

Lecture 1

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- syllabus
- ethos of the course
- the importance of engagement for success
- there are **No** numbers or variables in todays lecture.

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What even is Math?

- Numbers? → Q
- Scary Symbols?
- Shapes?
- ???

There are no Right answers. Only perspectives

- Geometers say shapes, lines, and angles
- algebraists say numbers, symbols, and structures.
- Analysts say the properties of numbers and functions.

All of them are Right. However each perspective is unique to their fields.

to Me?

Math, all of it, is the study of Objects - Numbers, shapes, symbols, and Manipulations (Morphisms) on the objects

-The 'categorical view of Math'

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'example'.

Algebra is the study of families of numbers
and manipulations on them (functions)

This is just my perspective. To begin answering
somewhat satisfyingly our questions, let's ask another
question:

What are numbers? How do you define them? Q

↳ Quantities (Cardinals, aka 'amount of things' numbers)

• These are the ones most people use, most of
the time

↳ Position (Relative) → Ordinals (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)
• denote relative order of objects.

You can have 5 apples, but you can't come in 5 place
in a race.

You can come in 3rd in a race, but you can't have
35th dollars in your bank

2 separate systems that use the same symbols

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1858-1932

Gottlob Frege : notable for some of the first

Rigorous definitions of numbers. (wrong)

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Analysis (Real)
Complex Analysis

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order to understand numbers, we need to understand as plan
functions

et: unordered collection of things.

↳ \mathbb{Z} (German - Bestehen (whole))

↳ set of pairs in a class

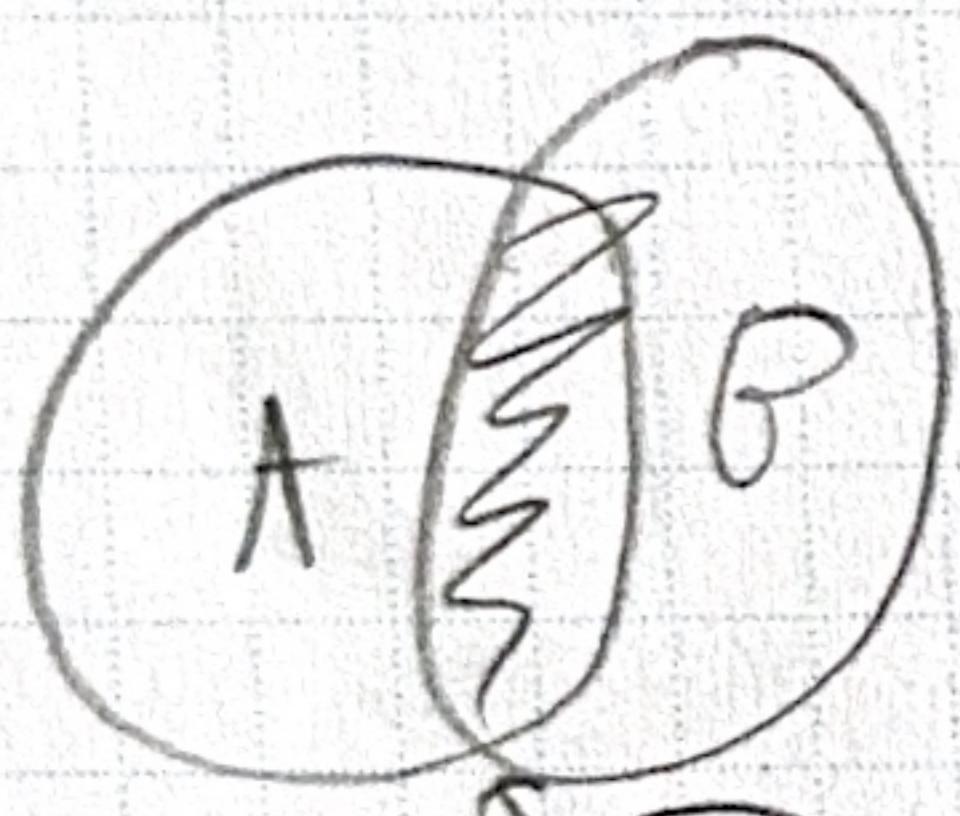
↳ set of all even numbers that I, higher, like
Sets can have anything in them

