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Become familiar
with wolframalpha!

Appendix Section 1.

Set - a well defined collection of distinct objects.

example : • The set of even numbers is

$\{ \dots -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots \}$

- The "set" of "cool things" is not a set, because it's up for debate what's in the set and what's not.

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- The set $\{2, 2, 4, 6\}$ should not have the number 2 repeated. Should be written $\{2, 4, 6\}$.

Set builder notation.

A shortcut way of writing huge
(or infinite) sets.

ex $\{x \mid x \text{ is a color}\} = \{\text{red, blue, white, ...}\}$

\uparrow the objects. \uparrow the instruction, criteria.

example: $\{ p \mid p \text{ is a prime number} \}$
 $= \{ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots \}$

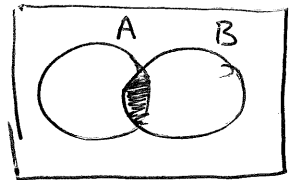
Example $\{2n \mid n=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
 $= \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$

• Intersection of two sets.

The symbol used is " \cap ".

$A \cap B$ is read "A intersection B".

it means, what do the two sets have in common. Visualize \rightarrow



$$\{\text{red, white, blue}\} \cap \{\text{white, yellow}\} \\ = \{\text{white}\}$$

• Union of two sets.

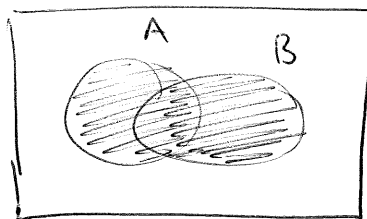
The symbol used is " \cup ".

$A \cup B$ is read "A union B".

it means merge the two sets into one, and no repetition!

$$\{\text{red, white, blue}\} \cup \{\text{white, yellow}\} \\ = \{\text{red, white, blue, yellow}\}$$

Visualization \rightarrow

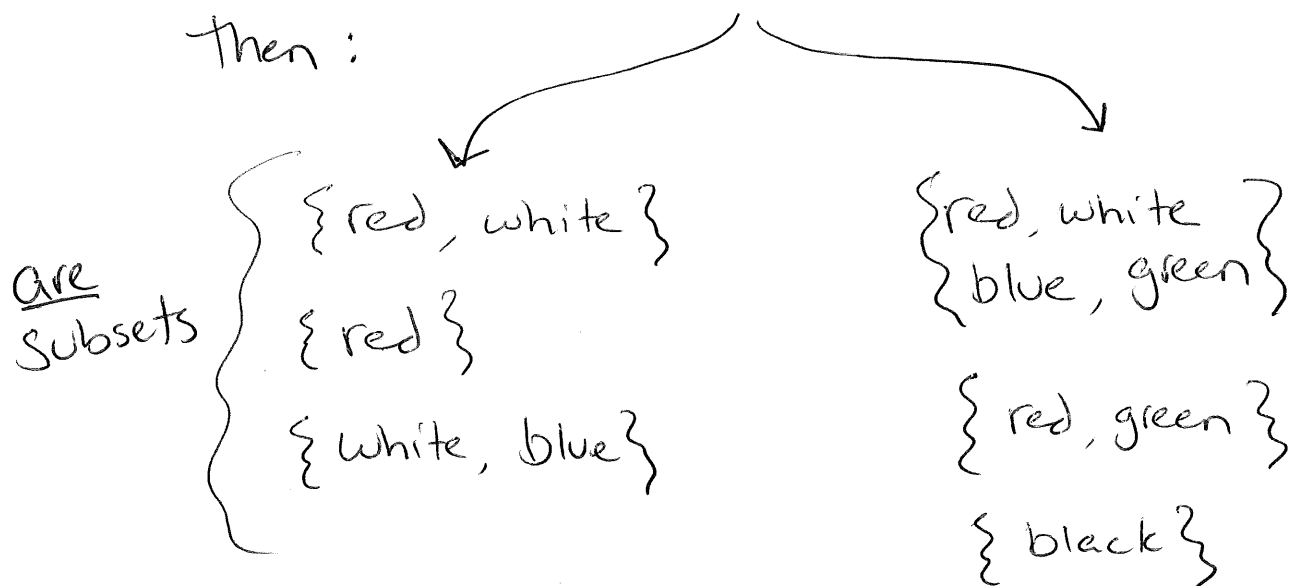


• Subset of a set,

A subset is like a mini set.

