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Set—a collection of elements. Expressed by elements between braces. { }

Elements can be anything, including sets. (A box can be in another box.)

two options to specify a set

set-roster notation. $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

set-builder notation. $S = \{x \in Z \mid x \geq 1\}$

$x \in S$, x is an element of the set S

$A \subseteq B$, A is a subset of the set B

proper subset

empty set \emptyset

distinguish \emptyset and $\{\emptyset\}$ (an empty box v.s. a box that includes another box that is empty.)

represent real number intervals by $(,), [, \text{ and }]$

$($ and $)$ means “no equal”, called open interval

$[$ and $]$ means “can be equal”, called closed interval

infinite notation ∞ and $-\infty$

∞ and $-\infty$ are always open, i.e., always with $($ or $)$ but not $[$ or $]$.

mutual disjoint set, partitions of sets, power set

Venn Diagrams

Tuple—a sequence of ordered elements. Expressed by elements between parentheses. $()$

Set v.s. Tuple

Set—unordered, no duplicate

Tuple—ordered, duplicates allowed

n -tuple, (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) ; 2-tuple—pair; 3-tuple—triple

Cartesian Products— $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2, \text{ and } a_n \in A_n\}$

Set operations

union $A \cup B$, intersection $A \cap B$, difference (relative complement) $A - B$, complement A^c

universal set U , $A^c = U - A$

$$\bigcup_{i=0}^n A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n; \quad \bigcap_{i=0}^n A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n;$$

set operations v.s. logic operators

union—or; intersection—and; complement—negation

Theorem 6.2.2 and Table 6.4.1.