$$S = \{a, b, c, \dots, y, z\} = \{b, a, c, d, \dots, y, z\}$$

Operations on sets

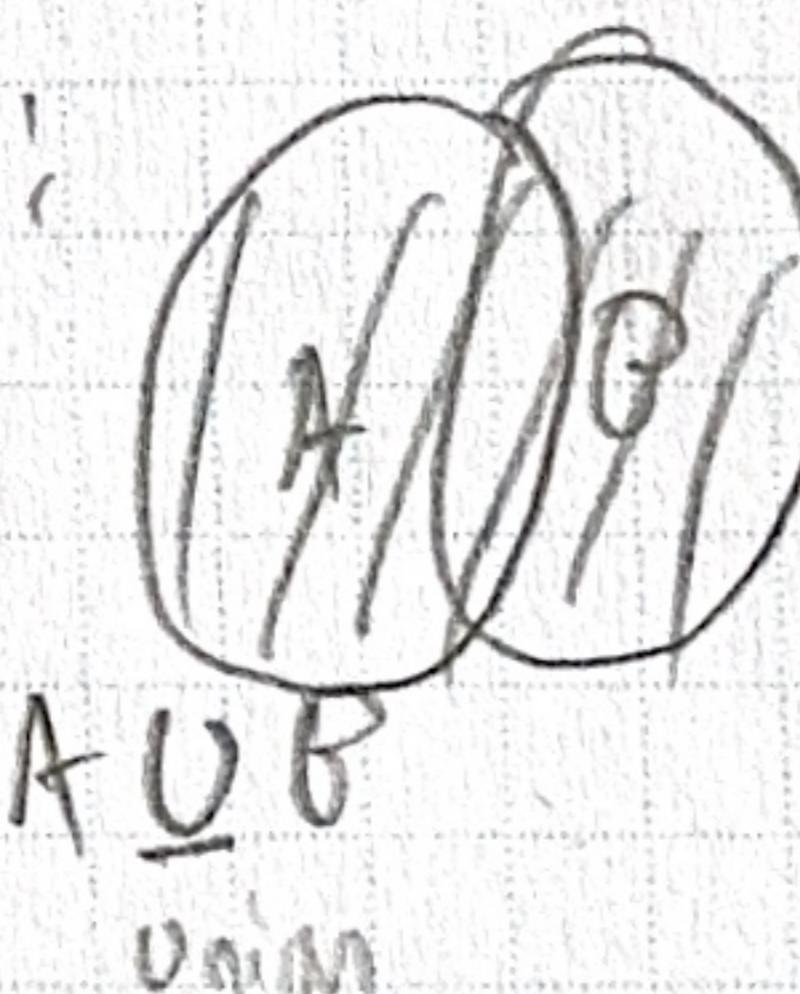
→ Union (adding) \Rightarrow the union of all elements in both sets

Intersection (subtracting) \Rightarrow collection of all things sets share.



Intersection: $A \cap B$

Union:



$A \cup B$
Union

Special sets:

\emptyset = null, or empty
set, No members

\mathcal{U} = "universe"
"top set" containing

Set equality: Sets A and B are equal if they share
the same exact elements

Ex $A = \{a, b, c\}, B = \{b, c, a\} \quad A = B$

$$C = \{B, C\} \quad A \neq C$$

$$A = B \text{ if } A \cap B = A \text{ And } A \cap B = B \text{ KM}$$

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sets'. A subset is a set, usually smaller, of elements shared by both sets.

$A \subseteq B$ 'A is a subset of B'

even numbers \subseteq all numbers

Students in this class \subseteq all students

All sets $\subseteq \mathcal{U}$ and No set is a subset of \emptyset (~~all sets~~)
~~($A \subseteq \emptyset$)~~
~~($\emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$...)~~

two axioms for addition

↳ What is an axiom? Q

Axiom is a statement or rule Assumed true, Not can't
Be proved.

"If toddler why gone"

What is a number? \rightarrow via Peano

$$\emptyset = 0$$

For all n , define a "successor" function
 \hookrightarrow next number

$$s(n) = n \cup \{n\}$$

$$\rightarrow 1 = s(0) = \{0\}$$

$$2 = s(1) = s(s(0)) = \{0, 1\} = \{0, \{0\}\} = \{0, \{0\}\}$$

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Whole
this way, all numbers are defined, between 0 and infinity

Wait... what's infinity? → next class.

Other properties from Peano

$0+a=a$: "0 is ~~absorptive~~["] idempotent under addition"

$a+S(b)=S(a+b)$ "linearity"

Conclusion:

Often what we assume to be true in math has some core beliefs behind them.

There will be several, often frustrating, analyses of seemingly fundamental questions in math, such as the one we had today

→ Zermelo-Fraenkel, Gödel, Russell, all great mathematicians interested with this topic.

Questions?

Homework:

Using the definition of the successor above, try to define normal multiplication^(*) beginning with the following facts

$$0 \cdot a = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a \cdot S(b) = a + (a \cdot b)$$

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