

## Sets:

1.  $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow$  if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  if  $x \notin B$  then  $x \notin A$  (this statement is also often used in the proof)

$$A \subsetneq B \Leftrightarrow A \subset B \text{ and } A \neq B$$

$$A=B \Leftrightarrow A \subset B \text{ and } B \subset A$$

$$A \neq B \Leftrightarrow \text{there exists } x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B, \text{ or there exists } x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A$$

2.  $A \cap B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \}$   
 $A \cup B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \}$   
 $A \cap B^c = A - B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \notin B \}$

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

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

$$(B \cap C)^c = B^c \cup C^c$$

$$(B \cup C)^c = B^c \cap C^c$$

3.  $\mathcal{A}$ : collection of sets, only require the elements are sets. the element of  $\mathcal{A}$  can be any set, not necessary the subset of A.  
 $P(A)$ : power set of A  
power set must be related to some set A. It is a collection of **all** subsets of A.

eg.  $\mathcal{A} = \{ \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\} \}$

$$A = \{ a, b, c \}$$

then which of the following statement are true?

$$\{a, b\} \in P(\mathcal{A}) \quad (\text{Ans: False})$$

$$\{a, b\} \subset P(\mathcal{A}) \quad (\text{Ans: False})$$

$$\{a, b\} \in P(A) \quad (\text{Ans: true})$$

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$$\{ \{a\}, \{b\} \} \subset P(A) \quad (\text{Ans: true})$$

Therefore, a element of  $P(B)$  should be subset of B, and a subset of  $P(B)$  is a set containing subsets of B.

4. Notations about sets collections:

$$\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ for some (at least one) } A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

$$\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ for all (every) } A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

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

then  $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{a\} \cup \{b\} \cup \{c\} = \{a, b, c\}$

$$\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \{a\} \cap \{b\} \cap \{c\} = \emptyset$$

Suppose  $E_a, A$  are sets, then

$$\bigcup_{a \in A} E_a = \{x \mid x \in E_a \text{ for some (at least one) } a \in A\}$$

$$\bigcap_{a \in A} E_a = \{x \mid x \in E_a \text{ for all (every) } a \in A\}$$

e.g.  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$   $E_1 = \{1, 2\}$   $E_2 = \{4, 5\}$   $E_3 = \{2\}$   $E_4 = \{3, 4\}$   $E_5 = \{2, 3\}$

then  $\bigcup_{a \in A} E_a = E_1 \cup E_3 \cup E_5 = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\bigcap_{a \in A} E_a = E_1 \cap E_3 \cap E_5 = \{2\}$$

$$\bigcup_{m=1}^n E_m = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \dots \cup E_n$$

$$\bigcap_{m=1}^n E_m = E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \dots \cap E_n$$

5.  $\emptyset \subset$  any set

$\emptyset \in$  any powerset.