

3.2 Sets of Sets

Example $A = \{ \{1, 2\}, \emptyset, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1\} \}$

- A has 4 elements
- $1 \notin A$
- $\{1\} \in A$
- $\{1\} \notin A$ since $1 \notin A$

• A power set of A is denoted $P(A)$, and is a set of all subsets of A.

• The $\emptyset$ set is a subset of all sets.

• Let A be a finite set of cardinality n. Then the cardinality of the power set is 2^n .

◦ $|P(A)| = 2^n$

• $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$

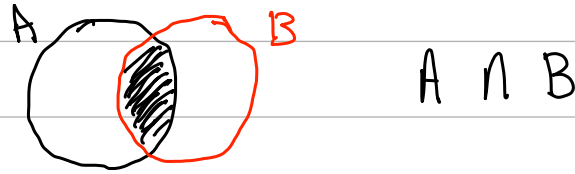
◦ $2 \in P(A)$ FALSE

◦ $\{2\} \in P(A)$ TRUE

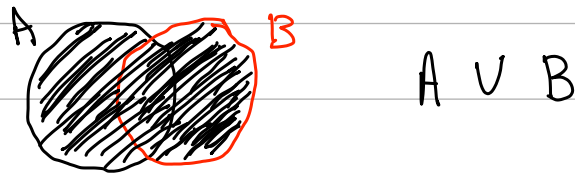
3.3 Union and Intersection

• Let A and B be sets

◦ The intersection of A and B , denoted $A \cap B$, and read " A intersect B " is the set of all elements that are elements of both A and B .



◦ The union of A and B , denoted $A \cup B$ and read " A union B " is the set of all elements that are elements of A or B .



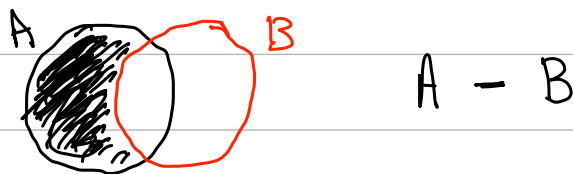
• Special Notation

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \{x : x \in A_i, \text{ for } \underline{\text{all}} \ i \text{ such that } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \{x : x \in A_i, \text{ for } \underline{\text{some}} \ i \text{ such that } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

3.4 More Set Operations

- The difference of two sets A and B , denoted $A - B$, is the set of elements that are in A but not in B .

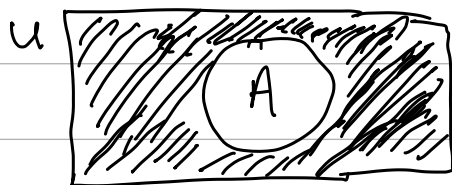


- The symmetric difference between two sets A and B , denoted $A \oplus B$, is the set of all elements that are in either A or B , but not both.

$$A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$



- The complement of set A , denoted $\bar{A}$, is the set of all elements in U (universal set) that are not elements of A .



3.5 Set Identities

- A set identity is an equation involving sets that is true regardless of the contents of the sets in the expression.

Name	Identities	
Idempotent Laws	$A \cup A = A$	$A \cap A = A$
Associative Laws	$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$	$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
Commutative Laws	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
Distributive Laws	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
Identity Laws	$A \cup \emptyset = A$	$A \cap U = A$
Domination Laws	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	$A \cup U = U$
Double Complement Law	$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$	$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
Complement Laws	$A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$ $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$	$A \cup \overline{A} = U$ $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
DeMorgans Laws	$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$	$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$
Absorption Laws	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$

3.6 Cartesian products

- A ordered pair is written (x, y)
 - x is the first entry, y is the second entry.
- For two sets, A and B , the cartesian product of A and B , denoted $A \times B$, is the set of all ordered pairs in which the first entry is in A and the second entry is in B .
 - $A \times B = \{ (a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B \}$
- $A = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$, $B = \{ x, y \}$
 - $(1, y) \in A \times B$ TRUE
 - $(1, y) \in B \times A$ FALSE
- A ordered list of 3 items is called an ordered triple, and is denoted (x, y, z)
 - (w, x, y, z) is an ordered 4-tuple
 - (u, w, x, y, z) is an ordered 5-tuple
- $A \times A = A^2$
- $A = \{ x, y \}$, the set $A^2 = \{ xx, xy, yx, yy \}$
- string: a sequence of characters
- alphabet: the set of characters used in a set of strings
- length: number of characters in a string

- A binary string is a string with alphabet $\{0, 1\}$.

- A bit is a character in a binary string

- An n-bit string is a binary string of length n .

- 7 bit string : 0010110

- The empty string is the unique string with a length of 0, and is usually denoted by the symbol λ .

- If s and t are two strings, then the concatenation of s and t (denoted st) is the string obtained by putting s and t together.