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# MTH314: Discrete Mathematics for Engineers

## Lecture 3: Set Theory and Pigeonhole Principle

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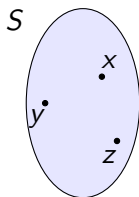
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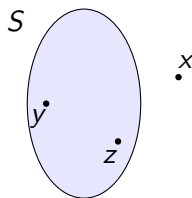


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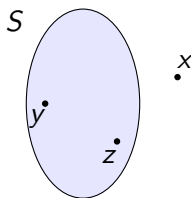
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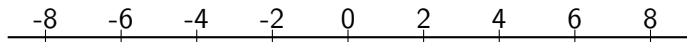
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**Axiom of Extensionality:** We think of two sets that have the same elements as the same set.

Example:

The set of natural numbers that are multiples of 2, and the set of even numbers are the same set.



Why does it matter? If two different programs compute the same thing, are they the same program?

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If the set  $S$  is a set of breakfast options, and you can pick eggs, oatmeal or fruit, we use this notation:

$$S = \{\text{eggs, oatmeal, fruit}\}$$

Sometimes we see “:=” as in,  $S := \{\text{eggs, oatmeal, fruit}\}$ . This usually happens when you *define* something. You can think of a parallel with programming - the first time you declare  $S$  to be something ( $S := \{\text{eggs, oatmeal, fruit}\}$ ), vs when you simply state a fact about  $S$ , ( $S = \{\text{eggs, oatmeal, fruit}\}$ .) You don't always need to “declare” it in math though.

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$T \subseteq S$  reads as “ $T$  is a **subset** of  $S$ .” It means that every element of  $T$  is also an element of  $S$

$$T \subseteq S \leftrightarrow \forall t \in T, \exists s \in S, t = s$$

$$\forall t \in T, t \in S$$

$T \not\subseteq S$  means  $T$  is not a subset of  $S$ , i.e. some element in  $T$  is not an element in  $S$ .

$$T \not\subseteq S \leftrightarrow \exists t \in T, \forall s \in S, t \neq s$$

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If we write  $T = S$ , we say  $T$  and  $S$  are equal, so

$$T = S \leftrightarrow (T \subseteq S) \wedge (S \subseteq T).$$

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Proof outline: If  $t = 12n + 6$ , then  $t = 6(2n + 1)$ . So  $m = 2n + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  exists, and  $t \in S$ . On the other hand,  $12 \in S$  is not of the form  $12n + 6$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .



## Some Useful Sets

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots\}$$

Every natural number is an integer:

$$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$$

But there exist integers that are not natural numbers, like -1:

