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# Sets



The stained glass in Caius Hall at Cambridge University commemorating John Venn.



## Contents

- Notions for sets
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### Set theory

- Creation of one mathematician: Georg Cantor (1845-1918), born in Russia to a Danish father and a Russian mother and spent most of his life in Germany
- Great importance to the modern formulation of many topics of continuous and discrete mathematics



Georg Cantor 1845-1918



### Notion of a Set

- Definition by Georg Cantor: "A set is a gathering together into a whole of definite, distinct objects of our perception and of our thought – which are called elements of the set."
- More simple "intuitive" or "naive" definition: A set is a type of structure, representing an unordered collection of zero or more distinct objects (elements).

#### Notion of a Set



- Naive definitions turned out to be inadequate for formal mathematics
- Notion of a set is taken as an undefined primitive in axiomatic set theory
- The most basic properties are
  - a set "has" elements
  - two sets are equal if and only if they have the same elements.
- Set theory deals with operations between, relations among, and statements about sets.
- All of mathematics can be defined in terms of some form of set theory.
- Sets are extensively used in computer software systems.



## Set Membership

- Sets are denoted with capital letters S, T, U, ...
- Elements are denoted with low case letters x, y, z ...
- If an object x is a member of a set A, then we denote this relationship as: x ∈ A which reads "x belongs to A", "x is a member of A" or "x is in A".
- If an object x is not a member of a set A, then we denote this relationship as: x ∉ A which reads
   " x does not belong to A ", " x is not a member of A " or " x is not in A ".
- The symbol "∈" was introduced by the Italian mathematician Giuseppe Peano in 1888, derived from the first letter of the Greek word "ειναι" meaning "is".



# Defining a Set

- We may define a particular set in two distinct ways:
  - listing all the members
  - by membership rule or semantic description
- List of set members
  - $-A = \{2, 3, 6, 8\}$  tabular form of the set.
  - B = {x | x is an odd integer} or
    B = {x : x is an odd integer}.
    Here the symbols " | " and " : " are read as "where".

#### Defining a Set



### Set membership rule

A more general form (a set-builder form):  $S = \{x \mid P(x)\}$  denotes the set S of all the entities





#### Defining a Set



Variation of the set-builder form:

 $S = \{x \in A \mid P(x)\}$  denotes the set S of all the elements x that belong to the set A and for which the predicate P(x) holds true.

Example:

 $S = \{x \in Z \mid P(x)\}$ 

where P(x) ="x is odd", denotes the set of odd integers.



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### The Empty Set

- A set that contains no elements is called a null set or an empty set and is denoted by the symbol "Ø".
  - If A is the set of all people in the world who are older than 200 years, then A is the empty set,

i.e.  $A = \emptyset$ .

- If  $B = \{x \mid x^2 = 4 \land x \text{ is an odd integer}\},\$ then  $B = \emptyset$
- The empty set is the unique set that can be defined as  $\emptyset = \{\} = \{x | x \neq x\} = ... = \{x | False\}$



### Finite and Infinite Sets

- A set is finite if it consists of a specific number of different elements (i.e., if the process of counting its elements can terminate.).
   Otherwise, the set is infinite.
  - Examples:
  - If **D** is the set of the days of the week, then **D** is a *finite set*.
  - If  $O = \{1, 3, 5, 7, ...\}$ , then O is an *infinite set*.
  - If *M* = {x | x is a mountain of this planet},
    then *M* is a finite set, even though it may be very difficult to count all the mountains.



# **Cardinality and Finiteness**

- If a set S has n elements (where n is nonnegative integer), then we say that S has cardinality n.
- |S| (read "the *cardinality* of S") is a measure of how many different elements S has.
- Examples:  $|\{1,2,3\}| = 3$ ,  $|\{a,b\}| = 2$ ,  $|\{\{1,2,3\},\{4,5\}\}| = 2$
- If |S|∈N, then we say S is finite.
   Otherwise, we say S is infinite.
- Cardinality of the empty set is 0



### **Power Set**

• The *power set* P(S) of a set S is the set of all subsets of S:  $P(S) :\equiv \{x \mid x \subseteq S\}$ .

