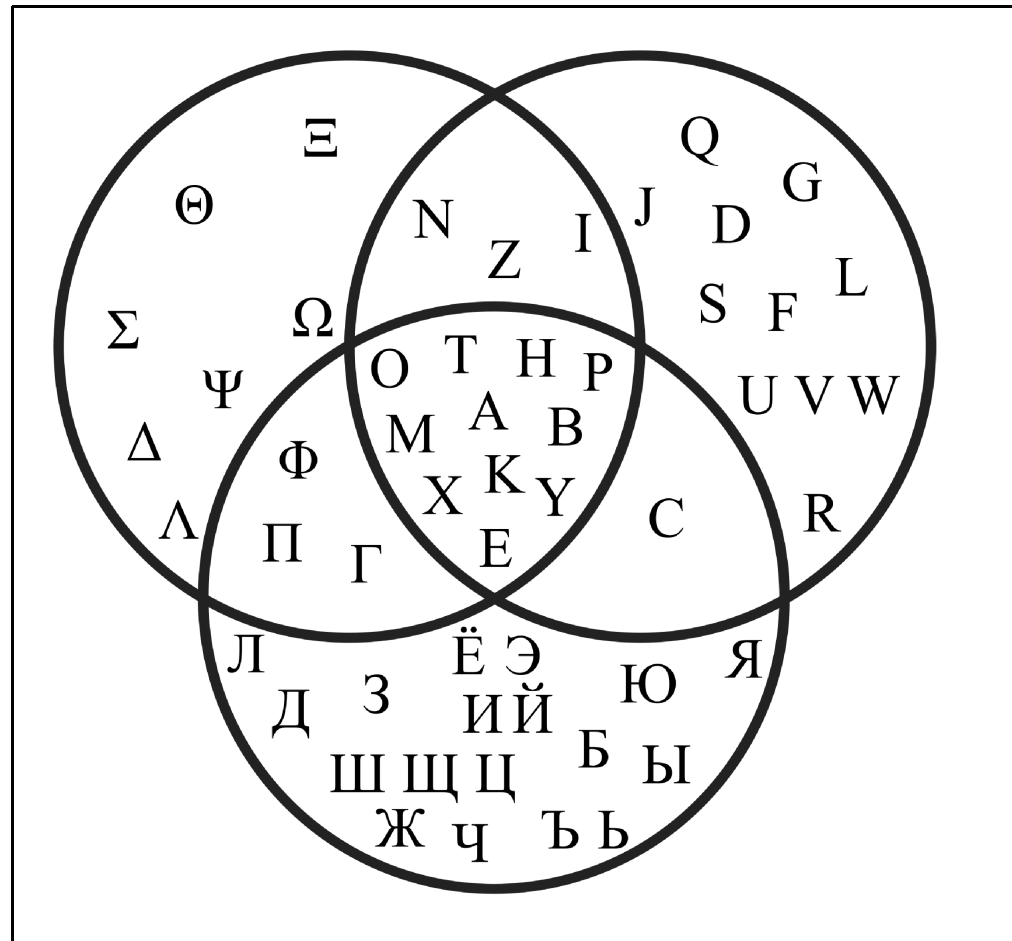
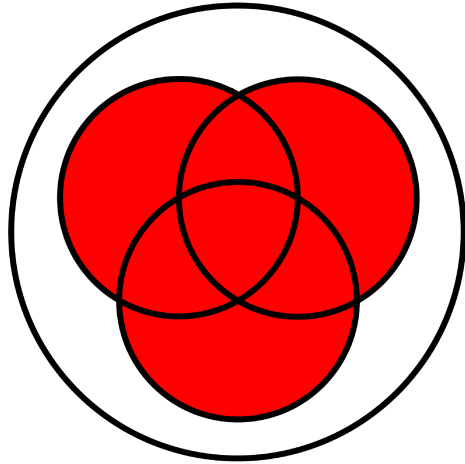


Venn diagrams^a

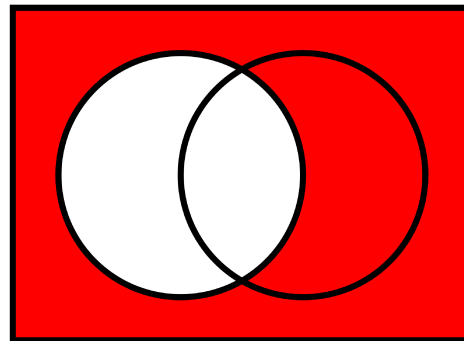
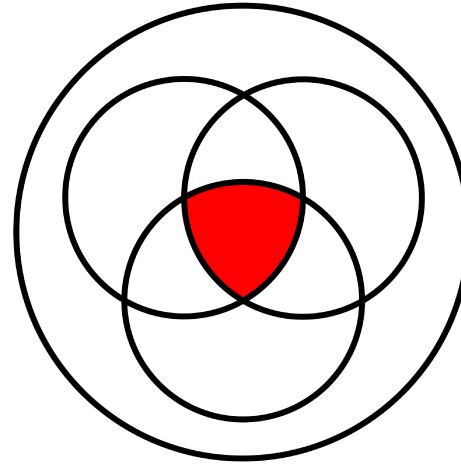


^aFrom [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intersection_\(set_theory\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intersection_(set_theory)) .

