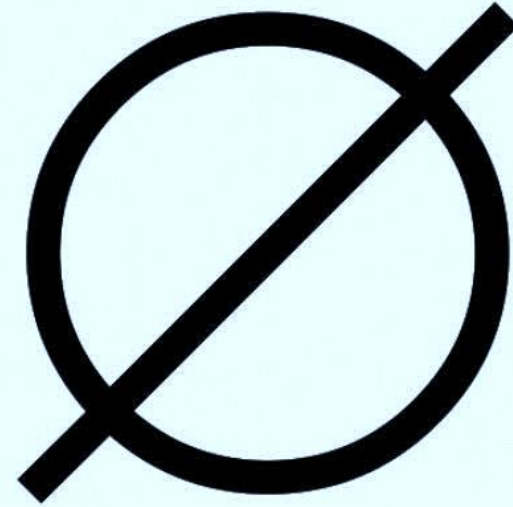


**Oh so you love the empty set?**



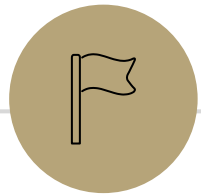
**Name three of its elements**

# Set Theory

CSE 311: Foundations of  
Computing I  
Lecture 11

# Announcements

- HW3 late deadline is today at 11:59 pm
- HW4 has been posted, due 11:59 pm on Wednesday



# Wrapping Number Theory

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# Recall

Let  $a, b, c, d$  and  $m > 0$  be integers.

- If  $a \equiv_m b$ , then  $b \equiv_m a$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $a + c \equiv_m b + d$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $ac \equiv_m bd$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $b \equiv_m c$ , then  $a \equiv_m c$ .
- $a \equiv_m b$  if and only if  $a \% m = b \% m$ .

# Solving in Modular Arithmetic

Solve:  $5 + x \equiv_{10} 9(32 - 2)$

$$5 + x \equiv_{10} 9(30)$$

$$5 + x \equiv_{10} \underline{270}$$

$$5 + x \equiv_{10} \underline{0}$$

$$x \equiv_{10} -5$$

$$\boxed{x \equiv_{10} 5}$$

# Solving in Modular Arithmetic

Solve:  $7x \equiv_{10} 1$  |  $x \equiv_{10} 3$  |  $7x$  |

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	7	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	3

Solution:  $x \equiv_{10} 3$  (Guess and check)

None of our properties so far help us solve this.

There is an algorithm to solve this called the Extended Euclidean Algorithm, if you're interested.

3 is called the multiplicative inverse of 7 modulo 10, i.e. the value  $x$  such that  $7x \equiv_{10} 1$ .



# Set Theory

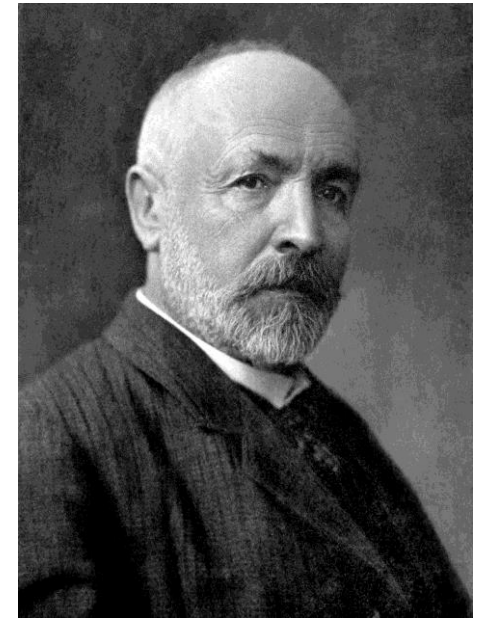


# Motivation

Set theory is widely regarded as the foundation for all of mathematics.

In computing, there are applications in:

- Data Structures
- Databases
- Programming Languages



Father of Modern  
Set Theory  
Georg Cantor  
(1845 – 1918)

# Sets

## Definition:

A **set** is an unordered collection of distinct objects, called elements.