A subgroup.

if the set is $\{\text{red, white, blue}\}$,
then:



The symbol used is " \subset "

$$\{\text{red, white}\} \subset \{\text{red, white, blue}\}$$

are not
subsets.

Sets of numbers

\mathbb{N} = Natural numbers : $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Z} = integers : $\{\dots -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Q} = rational : $\{a/b \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ are integers, } b \neq 0\}$

irrational : numbers cannot be written as fractions.

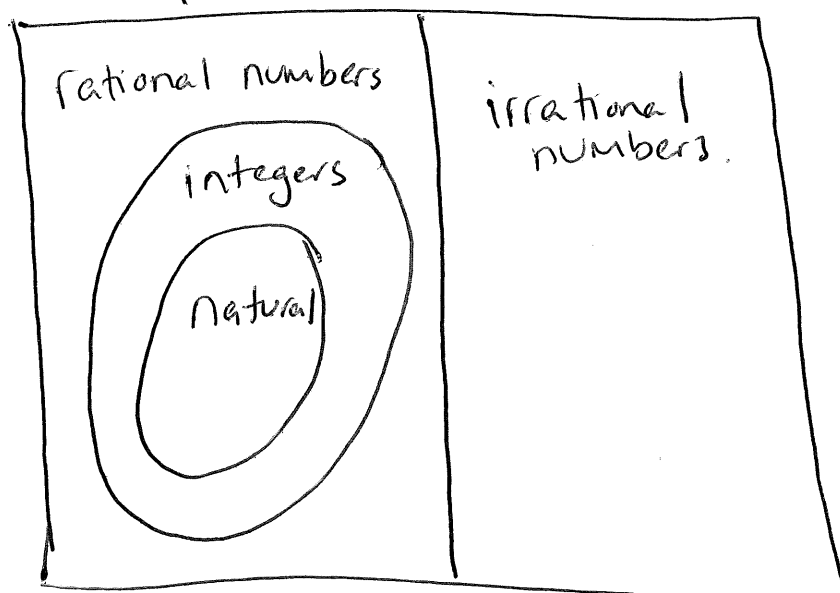
$\pi, e, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \text{ etc.}$

\mathbb{R} = real numbers :



all numbers on the number line.

Real



natural \in integer

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natural is a subset of integers.

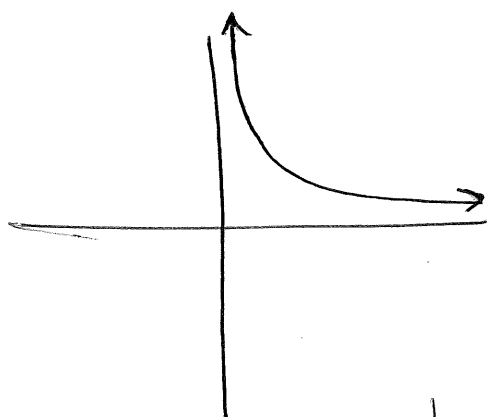
Domain:

Set of numbers that can be plugged into an equation or expression.

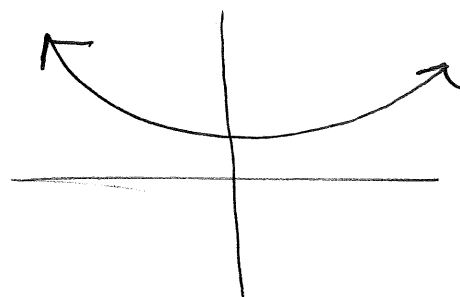
$2x$ anything can be plugged in.
domain is all real numbers.

