

## Set theory (1870's)

The fundamental units of math are the "set".

A "set" is collection of elements/objects, which are unordered and unique.

Ex:  $F := \{ \text{Jane, Mary, Susan, Dana} \}$

↑  
"defined is"  
"assigned to"

└ Denotes the set on the rhs (right hand side)

Usually we pick an descriptive letter

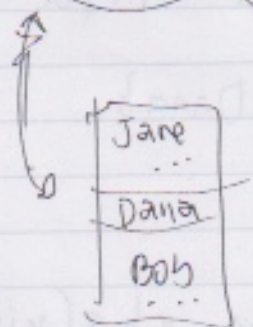
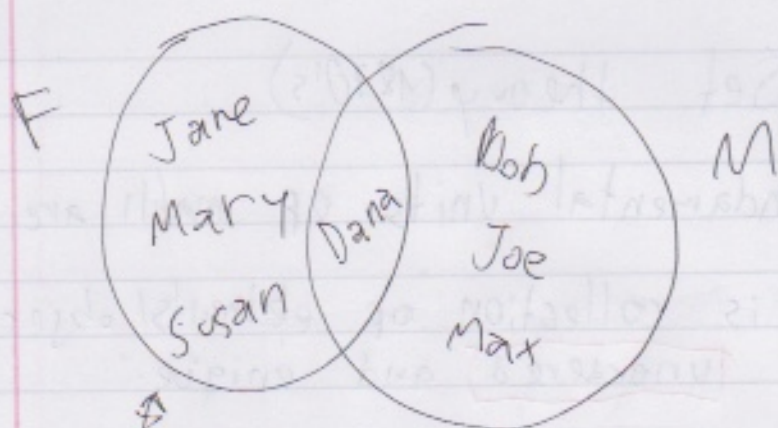
- The braces begin and end the enumeration
- comma separates elements

Ex:  $M := \{ \text{Bob, Joe, Max, Dana} \}$

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### Venn Diagram examples:

Illustration of sets and their relationships ...



Sets can have infinite elements

e.g.  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  Natural #s

↑  
ellipses is  
to denote  
the pattern  
continues

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



## Operations on sets

### Element operator

Jane  $\in$  F  
 $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
element    set

Jane is an element  
of set F

Never write false statement

Joe  $\notin$  F

Joe isn't an element  
of F

{Jane, Mary}  $\subset$  F  
 $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
Set      subset    set

{Jane, Mary} is  
subset of F

All elements of  
set left h.s.  
are in the set  
of r.h.s

{Joe, Mary}  $\not\subset$  F

"Not a subset of"

let  $F' := \{\text{Jane}, \text{Mary}, \text{Susan}, \text{Dana}\}$

$F = F' ?$  yes! true statement

set equality

means

$$F \subseteq F' \quad \& \quad F' \subseteq F$$

$$\{\text{Jane}, \text{Mary}\} \neq F$$

$$\{\text{Jane}, \text{Mary}\} \subset F$$

↑  
proper subset

lhs is a subset on the rhs  
but the lhs  $\neq$  rhs

" $\subseteq$ " is " $\subset$ " or " $=$ "



True / False?

$\{Jane\}$	$\subset$	$F$	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">true</span>	
$\{Jane\}$	$\in$	$F$	false	$\{Jane\} \neq F$
$Jane$	$\in$	$F$	true	
$Jane$	$\notin$	$F$	true	

$Jane \subset F$  is within a definite set  $Jane$ , does not "parse"

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So far we have

$\in, \notin, =, \neq, \subset, \subseteq$  these are pre functions which return true or false

$\in (Jane, F) = true$

Set Functions

$F \cup M = \{Jane, Mary, Susan, Dana, Bob, Joe, Max\}$   
 $\uparrow$   
Union

Union  $\neq$  Addition it's almost addition

$\hookrightarrow$  "non-exclusive or" = "and/or"

$$\{Dana\} \cup \{Dana\} = \{Dana\}$$

$$Dana \in M \cup F \quad \boxed{\text{true}}$$

$$N_0 := N \cup \{0\}$$

$$F \cap M = \{Dana\}$$

↳ intersection "and"  
elements in both sets

$$F \cap \{Bob, Joe\} = \{\}$$

$\emptyset = \{\}$  the empty or "null set"

A, B both have infinite elements.

can  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ?

Yes

Ex.:  $A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots\}$   
 $B = \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$



$$\emptyset \in F \quad \boxed{\text{"vacuously", true}}$$

$$\emptyset \in F \quad \boxed{\text{false}}$$

$$\emptyset \notin F \quad \boxed{\text{true}}$$

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### Set Subtraction

$$\begin{aligned} & \neq \begin{cases} F \setminus M = \{ \text{Jane, Mary, Susan} \} \\ \quad \uparrow \text{All elements in } F \text{ except those in } M \\ M \setminus F = \{ \text{Bob, Joe, Max} \} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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### examples

$$\text{If } A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \setminus B = A$$

$$\text{If } B \cap A = \emptyset \Rightarrow B \setminus A = B$$

$$\text{If } A \setminus B = \emptyset \quad A \cap B = A$$

$$\emptyset \setminus \emptyset = \emptyset, \quad \emptyset \cap \emptyset = \emptyset, \quad \emptyset \cup \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \setminus B = \emptyset$$

## Set Builder Notations

$$E := \{ 2n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \dots, -1, -2, 0, 2, 4, \dots \}$$

Annotations:

- new set (points to  $E$ )
- unit elements  $2 \cdot n$  (points to  $2n$ )
- such that  $n$  is an integer (points to  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

**Power Set**

$$2^A := \{ B : B \subseteq A \} = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, A \}$$

e.g. let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}$

Size of set / cardinality

$|A| = \#$  of elements of set, in  $A = 3$

$$|F \cup M| = 7 \quad |2^A| = 8$$

$$|F \cap M| = 1$$