Union



Intersection



Complement

The powerset Boolean algebra

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \{x \in U \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U) \\ A \cap B &= \{x \in U \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\} \in \mathcal{P}(U) \\ A^c &= \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\} \in \mathcal{P}(U) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\emptyset \cup A = A = U \cap A$$

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

$$\emptyset \cap A = \emptyset$$

$$U \cup A = U$$

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

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

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

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

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

PROOF: Let A and B be subsets of U .

RTP: $\forall x \in U. [(x \in A) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B)] \Leftrightarrow (x \in A).$

Let $x \in U$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume $x \in A$. Then $(x \in A) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B)$

(\Rightarrow) Assume $(x \in A) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in B)$.

CASE $(x \in A)$: Then $(x \in A)$.

CASE $(x \in A \wedge x \in B)$: Then $(x \in A)$. \square

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

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

NB: For $A \in \mathcal{P}(U)$, $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$

PROOF: Let A be a subset of U .

RTP: $\forall x \in U. [x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in A)] \Leftrightarrow \underline{\text{false}}$

Let $x \in U$.

(\Rightarrow) Assume $x \in A$ and $(x \in A) \Rightarrow \underline{\text{false}}$.

Then, by MP, we have false as required.

(\Leftarrow) Vacuously.



Proposition 85 Let U be a set and let $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(U)$.

1. $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(U). A \cup B \subseteq X \iff (A \subseteq X \wedge B \subseteq X).$

2. $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(U). X \subseteq A \cap B \iff (X \subseteq A \wedge X \subseteq B).$

PROOF:

(1) Let U be a set and let $A \subseteq U, B \subseteq U$.

Consider $X \subseteq U$.

(\Rightarrow) Assume

$$\forall z \in U. (z \in A \vee z \in B) \Rightarrow z \in X \quad (*)$$

RTP (i) $\forall x \in U. x \in A \Rightarrow x \in X$

and (ii) $\forall y \in U. y \in B \Rightarrow y \in X$

RTP(i) $\forall x \in U. x \in A \Rightarrow x \in X.$

Let $x \in U$ be arbitrary

Assume: $x \in A$ (**)

RTP: $x \in X$

By (*), by instantiation we have

$$x \in A \vee x \in B \Rightarrow x \in X \quad (1)$$

By (**), we have

$$x \in A \vee x \in B \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $x \in X$ follows.

RTP (ii) $\forall y \in U. y \in B \Rightarrow y \in X$

Analogous and left as an exercise.

(\Leftarrow) Assume
① $\forall x \in U. x \in A \Rightarrow x \in X$
and
② $\forall y \in U. y \in B \Rightarrow y \in X.$

RTP: $\forall z \in U. (z \in A \vee z \in B) \Rightarrow z \in X.$

Let $z \in U$ be arbitrary.

Assume $(*) (z \in A) \vee (z \in B) \quad \text{RTP} \quad z \in X$

Instantiating ①, we have

$$z \in A \Rightarrow z \in X \quad \text{②}$$

and, instantiating ②, we have

$$z \in B \Rightarrow z \in X \quad \text{③}$$

Using assumption (*), we need show $z \in X$ under two cases:

CASE if $z \in A$ Then by ②, we are done.

CASE if $z \in B$ Then by ③, we are done.



Corollary 86 Let U be a set and let $A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}(U)$.

1. $C = A \cup B$

iff

$$[A \subseteq C \wedge B \subseteq C]$$

\wedge

$$[\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(U). (A \subseteq X \wedge B \subseteq X) \implies C \subseteq X]$$

2. $C = A \cap B$

iff

$$[C \subseteq A \wedge C \subseteq B]$$

\wedge

$$[\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(U). (X \subseteq A \wedge X \subseteq B) \implies X \subseteq C]$$

Sets and logic

$\mathcal{P}(U)$	$\{ \text{false}, \text{true} \}$
\emptyset	false
U	true
\cup	\vee
\cap	\wedge
$(\cdot)^c$	$\neg(\cdot)$