

## Reminders

1. Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 due on MyMathLab  
on Fri 01/28

1. Exam 1 on 02/15

It will cover sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

## SET Theory - Chap 2

### 2.1 Terminologies and symbols

You cannot do math without set theory

Naive Set Theory - Paul Halmos

## Build Mathematics

Today, we will talk about the numbers we use in a math class

## Definition

A set is a collection of objects. The objects in a set are the elements of the set.

Sets are designated using the following methods

1. Word description
2. listing method
3. Set builder notation

## Examples

1. The set of students in math 1010-002 (word description)
2. Bag = {Notebook, pen, keys, phone} listing method
3.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is even and } x > 2\}$  set builder notation  
 $\{x \text{ such that } x \text{ is even and } x \text{ is greater than 2}\}$

## Exercise

re-write the set in (3) above using listing method

$$\{4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots\}$$

Most of what we know in Set Theory is due to Georg Cantor

We use uppercase letters to denote the name of a set  
and lowercase letters to denote the elements of a set

$$A = \{a, b, e, f\}, \quad B = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$$

$$M = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$$

Empty Set - A set containing no elements

(Null set, {},  $\emptyset$ )

Exercise

1. Set of Counting numbers between 3 and 10

$$\{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

2.  $\{7, 8, \dots, 12\}$

$$\{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$$

3.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a counting number between } 0 \text{ and } 1\}$

$$\{\}, \emptyset$$

Aside

Counting  
numbers,  
we mean  
numbers in  
increment of  
1

Example of a set that is not well defined

Suppose  $S$  is a set of good singers  
and Kajole is a singer

The symbol  $\in$  (member of)

Example

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad 1 \in A \quad (1 \text{ is a member of } A)$$

Decide True / False

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 4 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \quad \text{True}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{6} \in \left\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}\right\} \quad \text{False}$$

Consider  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ ,  $3 \notin B$  ( $3$  is not a member of  $B$ )

Numbers

Natural Numbers - Counting numbers  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

Whole Numbers -  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

Integers -  $\{\dots, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

Rational Numbers -  $\left\{\frac{p}{q} \mid p \text{ and } q \text{ are integers and } q \neq 0\right\}$

Examples  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{5}, \dots$

Real

$2, 1, \dots, \dots, 1, \sqrt{2}, \dots, \pi, \dots$

Numbers -  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a number that can be expressed as a decimal}\}$

Irrational Numbers -  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number that cannot be expressed as a quotient of two integers}\}$

Cardinal Number  
or Cardinality of a set

This is the number of distinct elements in a set

If  $A$  is a set,  $n(A)$  is the cardinality of set  $A$

Example

1.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ , find  $n(A) = 4$

2.  $B = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 3\}$ , find  $n(B) = 3$

Finite Set - This is a set whose cardinality is a whole number

Examples,  $\emptyset$

Infinite set - This is a set that is not finite

Example A set of all odd counting numbers

$$\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$$

Equality of a set

Question when are two sets equal?

Suppose we have sets  $A$  and  $B$ , we say

$$A = B \quad \text{if}$$

① every element in  $A$  is in  $B$

② every element in  $B$  is in  $A$

Example

$$A = \{1, 0, 1, 5, 3, 3\} \quad B = \{0, 1, 3, 5\}$$

every element in  $A$  is in  $B$

every element in  $B$  is in  $A$

Exercise

state true / false

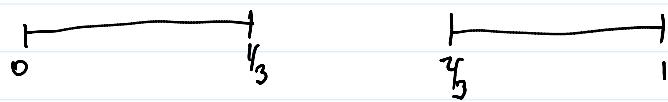
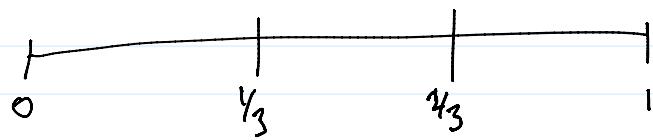
$$A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}, \quad B = \{2, 4, 8, 10\}, \quad C = \{4, 10, 12\}$$

①  $4 \in A$  True

②  $5 \in C$  False

Georg Cantor

Cantor Set



I know  $0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9}$