- We write  $x \in A$  to say that  $x$  is an element of  $A$ .
- We write  $x \notin A$  to say that  $x$  is not an element of  $A$ .

$\in$        $\notin$

# Set Notation

$$\underline{E = \{3, a, \text{banana}\}}$$

We'll write a set as a collection of elements inside curly braces {}.

Sets are often given variable names with capital letters.

$$A = \{0, 5, 8, 10\} = \{5, 8, 0, 10\}$$

Sets are unordered

$$B = \{\text{apple}, \text{cherry}, \text{berry}\}$$

Sets can contain any object

$$C = \{a, b, c, c, b, a\} = \{a, b, c\}$$

Repeat elements are listed once

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Sets can be finite or infinite

# Common Sets

$\mathbb{R}$  is the set of Real Numbers  $1, -17, \sqrt{2}, \pi$

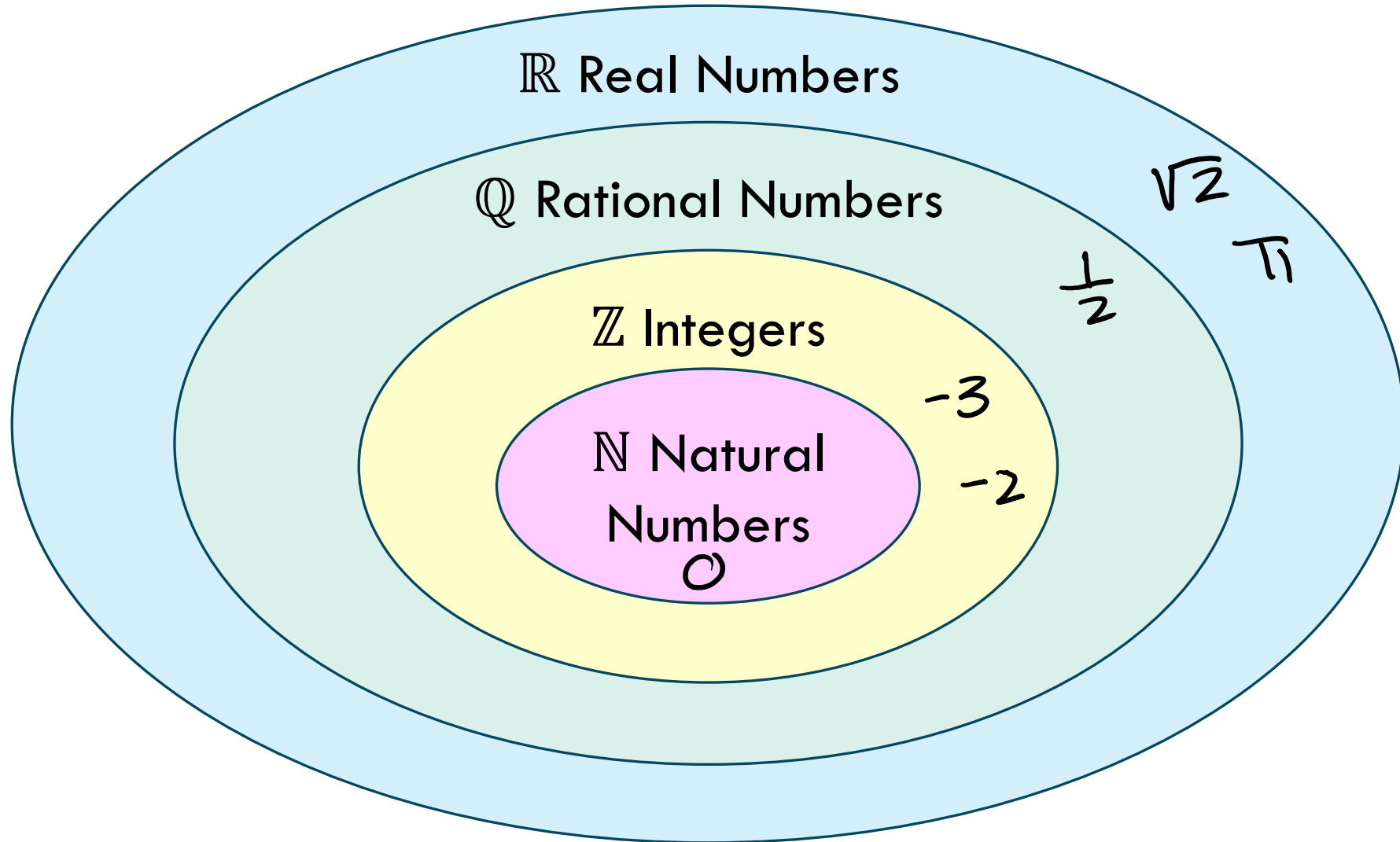
$\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$