Example:  $P(\{a,b\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}.$ 

- Sometimes P(S) is written 2<sup>S</sup>, because  $|P(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ .
- It turns out ∀S: |P(S)|>|S|,
   e.g. |P(N)| > |N|.
   There are different sizes of infinite sets.



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### Venn-Euler Diagrams

- A Venn-Euler diagram is a pictorial representation of specific sets and their relationships using geometic shapes (sets of points) on the plane to represent them.
- These diagrams were invented by Leonhard Euler and about 100 years later by John Venn. Venn used the term "Eulerian Circles".
- Used to illustrate specific sets and their subsets, and relationships between specific sets.



Leonhard Euler 1707-1783



John Venn

1834-1923



#### Venn-Euler Diagrams

#### Example:

The universal set U represents all animals,

- C represents the set of all camels,
- B represents the set of all birds
- A represents the set of all albatrosses.

The Venn diagram represents the relationship of these sets.



#### **Venn-Euler Diagrams**





Example: A = {e1 ,e2 ,e3 ,e4} B = {e3 ,e4 ,e5 ,e6}



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### **Basic Set Operations: Union**

The *union* of sets *A* and *B* is the set of elements that belong to set *A* or to set *B* or to both sets. We denote the union of sets *A* and B by  $A \cup B$ , which reads " *A union B*".

$$-\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbf{A} \lor x \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

Example: if **A** = {a, b, c, d} and B = {c, d, e, f} then **A** ∪ **B** = {a, b, c, d, e, f}.

- The union operation is commutative  $A \cup B = B \cup A$
- Both sets are subsets of their union  $A \subseteq (A \cup B)$  and  $B \subseteq (A \cup B)$ .



#### **Basic Set Operations: Union**



### Venn diagram for the *union* of sets **B** and **A** $\mathbf{B} \cup \mathbf{A}$



### **Union Examples**

- $\{a,b,c\} \cup \{2,3\} = \{a,b,c,2,3\}$
- $\{2,3,5\} \cup \{3,5,7\} = \{2,3,5,3,5,7\} = \{2,3,5,7\}$





**Union Examples** 

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$$A = \{x \in R \mid x \ge -1\}$$

$$B = \{x \in R \mid x \ge 1\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{x \in R \mid x \ge -1 \lor x \ge 1\} =$$

$$\{x \in R \mid x \ge -1\}$$

B



## Intersection operation

The *intersection* of sets *A* and *B* is the set of elements that are common to both sets. We denote the intersection of sets *A* and *B* by  $A \cap B$ , which reads "*A* intersection *B*":

- $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} = \{ x \mid x \in \mathbf{A} \land x \in \mathbf{B} \}$
- If  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{c, d, e, f\}$ , then  $A \cap B = \{c, d\}$ .
- The *intersection* is commutative  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ .
- the *intersection* of two sets is subset of both sets  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$  and  $(A \cap B) \subseteq B$ .

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IJ



### **Intersection Examples**

- {a,b,c}∩{2,3} = ∅
- **{2,4,6}**∩**{3,4,5}** = <u>{4}</u>





#### **Intersection Examples**





#### **Intersection Examples**

R

# $A = \{x \in R \mid x \ge 0\}$ $B = \{x \in R \mid x \le 0\}$ $A \cap B = \{x \in R \mid x \ge 0 \land x \le 0\} =$ ${x \in R \mid x = 0} = {0}$ ()



## **Disjoint Sets Definition**

• Two sets A, B are called *disjoint* (*i.e.*, not joined) if their intersection is empty:

### $A \cap B = \emptyset$

• Example: the set of even integers is disjoint with the set of odd integers.



The Venn diagram of two disjoint sets.



### **Inclusion-Exclusion Principle**

• How many elements are in  $A \cup B$ ?  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ 

This method of calculation the cardinality is called the inclusion-exclusion principle.

