

Chapter 1: Introduction .

→ Set

→ A set is a well defined collection of distinct objects.
 For example: $\{1, 2, 3\}$ is the set of three numbers 1, 2 and 3. " $\{$ " indicates beginning of set and " $\}$ " indicates its end. Every object within them is separated by comma. is a member of the set.

Set of vowels : $\{a, e, i, o, u\}$

Set of integers : $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

Real no; any number except $\{-\infty, \infty\}$

① **Roster Form:** In this form a set is described by

② **Set Builder Form OR listing Method:** Here, a set is

described by a characterizing property $g(x)$ of its elements x . eg: $\{x : g(x) \text{ holds}\}$

or, $\{x | g(x) \text{ holds}\}$

eg: Set of 20 Natural numbers:

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x < 20\}$$

eg: $\{x | 1 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and } x \text{ is a real number}\}$

represents the set of real numbers between 1 and 2

eg: $\{x^2 | x \text{ is the square of an integer and } x \leq 100\}$ represents the set $\{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100\}$

③ Third way is to give a procedure to generate the members of the set .

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First, basic elements of the set are presented.

i.e., $0 \in N$ - (1)

Then a method is given to generate elements of the set.

i.e. For any number x if $x \in N$, then $x+1 \in N$ - (2)
Thirdly, a statement is given that excludes undeniable elements:

i.e. Nothing is in N unless it is obtained from (1) and (2)

Hence by defn,

by (1) 0 is put into N

by (2), since 0 is in N , $0+1 (=1)$ is in N

Again by (2), $1+1 (=2)$ is in N

if we don't have (3), $0.5, 1.5, 2.5$ can be included which are not natural numbers.



* Type of sets

1) Null set; (Empty set), or void set ; The set which contains no element is called the null set.
Denoted by \emptyset , $\{\}$. $\{\emptyset\}$ is not null set.

2) Finite set ; A set is called a finite set if it is either empty set or its elements can be listed by natural numbers.

e.g.: set of first five natural numbers $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

3) Infinite set ; A set whose elements cannot be listed by the natural numbers.

i.e. $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

* Cardinal number or Cardinality of a set.

→ If a set has n distinct elements for some natural numbers n , n is the cardinality (size) of S and S is a finite set.

For example the cardinality of the set $\{3, 1, 2\}$ is 3.

* Equivalent set ; Two sets are said to be equivalent set if their cardinal numbers are same.

i.e. $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$$\eta(A) = 4 \quad \eta(B) = 4$$

$$\therefore \eta(A) \sim \eta(B)$$

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* **Equal set:** Two sets are said to be equal sets if their cardinal numbers and elements are same.

i.e. $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ & $B = \{2, 4, 1, 3\}$

$$m(A) = 4 \quad m(B) = 4$$

* **Subset:** Let A and B be two sets, if every

element of A is an element of B then A is called a subset of B. If A is denoted by

$$A \subseteq B$$

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

& $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

$A \subset B \rightarrow$ proper subset.

$$\rightarrow A = \{a, b\} \text{ subset no.: } 2^n$$

$$\therefore 2^2 = 4 \text{ elements}$$

Hence subsets are $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Q. $A = \{a, b, c\} : 2^3 = 8$

Note (1)

Every set is a subset of itself.

(2) The total number of subsets of a finite set containing n elements is 2^n .

(3) The empty set is a subset of every set.

* Power set: Let A be a set. Then the collection of

all the subsets of A is called the power set
of A and is denoted by $P(A)$

$$P(A) = \{S : S \subset A\}$$

e.g.: If $A = \{a, b, c\}$

its subsets are given by $2^3 = 8$

Hence, $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$

Now,

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

* Universal set: A set that contains all sets in a

given context is called universal set.

e.g.: $U = \{a, e, i, o, u\} \rightarrow A = \{a, e, i\}$

$$B = \{i, o, u\}$$

Set operation:

→ sets can be combined in a number of different ways to produce another set.

- (i) Union of sets
- (ii) Intersection of sets
- (iii) Difference of sets
- (iv) Complement of sets
- (v) Product of sets.

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(i) Union of sets : The union of sets A and B,

denoted by $A \cup B$.

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$ then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

(ii) Intersection of sets : The intersection of set A and

B is denoted by $A \cap B$.

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$ then

$$A \cap B = \{1, 2\}$$

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$ then $A \cap B = \emptyset$

(iii) Difference of sets : The difference of sets A and

B, denoted by $A - B$.

For e.g.: If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$ then

$$A - B = \{3\}$$

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$ then

$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Note: $A - B \neq B - A$.

