

Warm-Up: List all subsets of

- $\{1\}$
 - $\{1, 2\}$
 - $\{1, 2, 3\}$
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Ex: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A set with n elements has exactly 2^n subsets. *Why?*

Thm: ① For all sets A , $A \subseteq A$. [Reflexive]

② For all sets A and B , if $A \subseteq B$
and $B \subseteq A$, then $A = B$. [Antisymmetric]

③ For all sets A, B , and C , if $A \subseteq B$
and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$. [Transitive]

Note: \leq and divisibility have these same 3 properties!

Proof: ① we proved last time.

② is our definition of set equality.

③: Suppose $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$. This means

$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ is true for every x
and

$x \in B \Rightarrow x \in C$ is true for every x .

To prove $A \subseteq C$, suppose $x \in A$ for some x .
Then $x \in B$ because $A \subseteq B$. Thus, $x \in C$
because $B \subseteq C$.

Therefore, $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in C$ for every x , so
 $A \subseteq C$. ■

Algebra of Sets

Def: Let A and B be sets.

① The union of A and B is the set

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

② The intersection of A and B is the set

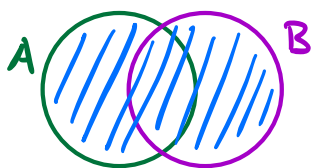
$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}.$$

③ The relative complement of B in A is the set

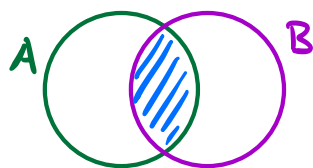
$$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}.$$

[↑] Also called set difference

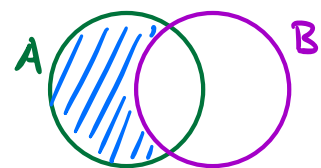
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$A \cup B$



$A \cap B$



$A \setminus B$

Ex: Let $E = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is even}\}$
 $= \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$

and

$$P = \{p \in \mathbb{N} \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$$
$$= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$$

- $E \cup P = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is even or prime}\}$
 $= \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, \dots\}$
- $E \cap P = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is even and prime}\}$
 $= \{2\}$
- $E \setminus P = \{4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$
- $P \setminus E = \{3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{N} \setminus E = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is odd}\}$
 $= \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$
- $E \setminus \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$

Many theorems from logic translate directly to theorems about sets.

Lemma: Let A and B be sets. Then for any object x ,

(a) $x \notin A \cup B$ if and only if $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$.

(b) $x \notin A \cap B$ if and only if $x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$.

Proof: (a) $x \notin A \cup B \iff \neg(x \in A \cup B)$

$$\iff \neg[(x \in A) \vee (x \in B)]$$

$$\iff \neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$$

DeMorgan

$$\iff (x \notin A) \wedge (x \notin B).$$

(b) is similar, using the other DeMorgan Law. \blacksquare

Ex: $A \cap B \subseteq A$, $A \cap B \subseteq B$ (HW 18)

Thm (DeMorgan Laws for sets):

Let A, B , and S be sets. Then

$$(i) S \setminus (A \cup B) = (S \setminus A) \cap (S \setminus B).$$

$$(ii) S \setminus (A \cap B) = (S \setminus A) \cup (S \setminus B).$$

Proof: (i) We'll show both containments.

(\subseteq): Let $x \in S \setminus (A \cup B)$. Then $x \in S$ and $x \notin A \cup B$. By the Lemma, $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$. So $x \in S \setminus A$ and $x \in S \setminus B$. Thus, $x \in (S \setminus A) \cap (S \setminus B)$.

(\supseteq): Let $x \in (S \setminus A) \cap (S \setminus B)$. Then $x \in S \setminus A$ and $x \in S \setminus B$. So $x \in S$ and $x \notin A$, and $x \in S$ and $x \notin B$. Since $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$, we have $x \notin A \cup B$ by the Lemma. Thus, because $x \in S$, we have $x \in S \setminus (A \cup B)$.

(ii) is similar.

Similarly, one can prove the following.

Thm (Commutativity of \cup and \cap):

Let A and B be sets. Then

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

$$(ii) A \cap B = B \cap A.$$

Thm (Associativity of \cup and \cap):

Let $A, B,$ and C be sets. Then

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

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

Thm (Distributive Laws for sets):

Let $A, B,$ and S be sets. Then

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

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