.e. $\emptyset = \{\}$.

In forming the subsets of S e.g. $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$, we have 2 choices for each element; to include it or exclude it.

2 choices for 0, 2 choices for 1, 2 choices for 2 etc.

Total #choices = $2 * 2 * \dots * 2$ (n times) = 2^n .

There is a natural correspondence between the subsets of $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ and binary numbers.

Subsets and Binary

subset	$n - 1$	...	k	...	3	2	1	0
$\{\}$	0	...	0	...	0	0	0	0
$\{0\}$	0	...	0	...	0	0	0	1
$\{1\}$	0	...	0	...	0	0	1	0
$\{0, 1\}$	0	...	0	...	0	0	1	1
\vdots								
$\{\dots, k, \dots\}$			1					
\vdots								
$\{0, 1, 2, \dots, k, \dots, n\}$	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1

- 0 in column, k , indicates that k is not in the subset
- 1 in column, k , indicates that k is in the subset.

Binary and Decimal

Binary	decimal
0...0	$0 = 0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 0 * 2^0$
0...1	$1 = 0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$
0...10	$2 = 0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 0 * 2^0$
0...11	$3 = 0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$
	\vdots
1...1	$2^n - 1 = 1 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 1 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$

$|P(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ Proof by Induction

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Let $|S| = n$. Proof by induction on n .

Base Case:

$$n = 0$$

If $|S| = 0$ then $S = \emptyset \therefore P(S) = \{\emptyset\}$.

$$|\{\emptyset\}| = 1 \text{ tf } |P(S)| = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{|S|}.$$

Induction Step:

Assume true for n , show true for $n + 1$.

i.e. Assume (if $|A| = n$ then $|P(A)| = 2^n$),

show (if $|S| = n + 1$ then $|P(S)| = 2^{n+1}$).

Induction Step

Assume $|S| = n + 1$.

Consider an element, x , of S , i.e. $x \in S$.

Discard x , then we have $S - \{x\}$ and $\therefore |S - \{x\}| = n$.

By induction, $|P(S - \{x\})| = 2^n$.

The original subsets of S consist of

- those that do not have the element, x ,
i.e. the subsets of $S - \{x\}$. and $|P(S - \{x\})| = 2^n$.
- those that do have the element, x , which are the subsets of of $S - \{x\}$ with the element, x , added in, giving 2^n subsets.

$$\therefore |P(S)| = 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}.$$

Cantor's Theorem, $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$

Cardinality of Sets

Let $S = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and

$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\}$, \therefore

$|S| = 3$ and $|P(S)| = 8$ and in this case $|S| \neq |P(S)|$.

For a finite set, S , $|S| \neq |P(S)|$.

Sets with same Cardinality

Two sets have the same cardinality iff there is a one to one (1-1) correspondence between both sets.

Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, \dots, x, y, z\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 26\}$ then

$|A| = |B|$ as we have the 1-1 correspondence

a	b	c	\dots	y	z
1	2	3	\dots	25	26

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\text{Even}|$$

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Consider infinite sets:

Infinite sets S_1 and S_2 have the same cardinality if there is a one to one (1-1) correspondence between both sets.

Let Even be the set of even natural numbers then $|\mathbb{N}| = |\text{Even}|$ as:

Even	0	2	4	6	...	$2 * n$	...
\mathbb{N}	0	1	2	3	...	n	...

There is a (1-1) correspondence between the two sets \mathbb{N} and Even . The sets \mathbb{N} and Even have the same cardinality i.e. $|\mathbb{N}| = |\text{Even}|$, even though $\text{Even} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $\text{Even} \neq \mathbb{N}$.

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$$

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Consider a 1-1 correspondence between \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Z} ,

\mathbb{N}	...	$-(2 * n + 1)$...	3	1	0	2	4	...	$2 * n$...
\mathbb{Z}	...	$-n$...	-2	-1	0	1	2	...	n	...

The negative integers are in (1-1) correspondence with the odd natural numbers and the positive integers are in (1-1) correspondence with the even natural numbers.

Proof of Cantor's Theorem $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$

Cantor's Theorem

$$|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$$

Proof is by contradiction.

Assume $|\mathbb{N}| = |P(\mathbb{N})|$, \therefore there is a (1-1) correspondence between \mathbb{N} and $P(\mathbb{N})$.

\mathbb{N}	0	1	...	n	...
$P(\mathbb{N})$	$sub(0)$	$sub(1)$	...	$sub(n)$	...

where $sub(n)$ is the subset corresponding to n .

Also, for each subset, S , of \mathbb{N} there is a matching element in \mathbb{N} , i.e. for each element $S \in P(\mathbb{N})$, there is an element, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $sub(k) = S$.

Note: $S \in P(\mathbb{N})$ iff $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.

Cantor's Thm. (Cont'd)

For each subset, $sub(n)$, of \mathbb{N} , either $n \in sub(n)$ or $n \notin sub(n)$.
Define a subset D of \mathbb{N} , such that

$$D = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \notin sub(k)\}$$

i.e. for $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$k \in D \equiv k \notin sub(k)$$

Note similarity with Russell Set, R , where

$$R = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$$

i.e. $x \in R \equiv x \notin x$.

Cantor's Thm. (Cont'd)

Since $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $D \in P(\mathbb{N})$,
there is an element, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $sub(d) = D$, \therefore

$$d \in sub(d) \equiv d \in D$$

but from the definition of D ,

$$d \in D \equiv d \notin sub(d)$$

and so $d \in sub(d) \equiv d \notin sub(d)$, a contradiction.

This contradiction arose due to assuming that $|\mathbb{N}| = |P(\mathbb{N})| \therefore$
 $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$.