

2.1 Sets

→ Certain collections of objects characterized by some defining properties are called set.

Not every collection is a set.

→ The objects in a set are called the elements of the set.

$x \in A$ means x is an element of the set A .

— $\{ \dots \}$ are used to show sets.

Ex. $2 \in \{2, 3, 5\}$ $6 \notin \{2, 3, 5\}$

$\{\} = \neq$ empty set

$$\{x \in A \mid p(x)\} \text{ or } \{x \in A : p(x)\}$$

The collection of elements in A satisfying the $p(x)$.

$$2 \in \{2\}$$

$$\{2\} \notin \{2\}$$

$$2 \notin 2$$

$$\{2\} \in \{\{2\}\}$$

$$\emptyset = \{\}$$

$$\{\emptyset\} = \{\{\}\}$$

Defn Let A and B be sets.

(i) $A \subseteq B$ (A is a subset of B),
if every element x of A, x is also an element of B.

In every definition

"if" means

"iff". BUT

$$A \subseteq B \text{ if } \forall x (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$$

Nowhere else this happens. "if" and "iff" in a statement are different.

Defn (ii) $A = B$ if ($A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$)

(iii)

$A \subsetneq B$ if ($A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$)

(iv) $A \not\subseteq B$ if (not $A \subseteq B$).



not $\forall x (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$



$\exists x \in A$ and $x \notin B$.

Def $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
natural numbers

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

$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$

$\mathbb{R} = \text{real numbers}$

Def $[a, b], (a, b], (a, b), [a, b)$
 $(-\infty, a], (-\infty, a), (b, \infty), [b, \infty)$

$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$

$(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\}$

\vdots

Def Let A & B be sets

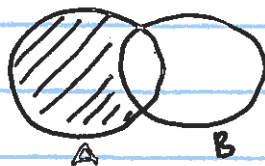
$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

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

Venn diagrams Visualization

are for



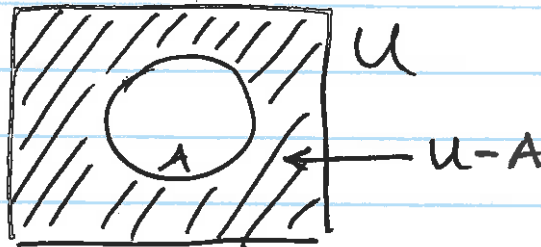
Venn diagrams

are not proofs.

Complement needs a specific universal set U .

For a given universal set U , $A \subseteq U$, one defines the complement of A in U to be

$$U - A = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$



"Everything" is not a set

Russel's Paradox:

If one takes $U = \{A \mid \underbrace{A \notin A}_{\textcircled{*}}\}$, there is a paradox:

If $U \in U$, then U satisfies the condition $\textcircled{*}$, i.e. $U \notin U$.

If $U \notin U$, then U doesn't satisfy the condition $\textcircled{*}$, i.e. $U \in U$.

Hence $U \in U \iff U \notin U$ which is a paradox, a true statement can't be equivalent to a false statement. What is the problem? U is not a set.

We will do Basic proofs in sets:

Thm: For any set A , $\emptyset \subseteq A$

Proof $\forall x (x \in \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in A)$

False
True.

HW Practice 2.1.11

Read Prop 2.1.13, a-g

We prove 2.1.13.(e) $\forall A, B, C$ sets

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

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Proof: First we will show

(6)

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

→ If $A \cap (B \cup C) = \emptyset$, then $\emptyset \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$. ^{Thm 2.1.7}

If $A \cap (B \cup C) \neq \emptyset$, then let $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ be chosen arbitrarily.

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$x \in A$$

$$x \in B \cup C$$

$$x \in B \text{ OR } x \in C$$

Case 1 $x \in B$, Case 2 $x \in C$

OR

$$x \in B$$

$$x \in C$$

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B$$

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in C$$

$$x \in A \cap B$$

$$x \in A \cap C$$

OR

$$x \in A \cap B \text{ OR } x \in A \cap C$$

$$x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

I showed that for any given $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$,

I must have $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

(*)

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

Next

I want to show

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

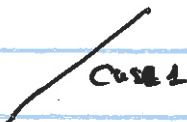
If $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) = \emptyset$, then automatically (Thm 2.1.7)
we have

$$\emptyset \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$$

If $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \neq \emptyset$, then choose $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ arbitrarily.

$$x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$x \in A \cap B \text{ OR } x \in A \cap C$$



$$x \in A \cap B$$

$$x \in A \cap C$$

$$x \in A$$

$$x \in A$$

$$x \in B$$

$$x \in C$$

OR

In either case: $x \in B$ OR $x \in C$

$$x \in (B \cup C)$$

$x \in A$ (in both branches)

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C$$

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$$

We established $\forall x \left((x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)) \implies x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \right)$

(*)

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

Combining (*) & (**) $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) = A \cap (B \cup C)$.

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2.1.13 (f)

$$\forall A, B, C \text{ sets: } A \setminus (B \cup C) = (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$$

Proof $\forall x \in A$

$$x \in A \setminus (B \cup C) \iff x \in A \text{ and } (x \notin B \cup C)$$

$$\iff x \in A \text{ and not } (x \in B \cup C)$$

$$\iff x \in A \text{ and not } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C)$$

$$\iff x \in A \text{ and } (x \notin B \text{ and } x \notin C)$$

$$\iff (x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ and } x \notin C)$$

$$\iff x \in A \setminus B \text{ and } x \in A \setminus C$$

$$\iff x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C).$$

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De Morgan's Laws

$$\text{Take } A = U, B, C \subseteq U = A.$$

$$B^c = A \setminus B$$

$$C^c = A \setminus C$$

Then (f) becomes

$$\textcircled{1} (B \cup C)^c = B^c \cap C^c. \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ is proved.}$$

Next To Prove $\textcircled{2} (B \cap C)^c = B^c \cup C^c$:

$$\text{With 2.1.13(c) } U \setminus (U \setminus B) = B$$

$$\text{which means } (B^c)^c = B$$

one obtains $\textcircled{2}$ from $\textcircled{1}$ as follows:

$$\text{Apply } \textcircled{1} \text{ to } B^c, C^c: (B^c \cup C^c)^c = (B^c)^c \cap (C^c)^c = B \cap C$$

$$B^c \cup C^c = ((B^c \cup C^c)^c)^c = (B \cap C)^c. \quad \#$$