

Euclid's infinitude of primes

$\{p_1, \dots, p_R\} \ (R \in \mathbb{N})$
Theorem 80 The set of primes is infinite.

PROOF: By contradiction suppose there are a finite number of primes. Consider N to be the product of all primes plus 1.

$$= (p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_R) + 1$$

Since

$$N > p_i \text{ for all } i=1, \dots, R$$

N is not a prime; therefore it is a product of primes.

Let p be a prime such that $p \mid N$. We have

$$p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_R + 1 = N = p \cdot l \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{N}$$

Say $p = p_i$ for some i . Hence $p_i \cdot (l - p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_{i-1} \cdot p_{i+1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_R) = 1$ ~~\square~~

Contradiction

Sets

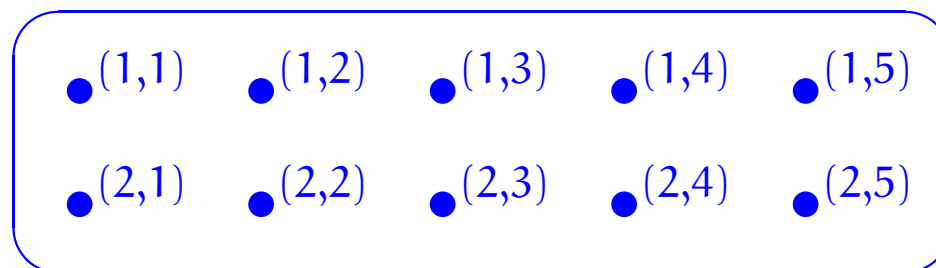
Objectives

To introduce the basics of the theory of sets and some of its uses.

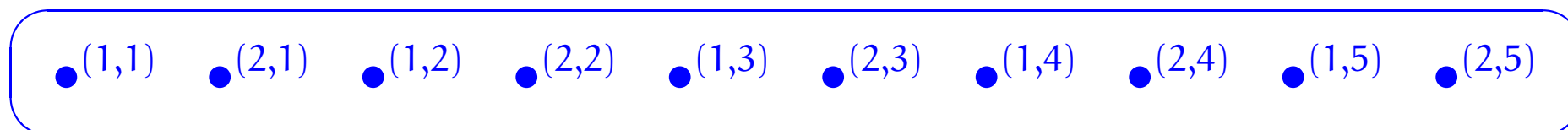

Naive Axiomatic

Abstract sets

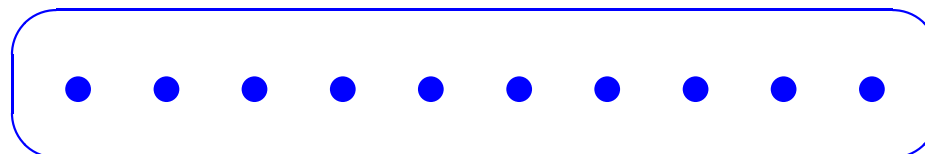
It has been said that a set is like a mental “bag of dots”, except of course that the bag has no shape; thus,



may be a convenient way of picturing a certain set for some considerations, but what is apparently the same set may be pictured as



or even simply as



for other considerations.

Sets $\sim A, B, \dots, X, \dots, U, \dots$

Membership
relation

$x \in P$
/ \
element set
Naive Set Theory

We are not going to be formally studying Set Theory here; rather, we will be *naively* looking at ubiquitous structures that are available within it.

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 $A = B$

Extensionality axiom

Two sets are equal if they have the same elements.

Thus,

$$\forall \text{ sets } A, B. A = B \iff (\forall x. x \in A \iff x \in B) .$$

Example:

$$\{0\} \neq \{0, 1\} = \{1, 0\} \neq \{2\} = \{2, 2\}$$

Subsets and supersets

$A \subseteq B$ A a subset of B

\Leftrightarrow
def $(\forall x. x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$

B is a superset of A

Claim: $(A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A) \Leftrightarrow A = B$

