

CS 212

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

Lecture 6: Set Theory, Relations, and functions

Announcements



- Homework 1 is due tomorrow (Oct. 4) at 11:59 P.M.
- Question 3: Prove that for any real number $x \geq 0$ and any integer $n > 0$ one has

$$(1 + 3x)^{2n} > \frac{2n}{2n + 1} + 6nx.$$

- Homework 2: Will be posted tomorrow. Is due Tuesday Oct. 11 at 11:59 P.M.

Review of Contradiction



Proof by Contradiction

Proposition. If R , then Q .

Proof: Assume R is true but Q is false. Arrive at a contradiction.
I.e. show R true but Q false is not possible. Conclude $R \Rightarrow Q$.

Thm: If $P()$ is a predicate on \mathbb{N} and (a) $P(0)$ is true and (b) $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k + 1)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, predicate $P(k)$ is true.

- Here R is the statement: $P()$ is a predicate on \mathbb{N} and (a) $P(0)$ is true and (b) $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k + 1)$
- Q is the statement: for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, predicate $P(k)$ is true.
- Not Q is: There exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $P(m)$ is not true.

A Quick Review of Sets

(Read Chapter 2.6 in LLM)



Basic Set Theory [Cantor]

A **set** is an unordered collection of objects, where each *element* of the set is considered to included only once.

Roster Notation

$$\{o, s, c, a, r\} = \{r, a, s, c, o\}$$

$$\{NY, ME, MA, NH, VT, PA\}$$

Note $\{1, 2, 2, 3, 3\}$ is not a set. (Multiset)

Set Builder Notation

square
 $\{x^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\text{set of squares of integers}\}$
 x is an integer

$\{S \mid S \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \wedge 0 \notin S\}$
 S is a subset of natural numbers
 0 is not in S

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{things} \\ \text{that are in the set} \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \text{restrictions} \\ \text{that elements} \\ \text{satisfy} \end{array} \right\}$
 s.t.

$$= \{\{1\}, \{3, 5\}, \{-400\}, \{\text{odd numbers}\}\}$$

Common Logical Symbols



\forall : for all

\exists : there exists

\in : element of / belongs to

\notin : not an element of

\subseteq : subset of

\wedge : and

\vee : or

| or s.t. : such that

\forall : \forall

\exists : \exists

\in : \in

\notin : \notin

\subseteq : \subseteq

\wedge : \wedge

\vee : \vee

An example

replace a with $2b$ for a cleaner representation

$$\{a \mid \exists b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a = 2b\}$$

$\{a \text{ s.t. there exists an integer } b \text{ such that } a=2b\}$

$$= \{ \underset{\uparrow}{2}, \underset{\uparrow}{6}, \dots \} = \{ \text{even integers} \}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2.1 & 3.2 \\ \{a \mid a < 0 \wedge \exists b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a = b^2\} \end{matrix} = \{2b \mid b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$= \{a \text{ s.t. } a \text{ is negative and } a=b^2 \text{ for some } b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$= \{b^2 \mid b^2 < 0 \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{\} = \emptyset$$

$$\neq \{-b^2 \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

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

Common Sets

Empty Set: $\emptyset = \{\}$ Power set: $\mathcal{P}(S) = \{A \mid A \subseteq S\}$

Cartesian product: $S_1 \times S_2 = \{(u, v) \mid u \in S_1, v \in S_2\}$ $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

Natural Numbers: $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

Integers: $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Rational numbers: $\mathbb{Q} = \{\dots, 0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{447}{449}, \dots\}$

Real Numbers: $\mathbb{R} = \{\dots, 0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{447}{449}, \sqrt{2}, \pi, e^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}} - 20, \dots\}$

Counting sets: $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

Open range: $(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\}$

Closed range: $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$

Common Set Operations

Term	Description	In symbols
Empty set	The set with nothing in it	\emptyset
Universe	The set with everything in it	U
Containment	x is an element of S	$x \in S$
Non-containment	x is not an element of S	$x \notin S$
Union	The set of objects in S_1 or S_2	$S_1 \cup S_2$
Intersection	The set of objects in S_1 and S_2	$S_1 \cap S_2$
Set difference	The set of objects in S_1 but not S_2	$S_1 \setminus S_2$
Complement	The set of objects not in S	S^c $U \setminus S$
Subset	All of S_1 is contained inside S_2	$S_1 \subseteq S_2$
Superset	S_1 contains all of the elements of S_2	$S_1 \supseteq S_2$

