



## ❖ Cardinality of a Set:

- The cardinality of a set is the number of elements in a set Written as  $|A|$ .
- Examples:
  - Let  $R = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Then  $|R| = 5$ .
  - $|\emptyset| = 0$ .
  - Let  $S = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $|S| = 4$ .
- This is the same notation used for vector length in geometry.
- A set with one element is sometimes called a **Singleton Set**.
- $|S|$  (read the ***cardinality of S***) is a measure of how many different elements  $S$  has.
- E.g.,
  - $|\emptyset| = 0$ .
  - $|\{1, 2, 3\}| = 3$ .
  - $|\{a, b\}| = 2$ .
- We say  $S$  is ***infinite*** if it is not ***finite***.