Lemma 83

1. *Reflexivity.*

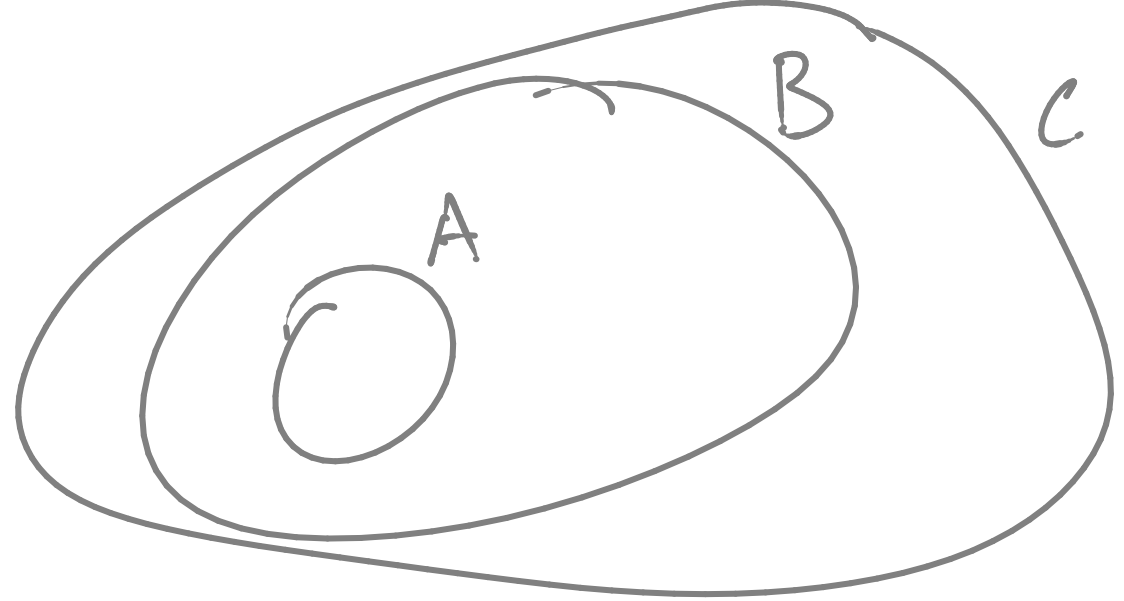
For all sets A , $A \subseteq A$.

2. *Transitivity.*

For all sets A, B, C , $(A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq C) \implies A \subseteq C$.

3. *Antisymmetry.*

For all sets A, B , $(A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A) \implies A = B$.



Separation principle

For any set A and any definable property P , there is a set containing precisely those elements of A for which the property P holds.

$$\underline{NB} : \{x \in A \mid P(x)\} \subseteq A$$

$$a \in \{x \in A \mid P(x)\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{def} [a \in A \wedge P(a)]$$

Russell's paradox

Initially Frege allowed definitions

$$\{x \mid P(x)\}$$

So what about

$$U = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$$

[?]

$$U \in U \Leftrightarrow U \notin U. ?$$

NB: $\emptyset \subseteq X$ for any set X .

Empty set

\emptyset or $\{\}$

defined by

$$\forall x. x \notin \emptyset$$

or, equivalently, by

$$\neg(\exists x. x \in \emptyset)$$

Cardinality

The *cardinality* of a set specifies its size. If this is a natural number, then the set is said to be *finite*.

Typical notations for the cardinality of a set S are $\#S$ or $|S|$.

Example:

$$\#\emptyset = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{ \emptyset \}$$

$$\# \mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)) = \mathcal{P}(\{ \emptyset \}) = \{ \emptyset, \{ \emptyset \} \}$$

Powerset axiom

$$\# \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)) = 2$$

For any set, there is a set consisting of all its subsets.

$$\# \mathcal{P} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = 4$$

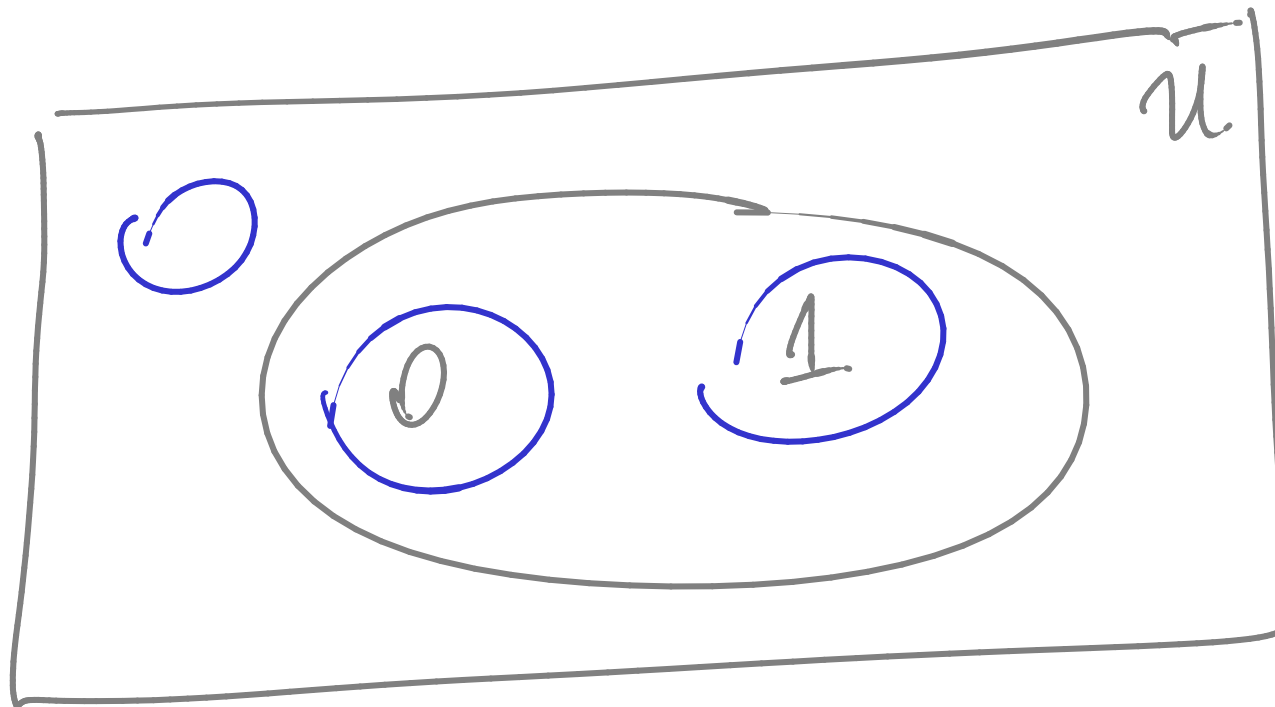
$$\mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$\text{NB: } \emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(U) \quad U \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$\forall X. X \in \mathcal{P}(U) \iff X \subseteq U$$

