

In terms of sets, we have the following interpretations:

- $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  means that  $x$  is in at least one of the  $A_i$  sets.
- $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  means that  $x$  is in all of the  $A_i$  sets.

So this means that

1.  $\bigcap_{N \geq 1} \bigcup_{n \geq N} A_n$  are all elements somewhere in  $A_N, A_{N+1}, A_{N+2}, \dots$ , *no matter how large  $N$  is*. Being a member of this set is logically equivalent to being "in infinitely many of the  $A_i$  sets".
2.  $\bigcup_{N \geq 1} \bigcap_{n \geq N} A_n$  are all elements in every single one of  $A_N, A_{N+1}, A_{N+2}, \dots$  for some  $N$ . Being a member of this set is logically equivalent to being "in all *but* finitely many the  $A_i$  sets".

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A member of

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$$\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} A_n$$

is a member of at least one of the sets

$$\bigcap_{n \geq N} A_n,$$

meaning it's a member of either  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots$  or  $A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4 \cap \dots$  or  $A_3 \cap A_4 \cap A_5 \cap \dots$  or  $A_4 \cap A_5 \cap A_6 \cap \dots$  or  $\dots$  etc. That means it's a member of all except finitely many of the  $A$ .

A member of

$$\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} A_n$$

is a member of **all** of the sets

$$\bigcup_{n \geq N} A_n,$$

so it's a member of  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots$  and of  $A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4 \cup \dots$  and of  $A_3 \cup A_4 \cup A_5 \cup \dots$  and of  $A_4 \cup A_5 \cup A_6 \cup \dots$  and of  $\dots$  etc. That means no matter how far down the sequence you go, it's a member of at least one of the sets that come later. That means it's a member of infinitely many of them, but there might also be infinitely many that it does not belong to.