$$\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z}$$

## Examples of sets

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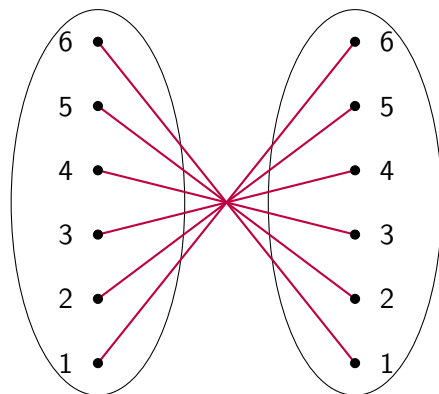
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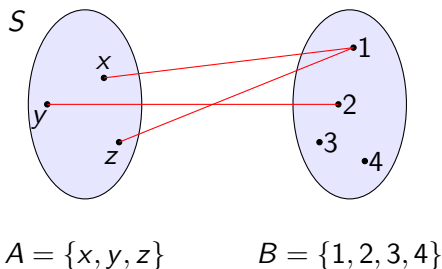
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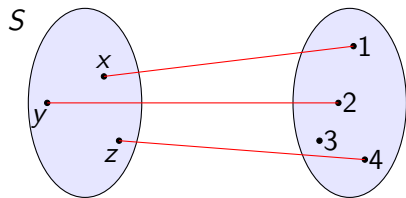
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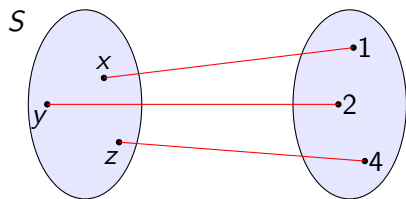
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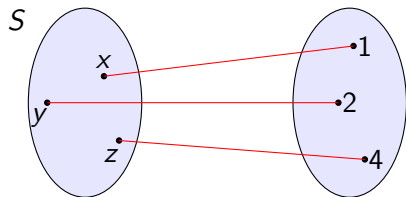
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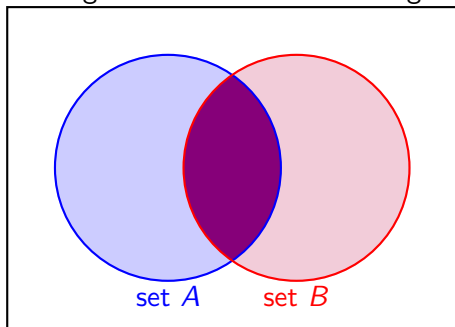
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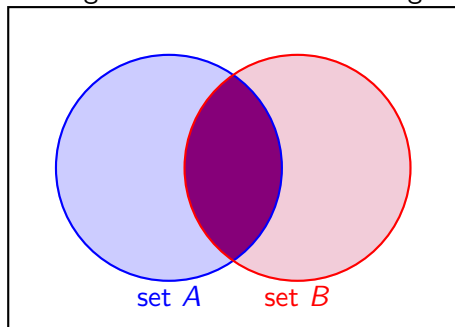
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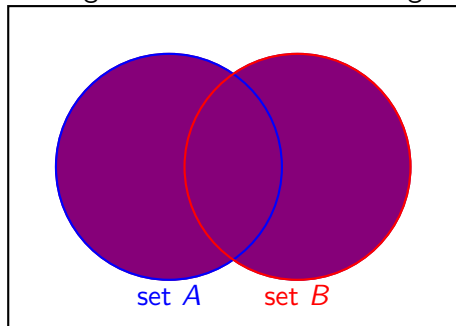
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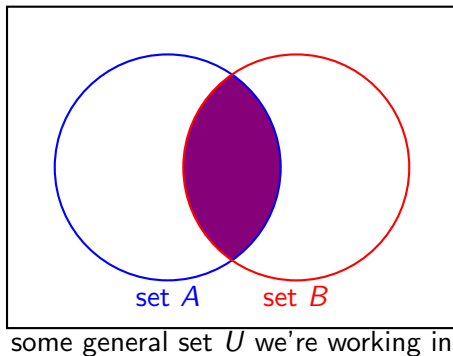
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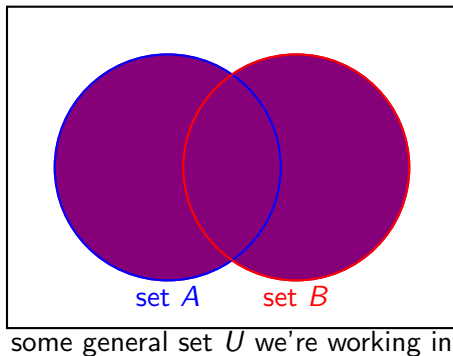


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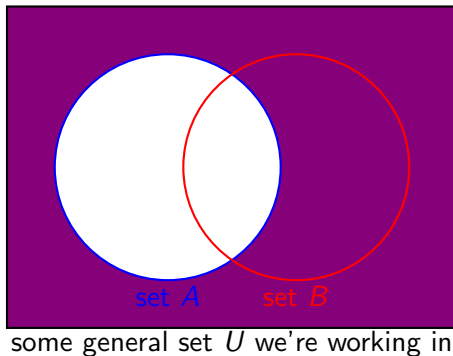


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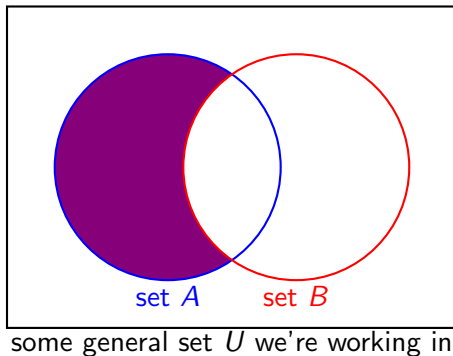


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For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$  over a universal set  $U$  we have:

$$A \cup B = B \cup A \text{ and } A \cap B = B \cap A$$

$$A \cup A = A \cap A = A$$

$$A \cap U = A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cap B \subseteq B$$

$$(A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq C) \rightarrow (A \subseteq C)$$

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For a universal set  $U$ , and sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $U$ :

a)  $A \cup U = U$

b)  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

c)  $(A^C)^C = A$

d)  $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C \leftarrow$  DeMorgan's Laws!

e)  $(A \cap B)^C = A^C \cup B^C \leftarrow$  DeMorgan's Laws!

f)  $U^C = \emptyset$

g)  $\emptyset^C = U$

h)  $A \cup A^C = U$

i)  $A \cap A^C = \emptyset$

Notice that these work very similarly to relations in propositional logic. Can you explain why?