$$\mathcal{S} \subseteq \{ \emptyset \}$$

Hasse diagrams



$$\mathcal{P}\{0, 1\} = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}.$$

Proposition 84 For all finite sets U ,

$$\# \mathcal{P}(U) = 2^{\#U}.$$

PROOF IDEA: Say $U = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

REP $\# \mathcal{P}(U) = 2^n.$

$$\# \mathcal{P}(U) = \sum_{k=0}^n \# \text{subsets of } U \text{ of size } k.$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = (1+1)^n = 2^n.$$



$$U = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

To describe a subset of U , we need to state whether or not each x_i is in the subset. We can do this by decorating each x_i with 0 or 1.

Example

$\{x_1, x_n\}$

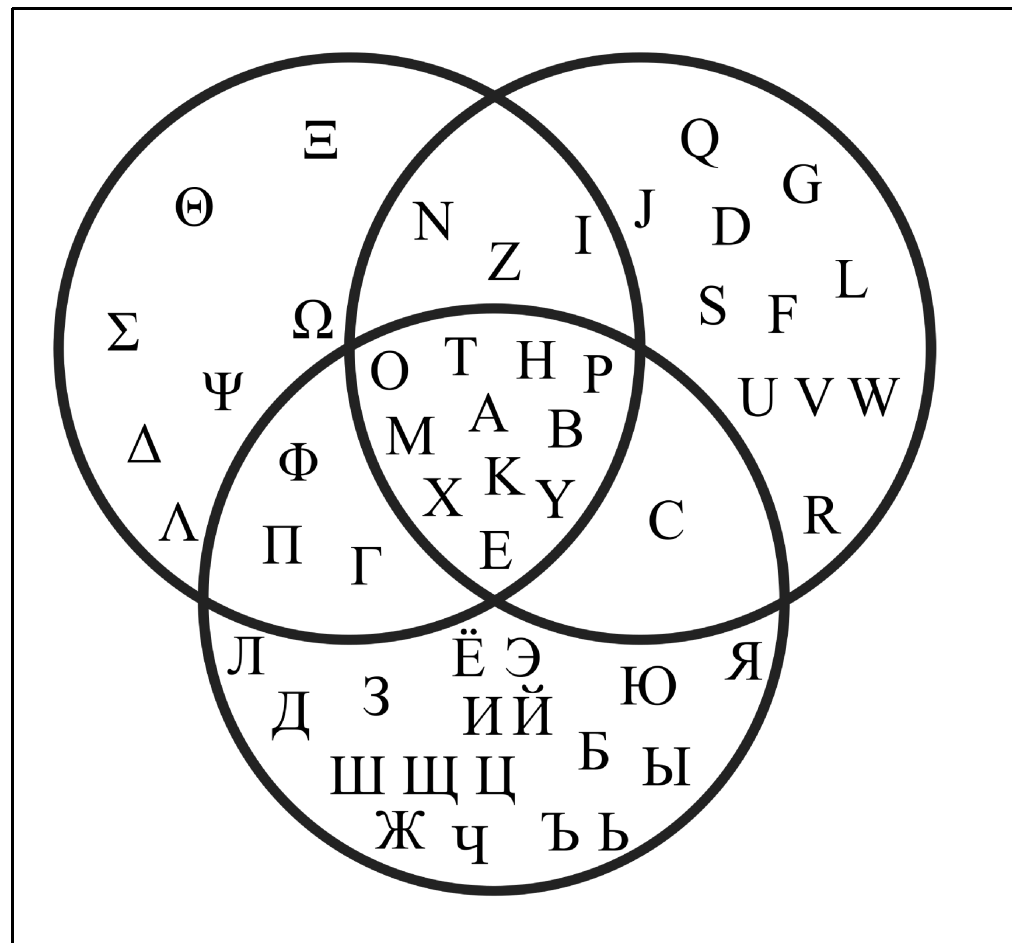
$\overset{1}{x_1} \quad \overset{0}{x_2} \quad \dots \quad \overset{0}{x_{n-1}} \quad \overset{1}{x_n}$

