

Set Theory

Membership of a set : \in

Cardinality of a set : $|S|$ the number of elements in S

Symbol	Meaning
\mathbb{N}	The set of all natural numbers $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ *
\mathbb{Z}	The set of all integers
\mathbb{Q}	The set of all rational numbers
\mathbb{R}	The set of all real numbers
\mathbb{C}	The set of all complex numbers
\mathbb{Z}^+	The set of all positive integers
\mathbb{Z}^-	The set of all negative integers
$\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$	The set of all non-negative integers

*: In this module we define the set \mathbb{N} to include zero.

Zero is neither positive nor negative.

Set-Roster Notation: Write all of its element between braces. $\{1, 2, 3\}$
Order and duplicates DO NOT MATTER
 $\{9, 8, 7\} = \{7, 8, 9\}$

Set-Builder Notation: $\{x \in U : P(x)\}$ or $\{x \in U \mid P(x)\}$
"The set of all x in U such that $P(x)$ "

Replacement Notation: $\{t(x) : x \in A\}$ or $\{t(x) \mid x \in A\}$
"The set of all $t(x)$ where $x \in A$ "

Subset: $A \subseteq B$ iff $\forall x (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$

Proper subset: $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow \exists x (x \in A \wedge x \notin B)$

Theorem 6.2.4: An empty set is a subset of every set $\emptyset \subseteq A$ for all sets A

Singleton: A set with exactly one element

Ordered Pair: (x, y) . $(a, b) = (c, d) \Leftrightarrow (a=c) \wedge (b=d)$

Ordered n -tuple: (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

Cartesian Product: $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$

Set equality: $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$
 $A = B \Leftrightarrow \forall x (x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B)$

Let A and B be subset of a universal set U

Union: $A \cup B = \{x \in U : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$

Intersection: $A \cap B = \{x \in U : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$

Difference: $B \setminus A = \{x \in U : x \in B \wedge x \notin A\}$

Complement: $\bar{A} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$

Intervals of real numbers: $(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$
 $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$

$\bigcup_{i=0}^n A_i = A_0 \cup A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$, $\bigcap_{i=0}^n A_i = A_0 \cap A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n$

Disjoint: $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Mutually Disjoint: $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ whenever $i \neq j$

Theorem 4.4: The Quotient-Remainder Theorem: Given any int n and pos int d , there exist unique int q and r such that $n = dq + r$ and $0 \leq r < d$

Power Sets: Given a set A , $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is the set of all subsets of A
 $A = \{x, y\}$ $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}\}$

Theorem 6.3.1: $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|}$

Theorem 6.2.1 Inclusion of intersection $A \cap B \subseteq A$ $A \cap B \subseteq B$

Inclusion of Union $A \subseteq A \cup B$ $B \subseteq A \cup B$

Transitive Property of Subsets $A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq C \rightarrow A \subseteq C$

Procedural Version of Set Definition

Let X and Y be subsets of a universal set U and suppose a and b are elements of U .

- $a \in X \cup Y \Leftrightarrow a \in X \vee a \in Y$
- $a \in X \cap Y \Leftrightarrow a \in X \wedge a \in Y$
- $a \in X - Y \Leftrightarrow a \in X \wedge a \notin Y$
- $a \in \bar{X} \Leftrightarrow a \notin X$
- $(a, b) \in X \times Y \Leftrightarrow a \in X \wedge b \in Y$

Theorem 6.2.2 Set identities

Let all sets referred to below be subsets of a universal set

- Commutative Laws:** For all sets A and B ,
(a) $A \cup B = B \cup A$ and (b) $A \cap B = B \cap A$.
- Associative Laws:** For all sets A, B and C ,
(a) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ and (b) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$.
- Distributive Laws:** For all sets A, B and C ,
(a) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ and
(b) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.
- Identity Laws:** For all sets A ,
(a) $A \cup \emptyset = A$ and (b) $A \cap U = A$.
- Complement Laws:** For all sets A ,
(a) $A \cup \bar{A} = U$ and (b) $A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$.
- Double Complement Law:** For all sets A ,
 $\bar{\bar{A}} = A$.
- Idempotent Laws:** For all sets A ,
(a) $A \cup A = A$ and (b) $A \cap A = A$.
- Universal Bound Laws:** For all sets A ,
(a) $A \cup U = U$ and (b) $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$.
- De Morgan's Laws:** For all sets A and B ,
(a) $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ and (b) $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$.
- Absorption Laws:** For all sets A and B ,
(a) $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ and (b) $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$.
- Complements of U and \emptyset :**
(a) $\bar{U} = \emptyset$ and (b) $\bar{\emptyset} = U$.
- Set Difference Law:** For all sets A and B ,
 $A \setminus B = A \cap \bar{B}$.

To prove set $A = B$, show $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$