$\frac{1}{x}$ cannot plug in zero.
domain is $\{x \mid x \text{ is real but not zero}\}$

Also can be thought of how far left and right the graph goes.



Domain = $\{x \mid x \leq 0\}$



Domain = all real numbers.

Exponent Rules

Rules

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

$$a^n = \frac{1}{a^{-n}}$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$$

~~$$(a+b)^n = a^n + b^n$$~~

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$$

Examples

$$2^0 = 1 \quad 5^0 = 1$$

$$2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3}$$

$$2^3 = \frac{1}{2^{-3}}$$

$$2^2 2^3 = 2^5$$

$$(2^2)^3 = 2^6$$

$$(2 \cdot 3)^2 = 2^2 3^2$$

~~$$(2+3)^2 = 2^2 + 3^2$$~~

$$\frac{2^4}{2^2} = 2^{4-2} = 2^2$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{2^2}{3^2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

* know about absolute values.

* order of operations

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parentheses exponents multiplication
division addition
subtraction.

$$(-4)^2 = 64$$

$$-4^2 = -64$$

$$-4^{-2} = -\frac{1}{64}$$

Appendix section 3

polynomials: functions of the form:

$$A_n X^n + A_{n-1} X^{n-1} + A_{n-2} X^{n-2} + \dots + A_0$$

Examples:

polynomials

$$8x$$

$$4x^2 + 3$$

$$8x^3 + 2x^2 + 1$$

$$4$$

not polynomials

$$8x + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$4x^{1/2} + 2$$

$$4x^{-2} + 1$$

The exponents have to be whole numbers, no fractions or negatives.

The largest exponent is the degree of the polynomial.

$8x^3 + 2x^2 + 1$ has degree 3.

Review "foiling" $(x+2)(x-3) = x^2 + 2x - 3x - 6$
 $= x^2 - x - 6$

Factoring: $2x + 4 = 2(x+2)$

$$x^2 + x = x(x+1)$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 12 = (x+6)(x-2)$$

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~~Factor Rules~~

Factoring Rules, (Memorize these.)

- Difference of squares.

$$x^2 - a^2 = (x+a)(x-a)$$

$$x^2 - 4 = (x+2)(x-2)$$

- Difference of cubes

$$x^3 - a^3 = (x-a)(x^2 + ax + a^2)$$

$$x^3 - 8 = (x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

- Sum of cubes

$$x^3 + a^3 = (x+a)(x^2 - ax + a^2)$$

$$x^3 + 8 = \downarrow \text{[scribble]} \\ = (x+2)(x^2 - 2x + 4)$$

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Dividing polynomials.

First, remember:

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 15 \overline{) 320} \\ \underline{- 30} \\ 20 \\ \underline{- 15} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{320}{15} = 21 + \frac{5}{15}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{3x} \quad 3x + 4 \\ x^2 + 1 \overline{) 3x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 7} \\ \underline{- 3x^3 + 0x^2 + 3x} \\ 0 + 4x^2 - 2x + 7 \\ \underline{- 4x^2 + 0x + 4} \\ 0 - 2x + 3 \text{ ← Remainder.} \end{array}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{3x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 7}{x^2 + 1} = 3x + 4 + \frac{-2x + 3}{x^2 + 1}$$

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Review fraction rules:

Numbers

$$\frac{\frac{4}{5}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{2(3)} + \frac{2}{3(2)} \\ = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Variables

$$\frac{\frac{x+2}{x-3}}{\frac{x+3}{x-1}} = \frac{x+2}{x-3} \cdot \frac{x-1}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-1} + \frac{x+3}{x-1} = \frac{\cancel{x+2} + x+3}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+3} \cdot \frac{x-2}{x+3} = \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-1} + \frac{x-3}{x-2} = \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{(x-3)(x-1)}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\ = \frac{(x+2)(x-2) + (x-3)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{2}{x-1} \cdot \frac{x-3}{x-2} = \frac{2(x-3)}{(x-1)(x-2)}$$