$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

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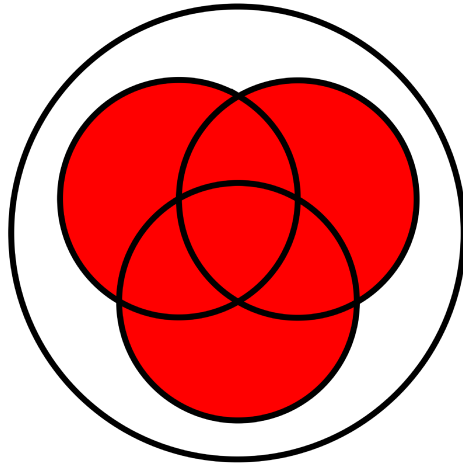
The number of sequences of length n of 0's & 1's is
The number of subsets of U , that is, 2^n . ☒

Venn diagrams^a

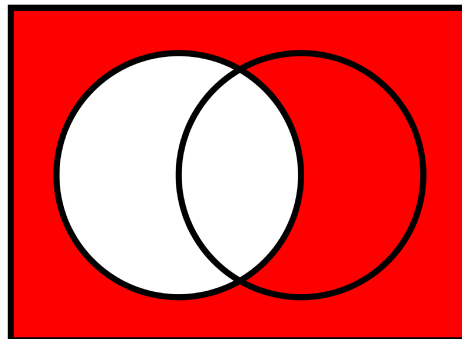
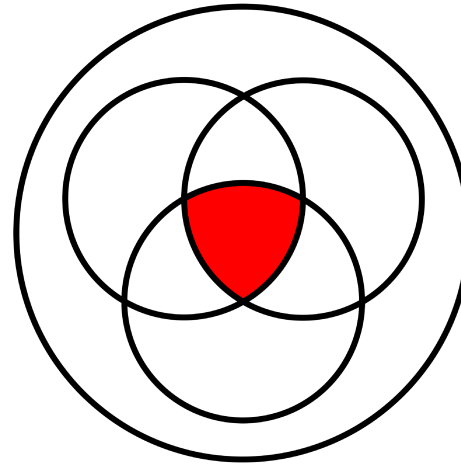


^aFrom [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intersection_\(set_theory\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intersection_(set_theory)) .

Union



Intersection



Complement

$\in \mathcal{P}(U)$

The powerset Boolean algebra

$(\mathcal{P}(U) , \emptyset , U , \cup , \cap , (\cdot)^c)$

For all $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(U)$,

false *true*

$$A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$A^c = \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\} \in \mathcal{P}(U)$$

$$\text{cf. } P \vee Q = Q \vee P$$

- The union operation \cup and the intersection operation \cap are associative, commutative, and idempotent.

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- ▶ The *empty set* \emptyset is a neutral element for \cup and the *universal set* \mathcal{U} is a neutral element for \cap .

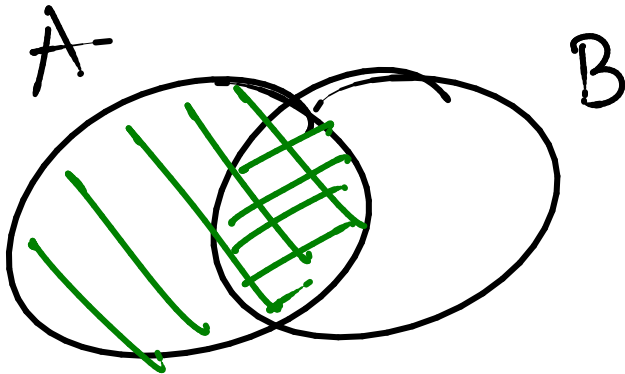
$$\emptyset \cup A = A = \mathcal{U} \cap A$$

- The empty set \emptyset is an annihilator for \cap and the universal set U is an annihilator for \cup .

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$$U \cup A = U$$

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$$U \cup A = U$$

$$\underline{N^B} \quad S \subseteq A$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cup S = A$$

$$A \cap B \subseteq A$$

- With respect to each other, the union operation \cup and the intersection operation \cap are distributive and absorptive.

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

$$P \vee (P \wedge Q) = P$$

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



- The complement operation $(\cdot)^c$ satisfies complementation laws.

$$A \cup A^c = U, \quad A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$