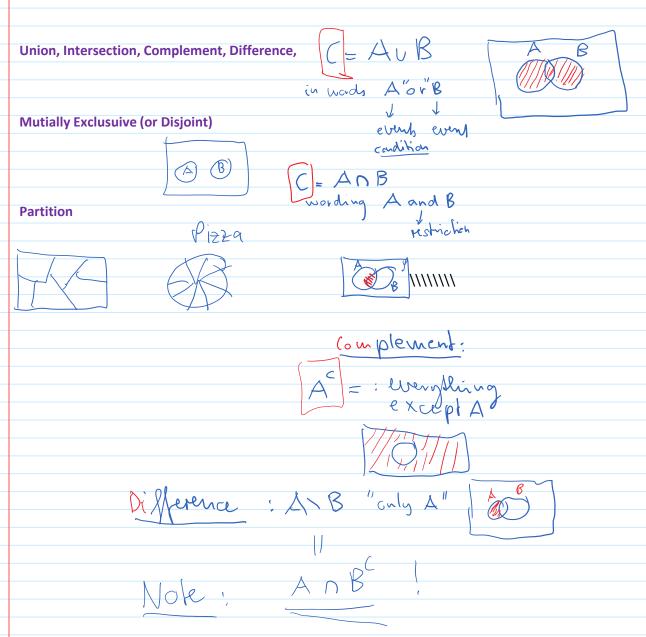
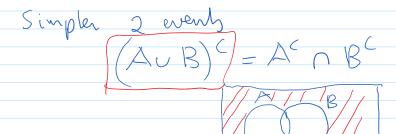
1.2.2 Set Operations



Theorem 1.1: De Morgan's law

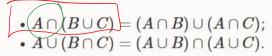
For any sets A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n , we have

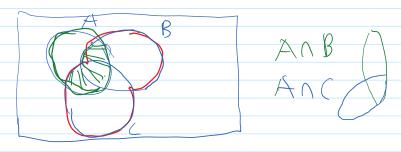
- $(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \cdots A_n)^c = A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3^c \cdots \cap A_n^c;$ $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \cdots A_n)^c = A_1^c \cup A_2^c \cup A_3^c \cdots \cup A_n^c.$



Theorem 1.2: Distributive law

For any sets A, B, and C we have





Cartesian Product, Multiplication Principle

Def: A Cartesian product of two sets A and B, written as $A \times B$, is the set containing ordered pairs from A and B.

That is, if $C=A\times B$, then each element of C is of the form (x,y), where $x\in A$ and $y\in B$:

Note that here the pairs are ordered, so for example, $(1,H) \neq (H,1)$. Thus $A \times B$ is **not** the same as $B \times A$.

1.2.3 Cardinality: Countable and Uncountable

Sets

Here we need to talk about **cardinality** of a set, which is basically the size of the set. The cardinality of a set is denoted by |A|

We first discuss cardinality for finite sets and then talk about infinite sets.

Finite Sets:

Consider a set A. If A has only a finite number of elements, its cardinality is simply the number of elements in A.

For example, if $A=\{2,4,6,8,10\}$, then |A|=

First:



Inclusion-exclusion principle:

1.
$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$
,

2.
$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$
.

1. see Figure 1.16 Problem 2

Generally, for n finite sets A_1,A_2,A_3,\cdots,A_n , we can write

$$igg|igcup_{i=1}^n A_iigg| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{i < j} |A_i \cap A_j| \ + \sum_{i < j < k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \ \cdots \ + (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap \cdots \cap A_n| \,.$$

Do Example 1.5 (Party)

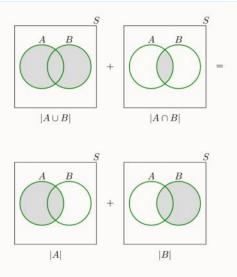


Fig.1.16 - Venn diagrams for some identities.

Countable Sets:

Definition 1.1

Set A is called countable if one of the following is true

- a. if it is a finite set, $|A|<\infty$; or
- b. it can be put in one-to-one correspondence with natural numbers \mathbb{N} , in which case the set is said to be countably infinite.

A set is called uncountable if it is not countable.

Some Useful Results:

- $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q},$ and any of their subsets are countable.
- Any set containing an interval on the real line such as [a,b],(a,b],[a,b), or (a,b), where a < b is uncountable.



Any subset of a countable set is countable.

Any superset of an uncountable set is uncountable.

Theorem 1.4

If A_1,A_2,\cdots is a list of countable sets, then the set $\bigcup_i A_i=A_1\cup A_2\cup A_3\cdots$ is also countable.

Proof:

•
$$A_1 = \{a_{11}, a_{12}, \cdots\},$$

$$ullet A_2 = \{a_{21}, a_{22}, \cdots\},$$

•
$$A_3 = \{a_{31}, a_{32}, \cdots\},$$

• ..

Now we need to make a list that contains all the above lists. This can be done in different ways. One way to do this is to use the ordering shown in Figure 1.12 to make a list. Here, we can write

$$\bigcup_i A_i = \{a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{31}, a_{22}, a_{13}, a_{14}, \cdots \}$$
 (1.1)

$$a_{11} \rightarrow a_{12} \quad a_{13} \rightarrow a_{14} \quad \cdots$$
 $\swarrow \quad \nearrow \quad \swarrow \quad \nearrow \quad \cdots$
 $a_{21} \quad a_{22} \quad a_{23} \quad a_{24} \quad \cdots$
 $\downarrow \quad \nearrow \quad \swarrow \quad \nearrow \quad \cdots$
 $a_{31} \quad a_{32} \quad a_{33} \quad a_{34} \quad \cdots$

Similarly

Theorem 1.5

If A and B are countable, then $A \times B$ is also countable.

$$(a_{1},b_{1}) \rightarrow (a_{1},b_{2}) \qquad (a_{1},b_{3}) \rightarrow (a_{1},b_{4}) \cdots$$
 $\swarrow \qquad \qquad \swarrow \qquad \qquad (a_{2},b_{1}) \qquad (a_{2},b_{2}) \qquad (a_{2},b_{3}) \qquad (a_{2},b_{4}) \cdots$
 $\downarrow \qquad \qquad \swarrow \qquad \qquad (a_{3},b_{1}) \qquad (a_{3},b_{2}) \qquad (a_{3},b_{3}) \qquad (a_{3},b_{4}) \cdots$
 $\swarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad (a_{4},b_{1}) \qquad (a_{4},b_{2}) \qquad (a_{4},b_{3}) \qquad (a_{4},b_{4}) \cdots$

Consequence:

$$\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{ \frac{i}{j} \}.$$

Uncountable Sets:

However, as we mentioned, intervals in R are uncountable. Thus, you can never provide a list in the form of $\{a_1,a_2,a_3,\cdots\}$ that contains all the elements in, say, [0,1]. This fact can be proved using a so-called diagonal argument, and we omit the proof here as it is not instrumental for the rest of the book.

1.2.4 Functions

Please read about domain, co-domain and range of a function.

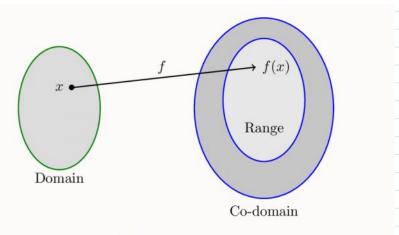


Fig.1.14 - Function $f:A\to B$, the range is always a subset of the co-domain.