# Proving that two sets are equal, or one is a subset of the other.

To prove that two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are equal we need both  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . So we need to show that

- Every element of  $A$  is also in  $B$ .
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There are two types of such problems you might see.

- 1 A set identity, for example  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ .
- 2 You may be given definitions of two sets, for example:

$$A = \{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists t \in \mathbb{N}, m = 6t\}$$

$$B = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists r, s \in \mathbb{N}, n = 2r = 3s\}$$

We will now see proofs in these two cases.



## Proving a set identity

Let  $A, B$  be subsets of some universal set  $U$ . Show that

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

Proof: First we need to show that if  $x \in A \cup (A \cap B)$ , then  $x \in A$ . Set union acts like an “or” statement, so we know that at least one of  $x \in A$  or  $x \in (A \cap B)$  has to be true. If it's the former, we're done. If the latter, we have  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$  and we're also done.

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Proof: We want to show that for any  $m \in A$ , we have  $m \in B$ . So take any  $m \in A$ . There exists  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m = 6t$ . Then  $m = 2(3t)$ , so  $3t$  can serve as  $r$  and  $m = 3(2t)$ , so  $2t$  can serve as  $s$ . Therefore  $m \in B$  for any  $m \in A$ , and so  $A \subseteq B$ .  $\square$

How would you show that  $B \subseteq A$ ?

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How would you show that  $B \subseteq A$ ? We'll get to that when we do number theory. (Or induction.)

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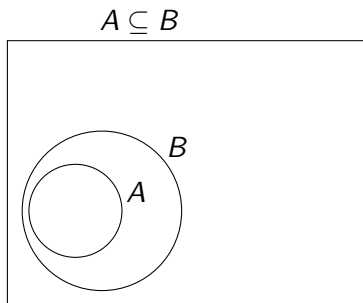
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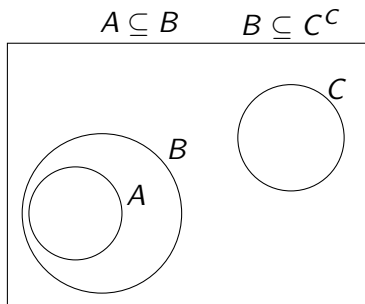
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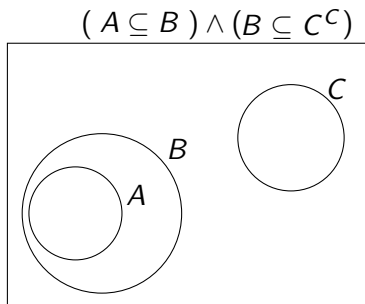
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$$\neg \exists x \in U, (x \in A) \wedge (x \in C)$$

Suppose that  $x \in A$ . Then since  $A \subseteq B$  is true,  $x \in B$ . But then by  $B \subseteq C^C$ , we have  $x \in C^C$  and therefore,  $x \notin C$ . We get that if  $x \in A$ , then  $\neg(x \in C)$  and therefore  $(x \in A) \wedge (x \in C)$  is false.  $\square$

# Disjoint Sets

Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint** if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Which of these are pairs of disjoint sets?

- Odd and even integers.
- Odd integers and the empty set.
- Even integers and prime numbers.
- Positive numbers and negative numbers.
- Odd numbers and perfect squares.
- Socks and trees.

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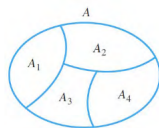
# Set Partition

**Example:**  $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$   
 $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ ,  $B = \{1\}$ ,  $C = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$

**Definition:**

Sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  (possibly infinite) are a **partition** of a set  $A$ , if

- (a) they are mutually disjoint
- (b) their union is equal  $U$ .



**Example:** Universal set  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Sets

$$A_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3k\}$$
$$A_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3k + 1\}$$
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If you have a drawer full of unpaired socks, and they come in 4 different colors, how many at least do you need to pull out to be sure you have a matching pair?

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