• Example: How many students are on our class list? Consider set  $E = I \cup M$ ,

 $I = \{s \mid s \text{ exists in the attendance sheet}\}\$  $M = \{s \mid s \text{ exists in the email list}\}$ 

• Some students may be only in one list  $|E| = |I \cup M| = |I| + |M| - |I \cap M|$ 



### **Difference operation**

The *difference* of sets *A* and *B* (subtraction of *B* from *A*) is the set of elements that belong to set A and do not belong to set B. We denote the *difference* of sets *A* and *B* by *A - B* or *A \ B*,

 $\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{B} = \{ x \mid x \in \boldsymbol{A} \land x \notin \boldsymbol{B} \}$ 

Example: If **A** = {a, b, c, d} and B = {c, d, e, f}, then **A** - **B** = {a, b}.





**Difference Examples** 

- $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\} \{2,3,5,7,9,11\} =$  $\{1,4,6\}$
- Z N = {..., -1, 0, 1, 2, ...} {1, 2, ...}
   = {x | x is an integer but not a natural}
   = {..., -3, -2, -1, 0}



#### **Difference Examples**





#### **Difference Examples**

$$A = \{x \in R \mid x \ge -1\}$$
  

$$B = \{x \in R \mid x \le 1\}$$
  

$$A - B = \{x \in R \mid x \ge -1 \land \neg (x \le 1)\} =$$
  

$$\{x \in R \mid x \ge -1 \land x > 1\} =$$
  

$$\{x \in R \mid x > 1\}$$
  

$$-1 \qquad 1 \qquad R$$
  

$$A - B$$



Set Complements

- When the context clearly defines the universal set *U*, we say that for any set *A*⊆*U*, the *complement* of *A*, written *A* or *A*' or ¬*A* is the complement of *A* with respect to *U*: *A*' = *U*-*A*
- Example: If *U*=**N**, *A* = {3,5} *A*' = {1, 2, 4, 6, 7...}

Open boundary-




### Set Complement Example

R

$$A = \{x \in R \mid x=1\}$$
  
$$\neg A = \{x \in R \mid \neg (x=1)\} = \{x \in R \mid x < 1 \lor x > 1\}$$

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### Symmetric Difference

The symmetric **difference** of sets **A** and **B** is the set of elements that belong to one of the sets A or B and do not belong to both sets:

# $\mathbf{A} \triangle \mathbf{B} = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid (\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{A} \land \mathbf{x} \notin \mathbf{B}) \lor (\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{B} \land \mathbf{x} \notin \mathbf{A}) \} = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{A} \oplus \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{B} \}$

Example:

If A = {a, b, c, d } and B = {c, d, e, f },
then A △ B = {a, b, e, f}.



#### Symmetric Difference





### Symmetric Difference Example

 $A = \{x \in R \mid x \ge -1\}$  $B = \{x \in R \mid x \le 1\}$  $A \Delta B = \{x \in R \mid$  $(x \ge -1 \lor x \le 1) - (-1 \le x \le 1) =$  $\{x \in R \mid x < -1 \lor x > 1\}$ R  $_{-1} A \Delta B$ 



### Basic Set Operations: summary





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# Set Membership Tables

- Just like truth tables for propositional logic.
- Columns for different set expressions.
- Rows for all combinations of memberships in constituent sets.
- 2<sup>n</sup> rows for *n* constituent sets
- Use "1" to indicate membership in the derived set, "0" for non-membership.
- Prove equivalence of set expressions with identical columns.



### Membership Table Example

Prove  $(A \cup B) - B = A - B$ .





