



Why

We want to consider the elements of one set which are not contained in another set.

Definition

Let A and B denote sets. The *difference* between A and B is the set $\{x \in A \mid x \notin B\}$. It is not necessary that $B \subset A$.

Notation

We denote the difference between A and B by $A - B$.

Properties

The following are straightforward.¹

Proposition 1. $A - \emptyset = A$

Proposition 2. $A - A = \emptyset$

¹Accounts will appear in future editions.

