
Chapter 1

Set Theory. Relations. Functions

1.1 $x \in A, \quad x \notin B$

The element x belongs to the set A , but x does not belong to the set B .

1.2 $A \subset B \iff$ Each element of A is also an element of B .

A is a *subset* of B .
Often written $A \subseteq B$.

1.3 If S is a set, then the set of all elements x in S with property $\varphi(x)$ is written
$$A = \{x \in S : \varphi(x)\}$$

If the set S is understood from the context, one often uses a simpler notation:
$$A = \{x : \varphi(x)\}$$

General notation for the specification of a set.
For example,
 $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -2 \leq x \leq 4\} = [-2, 4]$.

The following logical operators are often used when P and Q are statements:

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- $P \wedge Q$ means “ P and Q ”
- $P \vee Q$ means “ P or Q ”
- $P \Rightarrow Q$ means “if P then Q ” (or “ P only if Q ”, or “ P implies Q ”)
- $P \Leftarrow Q$ means “if Q then P ”
- $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ means “ P if and only if Q ”
- $\neg P$ means “not P ”

Logical operators.
(Note that “ P or Q ” means “either P or Q or both”.)

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P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T

Truth table for logical operators. Here T means “true” and F means “false”.

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- P is a *sufficient condition* for Q : $P \Rightarrow Q$
- Q is a *necessary condition* for P : $P \Rightarrow Q$
- P is a *necessary and sufficient condition* for Q : $P \Leftrightarrow Q$

Frequently used terminology.

$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$ (*A union B*)

$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$ (*A intersection B*)

$A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$ (*A minus B*)

1.7 $A \triangle B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ (*symmetric difference*)

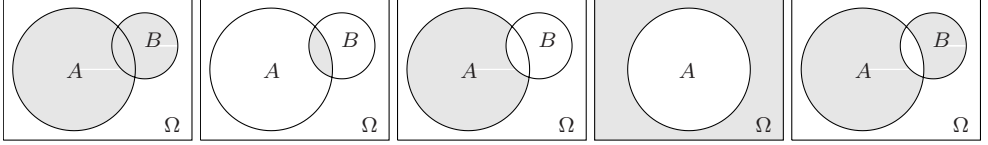
If all the sets in question are contained in some “universal” set Ω , one often writes $\Omega \setminus A$ as

$A^c = \{x : x \notin A\}$ (*the complement of A*)

Basic set operations.

$A \setminus B$ is called the *difference* between A and B .

An alternative symbol for A^c is $\complement A$.



$A \cup B$

$A \cap B$

$A \setminus B$

A^c

$A \triangle B$

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

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

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

1.8 $(A \triangle B) \triangle C = A \triangle (B \triangle C)$

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

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

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

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

Important identities

in set theory. The last four identities are called *De Morgan's laws*.

1.9 $A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n =$

$\{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in A_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

The *Cartesian product* of the sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n .

1.10 $R \subset A \times B$

Any subset R of $A \times B$ is called a *relation* from the set A into the set B .

1.11 $xRy \iff (x, y) \in R$

$x \not R y \iff (x, y) \notin R$

Alternative notations

for a relation and its negation. We say that x is in R -relation to y if $(x, y) \in R$.

1.12 $\bullet \text{ dom}(R) = \{a \in A : (a, b) \in R \text{ for some } b \text{ in } B\}$
 $= \{a \in A : aRb \text{ for some } b \text{ in } B\}$

$\bullet \text{ range}(R) = \{b \in B : (a, b) \in R \text{ for some } a \text{ in } A\}$
 $= \{b \in B : aRb \text{ for some } a \text{ in } A\}$

The *domain* and *range* of a relation.