SET THEORY



Equality Of Sets:

- → Two sets are declared to be equal <u>if and only if</u> they contain <u>exactly</u> the <u>same</u> elements.
- → In particular, it does not matter how the set is defined or denoted.
- → For example:

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The set \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer where } x > 0 \text{ and } x < 5 \}
= \{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer whose square is } 0 \text{ and } < 25\}
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- Two sets are equal if they have the same elements $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} = \{5, 4, 3, 2, 1\}$
- → Remember that order does not matter! {1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 3, 2, 1} = {4, 3, 2, 1}
- → Remember that duplicate elements do not matter!
- Two sets are not equal if they do not have the same elements $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \neq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$