Some simple laws for union and intersection

Commutativity:

$$A \cup B = B \cup A \text{ and } A \cap B = B \cap A$$

Associativity:

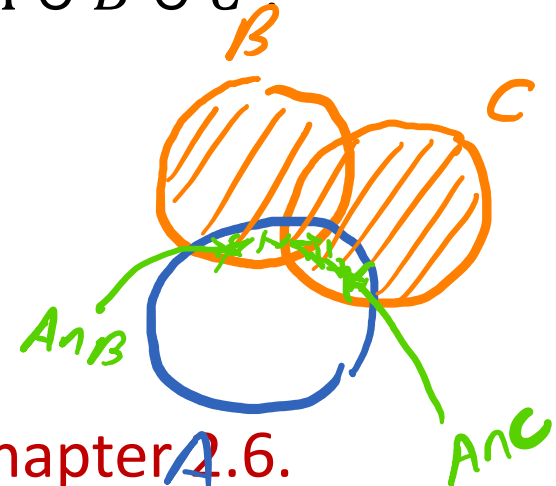
$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C \text{ and } A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

Hence you can skip the parentheses in $A \cup B \cup C$

Distributivity:

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

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



See also laws for set complement in Chapter 4.6.

$A \setminus B$ is those elements
of A which are not in B

Cardinality/ Size of sets

Prove using $P(IN)$

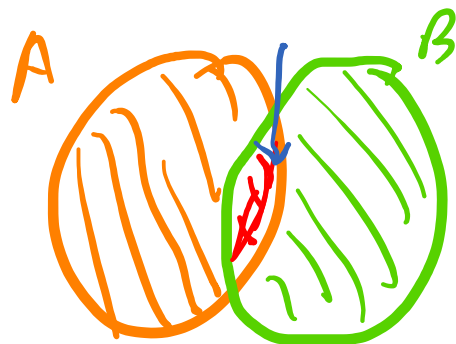
Fun fact $|IN| = |Q| < |R|$

Finite sets: number of elements in set (more subtle if infinite)

For set S , denoted by $|S|$

Size of the union

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



$$A \cup B = A \setminus B \cup B \setminus A \cup A \cap B$$

$$|A \cup B| = |A \setminus B| + |B \setminus A| + |A \cap B|$$

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

Proof Templates for Set Properties



How do I prove that a set is empty / universal?

$$S = \emptyset \text{ iff } \forall x \in U, x \notin S \qquad S = U \text{ iff } \forall x \in U, x \in S$$

How do I prove that one set is a subset of another?

$$S_1 \subseteq S_2 \text{ iff } \forall x \in S_1, x \in S_2$$

How do I prove that two sets are equal? Not equal?

If $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ And $S_2 \subseteq S_1$, then $S_1 = S_2$