### Membership Table Exercise

ABC	$A \cup B$	$(A \cup B) - C$	A-C	B–C	$(A-C)\cup(B-C)$
000			-		
001					
0 1 0	1				
0 1 1	1				
100	1				
101	1				
1 1 0	1				
1 1 1	1				





ABC	$A \cup B$	$(A \cup B) - C$	A-C	В-С	$(A-C)\cup(B-C)$
000					
001					
0 1 0	1	1			
0 1 1	1				
100	1	1			
1 0 1	1				
1 1 0	1	1			
1 1 1	1				





ABC	$A \cup B$	$(A \cup B) - C$	A-C	B-C	$(A-C)\cup(B-C)$
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001					
0 1 0	1	1		1	
0 1 1	1				
1 0 0	1	1	1		
1 0 1	1				
1 1 0	1	1	1	1	
1 1 1	1				









Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)

- CSG is based on a set of 3D solid primitives and set-theoretic operations
- Traditional primitives: block, cylinder, cone, sphere, torus
- Operations; union, intersection, difference
   + translation and rotation



Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)

### **CSG** tree

• A complex solid is represented with a binary tree usually called CSG tree





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- Venn diagram for *n* sets must contain all 2<sup>n</sup> hypothetically possible zones that correspond to all combinations of inclusion or exclusion in each of the component sets.
- 2<sup>n</sup> zones correspond to the number of rows in the set membership table:

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- n=2, 4 zones;
- n=3, 8 zones;
- n=4, 16 zones, etc.





Venn diagram: intersections of the Greek, Latin and Russian alphabets













#### Venn diagrams devised by Anthony Edwards for n = 3, 4, 5, 6





Generalized Unions & Intersections

 Since union & intersection are commutative and associative, we can extend them from operating on ordered pairs of sets (A,B) to operating on sequences of sets (A<sub>1</sub>,...,A<sub>n</sub>), or even on unordered sets of sets,

 $\Psi = \{A \mid P(A)\}$  (for some property P).

(This is just like using  $\Sigma$  when adding up large or variable numbers of numbers)



### **Generalized Union**

- Binary union operator:  $A \cup B$
- *n*-ary union:  $A \cup A_2 \cup \ldots \cup A_n := ((\ldots((A_1 \cup A_2) \cup \ldots) \cup A_n)))$ (grouping & order is irrelevant)
- "Big U" notation:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} = A_{1} \cup A_{2} \cup \ldots \cup A_{n}$$

• Or for infinite sets of sets  $\Psi$ :  $\bigcup A$  $A \in \Psi$ 



- Binary intersection operator:  $A \cap B$
- *n*-ary union:
   A<sub>1</sub> ∩ A<sub>2</sub> ∩ ... ∩ A<sub>n</sub>≡((...((A<sub>1</sub> ∩ A<sub>2</sub>) ∩ ...) ∩ A<sub>n</sub>))
   (grouping & order is irrelevant)
- "Big Arch" notation:

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} = A_{1} \cap A_{2} \cap \ldots \cap A_{n}$$

- Or for infinite sets of sets  $\Psi \colon \bigcap_{\mathsf{A} \in \Psi} \mathsf{A}$ 



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## **Tuples**

- Sometimes we need to consider ordered collections of objects
- Definition: The ordered n-tuple

   (a<sub>1</sub>,a<sub>2</sub>,...,a<sub>n</sub>) is the ordered collection with the element a<sub>i</sub> being the i-th element for i=1,2,...,n
- Two ordered n-tuples (a<sub>1</sub>,a<sub>2</sub>,...,a<sub>n</sub>) and (b<sub>1</sub>,b<sub>2</sub>,...,b<sub>n</sub>) are equal if and only if for every i=1,2,...,n we have a<sub>i</sub>=b<sub>i</sub> (a<sub>1</sub>,a<sub>2</sub>,...,a<sub>n</sub>)
- A 2-tuple (n=2) is called an ordered pair



## **Cartesian Products of Sets**

• For sets A, B, their Cartesian product  $A \times B := \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \land b \in B\}.$ 

is the set of all possible ordered pairs whose first component is a member of *A* and whose second component is a member of *B* 

# Example:

 $a,b \ge \{1,2\} = \{(a,1),(a,2),(b,1),(b,2)\}$ 

 Other terms: product set, set direct product, or cross product



René Descartes (1596-1650)