(iv) Complement of sets : The complement of set A

is the set of all elements in the universal set U but not in A. Denoted by \bar{A}

e.g.: Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ then

$$\bar{A} = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

e.g.: $U = \{d, a, n, g, e, r\}$ and $A = \{a, n, g, e, r\}$.

$$\therefore \bar{A} = \{d\}$$

(1) Cartesian Product: A cartesian product of two sets

A and B is a set containing ordered pair from A and B. Denoted by $A \times B$

Eg: let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{c, d\}$

Find $A \times B$:

$$A \times B = \{(1, c), (1, d), (2, c), (2, d), (3, c), (3, d)\}$$

Properties of sets

(1) Commutative law: $A \cup B = B \cup A$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

(2) Associative law: $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

(3) Distributive law: $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

(2) Associative law eg:

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}, C = \{2, 7, 3\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \dots LHS.$$

$$\text{Again: } B \cup C = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \quad \{ \dots RHS \}$$

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \dots RHS$$

$$(3) Disjointness; A = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}, B = \{3, 8, 9\} C = \{1, 2, 3, 9\}$$

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Q. If $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

Verify that:

$$(i) (\overline{A \cup B}) = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

$$(ii) (\overline{A \cap B}) = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Soln: } (i) (\overline{A \cup B}) = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

Now $\overline{A} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ and $\overline{B} = \{1, 4, 6, 8, 9\}$

For LHS ($\overline{A \cup B}$), first we perform ($A \cup B$)

$$\therefore (A \cup B) = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$= \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

Now ($\overline{A \cup B}$) = $\{1, 9\}$ \rightarrow comparing with universal

RHS $\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} \cap \{1, 4, 6, 8, 9\}$ set.

$$= \{1, 9\}$$
 \therefore LHS = RHS.

Hence verified.

$$(ii) \overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

LHS : $A \cap B = \{2\}$

$$(\overline{A \cap B}) = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} = A$$

$$RHS : \overline{A \cap B} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} \cup \{1, 4, 6, 8\} = B$$

$$= \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$\therefore LHS = RHS.$$

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$

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If $x \in A$, if we prove
 x also belongs to B

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } x \in (A \cup B)'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin (A \cup B)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \text{ and } x \in B'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A' \cap B')$$

$$\therefore (A \cup B)' \subset A' \cap B' \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B$$

$$\text{Again from RHS.}$$

$$y \in A' \cap B'$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A' \text{ and } y \in B'$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin A \text{ and } y \notin B.$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B)'$$

$$\therefore (A \cup B)' \subset (A \cap B)' \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\therefore \text{From (1) and (2) } A' \cap B' = (A \cap B)'$$

Rules:

$$① x \in (A \cup B)$$

$$\rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B$$

$$② x \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$\rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B$$

$$⑤ x \in A$$

$$\rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and vice versa.}$$

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(iii) $(A \cap B)^c = A \cup B^c$

Let $x \in (A \cap B)^c$

$\Rightarrow x \notin (A \cap B)$

$\Rightarrow x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$

$\Rightarrow x \in A^c$ or $x \in B^c$

$\Rightarrow x \in (A^c \cup B^c)$

Now, $(A \cap B)^c \subseteq A^c \cup B^c$

Again from RHS. $y \in A^c \cup B^c$

$\Rightarrow y \in A^c$ or $y \in B^c$

$\Rightarrow y \notin A$ or $y \notin B$

$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cap B)^c$

$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cap B)^c$

$\therefore (A \cap B)^c \subseteq (A \cap B)^c$

* Show that $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

\rightarrow sol'n: Let us take the LHS and $x \in A - (B \cup C)$

$\Rightarrow x \in A$ & $x \notin (B \cup C)$

$\Rightarrow x \in A$ & $x \notin B$ & $x \notin C$

$\Rightarrow x \in A - B$ and $x \in A - C$

$\Rightarrow x \in ((A - B) \cap (A - C))$

$\therefore A - (B \cup C) \subseteq (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

Conversely,

$$\Rightarrow x \in ((A - B) \cap (A - C))$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \text{ and } x \in A \text{ and } x \notin C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \notin (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A - (B \cup C))$$

Hence proved RHS.

To show uniqueness to consider another method of proof.

$$\# \text{ Show that } (\overline{A \cup B}) = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \text{ by DeMorgan's law.}$$

$$\# \text{ Show that } (A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } x \in A \cup (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$\therefore \overline{A \cup B} \cup C \subseteq (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$\text{Therefore } A \cup (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cup C$$

Conversely,

$$x \in (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \text{ or } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cup (B \cup C)$$

Hence proved. //

Q.E.D. (End of proof)