

Lecture Notes on Sets and Maps

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Sets

$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$	natural numbers
$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$	integers
$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{k}{n} \mid k, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \neq 0 \right\}$	rationals
$\mathbb{R} =$	real numbers
$\mathbb{C} = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$	complex numbers
$i = \text{imaginary unit}$	
characterized by $i^2 = -1$.	
$\mathbb{R}^d = \{(a_1, \dots, a_d) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$	d-dimensional space
$\mathbb{R}^\infty = \{(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$	space of infinite sequences of reals

Operations on Sets

Let A, B be sets.

$A \cup B = \{c \mid c \in A \text{ or } c \in B\}$	<i>union</i>
$A \cap B = \{c \mid c \in A \text{ and } c \in B\}$	<i>intersection</i>
$A \setminus B = \{c \in A \mid c \notin B\}$	<i>difference</i>
$A \Delta B = A \setminus B \cup B \setminus A$	
$= (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$	<i>symmetric difference</i>

Indexed Families of Sets

Let $(A_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}$ be an *indexed family of sets* (index set I).

EX.

1. $I = \mathbb{N}$,

$$A_\alpha := \{\alpha, \alpha + 1\}$$

2. $I = \mathbb{R}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$,

$$A_\alpha := [\alpha, \infty)$$

Union:

$$\begin{aligned}\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_{\alpha} &= \{a \mid a \in A_{\alpha} \text{ for some } \alpha \in I\} \\ &= \{a \mid \exists \alpha \in I \text{ such that } a \in A_{\alpha}\}\end{aligned}$$

Intersection:

$$\begin{aligned}\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_{\alpha} &= \{a \mid a \in A_{\alpha} \text{ for every } \alpha \in I\} \\ &= \{a \mid a \in A_{\alpha} \text{ for all } \alpha \in I\}\end{aligned}$$

Maps

Map = function = mapping (transformation)

Let A, B be sets. A map f

$$\begin{aligned}f &: A \rightarrow B \\ a &\mapsto f(a)\end{aligned}$$

is an assignment: to $\forall a \in A$, f assigns a unique $b \in B$ which is called the value of f at a and is denoted by $f(a)$.

Note: f assigns to $\forall a \in A$ a value, but there may exist $b \in B$ st $f(a) \neq b \forall a \in A$.

A is called the domain (of definition) of f . B is the target space of f .

If $A' \subset A$, then the map f'

$$\begin{aligned}f' &: A' \rightarrow B \\ a &\mapsto f'(a) = f(a)\end{aligned}$$

is called the restriction of f to A' (denoted by $f' = f|_{A'}$).

EX.

1. $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow f = \sin$ f.e.t.

$$x \mapsto \sin(x)$$

2. $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto y^x$$

3. $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 2 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

4. $f : V \rightarrow \text{set of subspaces of } V = S$

$$v \mapsto \text{span}(v)$$

5. $D : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$

$$p(x) \mapsto D : p(x) = p'$$

derivative