Not equal; Show either S_2 not a subset of S_1
or S_1 not a subset of S_2

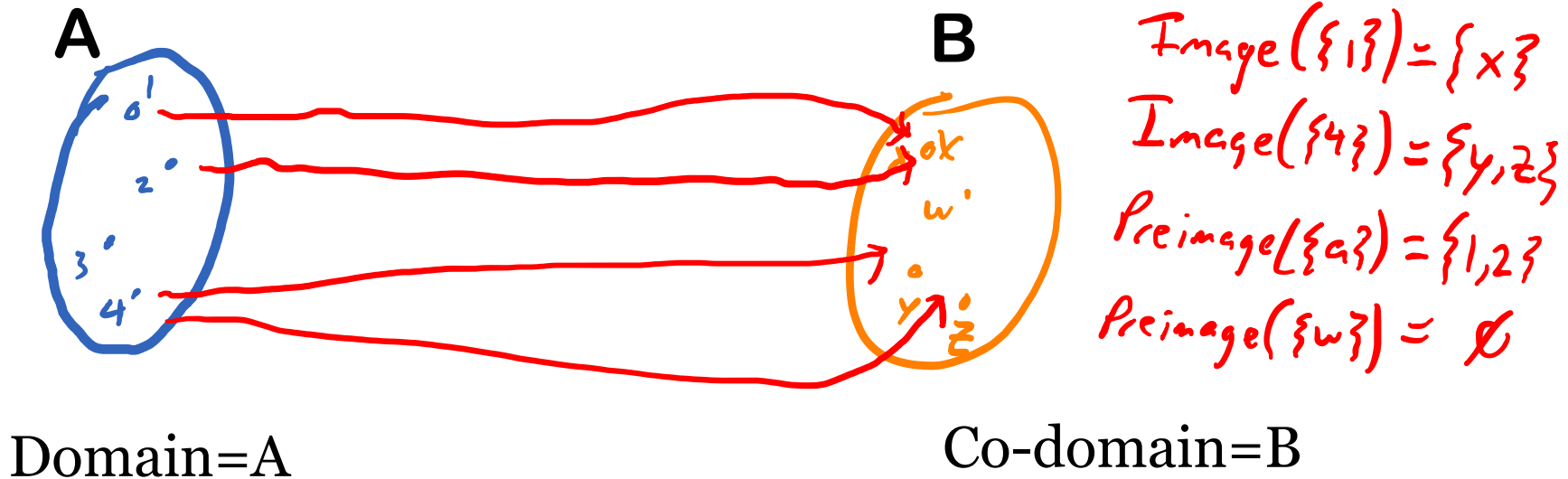
Relations



Binary Relations

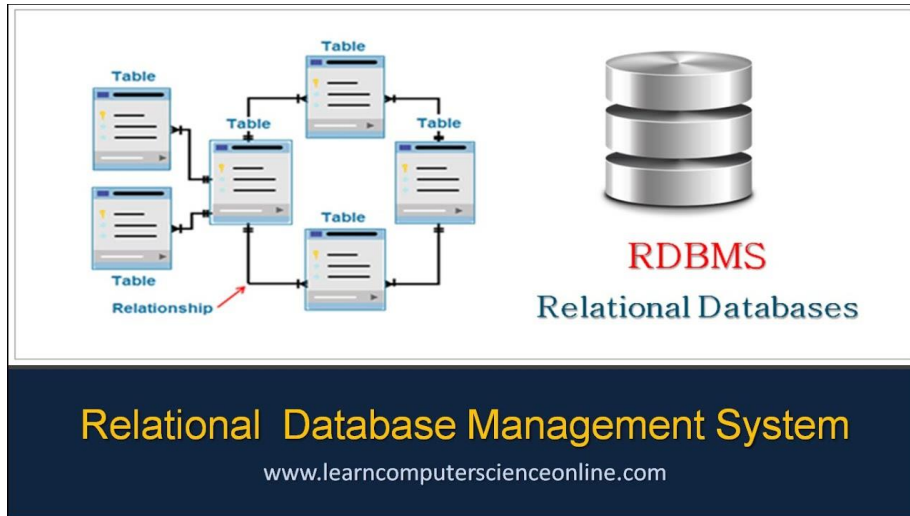
Binary relation $R: A \rightarrow B$ associates elements of A with B

xRy or $x \sim_R y$ or $(x, y) \in R$ means x related to y



Range is the image of the relation $\{x, y, z\}$
i.e. the subset of co-domain that the domain is related to.

Relations



Captures connections and relations between entities.

Common Properties of Relations

Consider a relation $R: A \rightarrow A$ (relating elements within A)

Reflexivity:

aRa for every element a in the domain. E.g., R ="has heard of" *not symmetric, not transitive*

Symmetric:

$aRb \iff bRa$ E.g., R ="shared the same class as" *Reflexive, not transitive*

Transitivity:

For any a, b, c , if aRb and bRc , then aRc

E.g., R ="ancestor of" *not reflexive or symmetric*

$a=a$
if $a=b$ then $b=c$

Equivalence Relation

if $a=b$ and $b=c$ then $a=c$

- Any relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. A very special kind of relation.

e.g., R = “lives in the same city/town as” over set of people

R = “leaves same remainder when divided by 2” over \mathbb{N}

Thm. Any equivalence relation R on domain A partitions the elements of A into disjoint classes $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, \dots$ called *equivalence classes*, in which for any two elements aRb iff they belong to the same class.