#### **Cartesian Products of Sets**



Example: {John,Mary,Ellen} × {News,Soap} = {(John,News), (Mary,News), (Ellen,News), (John,Soap), (Mary,Soap), (Ellen,Soap)}

Subset of a Cartesian product, R ⊆ A×B is called a relation over the sets A and B.
 Example: {(John,News), (Mary,Soap), (Ellen,Soap)} is a relation over sets {John,Mary,Ellen} and {News,Soap}

#### **Cartesian Products of Sets**



- Note that
  - for finite A, B,  $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$
  - the Cartesian product is *not* commutative:  $\neg \forall A, B: A \times B = B \times A$

 $A \times B = B \times A$ , if  $A = \emptyset$  or  $B = \emptyset$  or A = B

- Cartesian product can be generalized for any n-tuple: Cartesian product of n sets, A<sub>1</sub>,A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub> is
   A<sub>1</sub>×A<sub>2</sub>×...×A<sub>n</sub> ={ (a<sub>1</sub>,a<sub>2</sub>,...,a<sub>n</sub>) | a<sub>i</sub>∈A<sub>i</sub> for i=1,2,...,n}
- Cartesian power of a set  $A^n = A \times A \times ... \times A$



### Sweep as Cartesian Product

- Set of all points visited by an object A moving along a trajectory B is a new solid, called a sweep.
- Translational sweeping (extrusion):
   2D area moves along a line normal to the plane of the area.





Image by Martin Culpepper, 1999



## **Review: Set Notations**

- Set enumeration {a, b, c} and set-builder {x|P(x)}
- $\in$  relation, and the empty set  $\emptyset$ .
- Set relations =,  $\subseteq$ ,  $\supseteq$ ,  $\subset$ ,  $\supset$ ,  $\not\subset$ , etc.
- Cardinality |S|
- Power sets P(S)
- Venn diagrams
- Set operations  $\cup$ ,  $\cap$ , -,  $\times$
- Constructive Solid Geometry, sweeping



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Algebra of Sets

### **U** Universal set and its subsets **A**, **B**, **C** The Identity Rules:

 $A \cup \emptyset = A$ The Complement Rules:  $A \cap U = A$  $A \cup A' = U$  $A \cup U = U$  $A \cap A' = \emptyset$  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ U' = Ø The Idempotent Rules: Ø' = U (A')' = A $A \cup A = A$  $A \cap A = A$ 

Algebra of Sets



The Associative Rules:

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

The Distributive Rules:

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

The De Morgan Rules:

i)  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$ ii)  $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$ iii)  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A-C)$ iv)  $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A-C)$ 



### Algebra of Sets Associative Rules

 $\mathsf{A} \cup (\mathsf{B} \cup \mathsf{C}) = (\mathsf{A} \cup \mathsf{B}) \cup \mathsf{C}$ 

Verification of the associative law for the union of sets using Venn diagrams:





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#### Algebra of Sets

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

Verification of the associative law for intersection of sets using Venn diagrams"



#### Algebra of Sets



The Associative Rules:  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$ The Distributive Rules:  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ The De Morgan Rules: i) ( A ∪ B )' = A' ∩ B' ii) (  $A \cap B$  )' = A'  $\cup B'$ iii)  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ iv)  $\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \cup (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})$


### **Distributive Rules**









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# De Morgan Rules

(i)  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$ 

























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





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## **Set Identities**

Identity	Name
$A \cup \emptyset = A$ $A \cap U = A$	Identity laws
$A \cup U = U$ $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	Domination laws
$A \cup A = A$ $A \cap A = A$	Idempotent laws
$\overline{(\overline{A})} = A$	Complementation law
$A \cup B = B \cup A$ $A \cap B = B \cap A$	Commutative laws
$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$ $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$	Associative laws
$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	Distributive laws
$\overline{\overline{A \cup B}} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ $\overline{\overline{A \cap B}} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	De Morgan's laws
$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$	Absorption laws
$A \cup \overline{A} = U$ $A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$	Complement laws

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# Questions?

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