

CARTESIAN PRODUCT

1. ORDERED PAIR:

Let A and B be two sets.

If $a \in A, b \in B$ then (a, b) is called an ordered pair whose first component is a and the second component is b .

In the ordered pair (a, b) , the order in which the elements a and b appear in the bracket is important

Thus,

(i) $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$, if $a \neq b$

(ii) $(a, b) = (c, d)$, if and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$

Example-1

If $(x + 1, y - 2) = (3, 1)$, find the values of x and y .

Solution:

Given,

$$(x + 1, y - 2) = (3, 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x + 1 = 3 \text{ and } y - 2 = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 2 \text{ and } y = 3 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

2. CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF TWO SETS:

The set of all ordered pairs (a, b) of elements $a \in A, b \in B$ is called the Cartesian Product of sets A and B and is denoted by $A \times B$.

Thus, $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$

Example:

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

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

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

And

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

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

REMARKS:

(i) $A \times B \neq B \times A$, If $A \neq B$

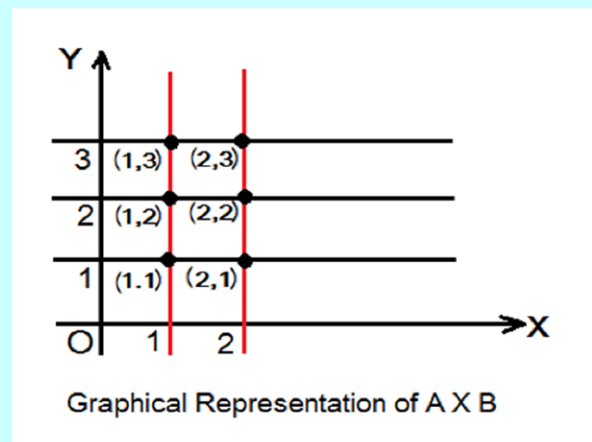
(ii) $A \times B = \emptyset$, if $A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$

(iii) $n(A \times B) = n(A) \times n(B)$

NOTE:

$$A \times B \times C = \{(a, b, c) : a \in A, b \in B, c \in C\}$$

Here, (a, b, c) is called ordered triplet.



Example-2:

If $A = \{1, 2\}$, find $A \times A \times A$

Answer:

$$A \times A = \{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\}$$

$$= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$\therefore A \times A \times A = A \times (A \times A)$$

$$= \{1, 2\} \times \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$= \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2), (2, 1, 1), (2, 1, 2), (2, 2, 1), (2, 2, 2)\}$$

Note:

$$n(A \times B \times C) = n(A) \times n(B) \times n(C)$$

Example-3

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{3, 4\}$ and $C = \{4, 5, 6\}$. Find

$$(i) A \times (B \cap C) \quad (ii) (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

$$(iii) A \times (B \cup C) \quad (iv) (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

Solution:

$$(i) (B \cap C) = \{3, 4\} \cap \{4, 5, 6\} = \{4\}$$

$$\therefore A \times (B \cap C) = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{4\} = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}.$$

$$(ii) (A \times B) = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{3, 4\} = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$$

$$(A \times C) = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{4, 5, 6\} = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$\therefore (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}.$$

$$(iii) (B \cup C) = \{3, 4\} \cup \{4, 5, 6\} = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\therefore A \times (B \cup C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}.$$

(iv)

$$(A \times B) \cup (A \times C) \quad [\text{Using } (A \times B) \text{ and } (A \times C) \text{ from (ii)}]$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} \cup \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}.$$

Example - 4

Let A and B be two sets such that $n(A) = 3$ and $n(B) = 2$. If $(x, 1), (y, 2), (z, 1)$ are in $A \times B$, find A and B , where x, y and z are distinct elements.

Solution:

Since, $(x, 1), (y, 2), (z, 1) \in (A \times B)$

$$\therefore A = \{a: (a, b) \in (A \times B)\} = \{x, y, z\}$$

$$\text{and } B = \{b: (a, b) \in (A \times B)\} = \{1, 2\}$$

Example - 5

The Cartesian product $A \times A$ has 9 elements among which are found $(-1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$. Find the set A and the remaining elements of $A \times A$.

Solution:

Two elements out of 9 elements of $A \times A$ are $(-1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$.

$$\text{Here, } a \in A, b \in A \quad \forall (a, b) \in (A \times A)$$

$$\therefore A = \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

Now,

$$A \times A = \{-1, 0, 1\} \times \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

$$= \{(-1, -1), (-1, 0), (-1, 1), (0, -1), (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, -1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$$

Thus, the remaining elements of $A \times A$ are

$$(-1, -1), (-1, 1), (0, -1), (0, 0), (1, -1), (1, 0) \text{ and } (1, 1)$$