Mathematics 1A
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Part I

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1.1 Definition of a set

A set is a collection of objects or elements.

Remark: The collection of all sets is not a set.

1.2 Logical symbols

1.2.1 Definition

Braces and the definition symbol ":=" are used to define a set giving all its elements:

$$\boxed{A := \{a, b, c, d, e\}}$$

1.2.2 Equal

In this case, the equal symbol means that the set A is equal to the set B:

$$\boxed{A = B}$$

1.2.3 Belongs to

The symbols $\in$ and $\ni$ describe an element which is part of the set:

$$\boxed{a \in A \Longleftrightarrow A \ni a}$$

1.2.4 Does not belong to

The symbols $\notin$ mean that an element does not belong to the set:

$$\boxed{f \notin A}$$

1.2.5 Inclusion and contains

The symbols $\subset$ and $\supset$ mean that a set has another set included in its set:

$$\boxed{\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \Longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \supset \mathbb{N}}$$

1.2.6 For all/any

The symbol $\forall$ means that we are considering any type of element:

$$\boxed{\forall x \in \mathbb{R},\ x > 0}$$

In this case, we've defined a new set.

1.2.7 Implication

The symbol $\Rightarrow$ means that by setting a rule, we imply an event or an action:

$$\boxed{\text{if } x = 1 \Longrightarrow x \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ but if } x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ we do not know if } x = 1}$$

With the implication, it is sufficient to claim action "A" in order to claim action "B".

1.2.8 Inference

The symbol $\Leftarrow$ means that by having an event or an action, we have a rule.

$$\boxed{x \in \mathbb{R}^{+} \Longleftarrow x > 0}$$

With the inference, it is necessary to have claim the action “A” in order to have claim the action “B”

1.2.9 If and only if

The symbol $\Leftrightarrow$ means that two events happen simultaneously (double implication):

$$\boxed{x \in \mathbb{N},\ x \neq 0 \Longleftrightarrow x \in \mathbb{N}^{*}}$$

Example:

$x = 2 \Longleftrightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

Proof:

$x = 2 \Rightarrow (x-2) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-2)^2 = 0 \cdot (x-2) \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

This happens **because** $x = 2$

1.3 Numerical sets

- $\mathbb{N}$:= Natural numbers (including 0);
- $\mathbb{Z}$:= Integer numbers;
- $\mathbb{Q}$:= Rational numbers;
- $\mathbb{R}$:= Real numbers := $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\text{irrational numbers}\}$.

Notation: The “$*$” symbol means that the set does not include 0.

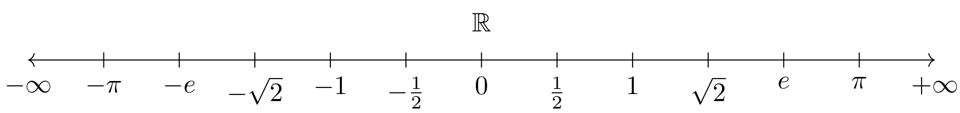
1.3.1 Inclusion of sets

$$\boxed{\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}}$$

$B := \{\pi, 1, -1, 0\}$;
$C := \{\pi, 1\}$;
$D := \{\pi\}$.

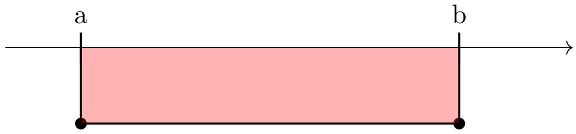
Then we write some examples: $\pi \in B,\ D \subset B,\ C \subset B,\ B \not\subset C,\ 0 \in B,\ 0 \notin C$.

1.4 The real line

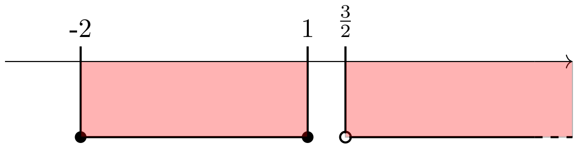


2 Intervals

2.1 Examples



2) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R},\ x \in]-2,-1] \cup]\frac{3}{2},+\infty[$



Notation: The union of two or more intervals where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is denoted by the symbol $\cup$.