$\mathbb{N}$  is the set of Natural Numbers  $\mathbb{N} = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers (fraction)  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-11}{3}, 17$

$\emptyset$  is the empty set  $\{ \} = \emptyset$

# Common Sets



# Sets can be elements of other sets

Set (Set (Integer))

For example:

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

$$B = \{1, 2\}$$

Then  $1 \in B, 2 \in B$ . And  $\{1\} \in A, B \in A, \emptyset \in A$ .

# Sets Builder Notation

Another way to describe a set is using set-builder notation.

$S = \{x : P(x)\}$  means  $S$  is the set of all  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is true.

For example:

- $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x > 0\}$  is the set of positive integers.
- $\{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \equiv_3 2\}$  is the set  $\{2, 5, 8, 11, 14, \dots\}$ .
- $\left\{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \underline{b \neq 0}\right\}$  is the set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

# Set Cardinality

The **cardinality** of a set is the number of elements in the set.

The cardinality of a set  $A$  is often denoted  $|A|$ .

What is the cardinality of the following sets?

- $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv_4 1 \text{ and } -10 \leq x \leq 10\}$

$-7, -3, 1, 5, 9$

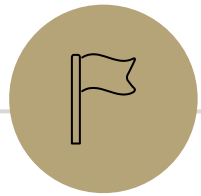
$|A| = 5$

- $B = \emptyset$

$|B| = 0$

- $C = \{\emptyset\}$

$|C| = 1$



# Relationships Between Sets

# Set Equality

Sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **equal** if they have the same element.

In predicate logic,  $A = B$  is defined as:

$$A = B \equiv \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

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

$$B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$D = \{4, 3, 3\}$$

$$E = \{3, 4, 3\}$$

$$F = \{4, \{3\}\}$$

Which sets are equal?

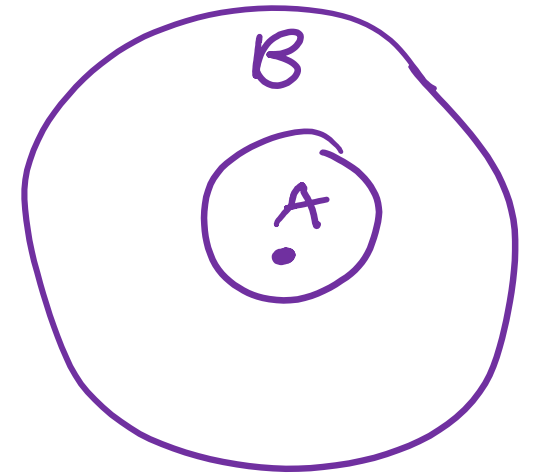
$$C = D = E$$

# Subset

Set  $A$  is a **subset** of  $B$  if every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$

In predicate logic,  $A \subseteq B$  is defined as:

$$\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$



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

$$B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$D = \{4, 3, 3\}$$

$$E = \{3, 4, 3\}$$

$$F = \{4, \{3\}\}$$

Which sets are subsets?

$$A \subseteq A$$

$$C \subseteq B$$

$$D \subseteq B$$

$$E \subseteq B$$

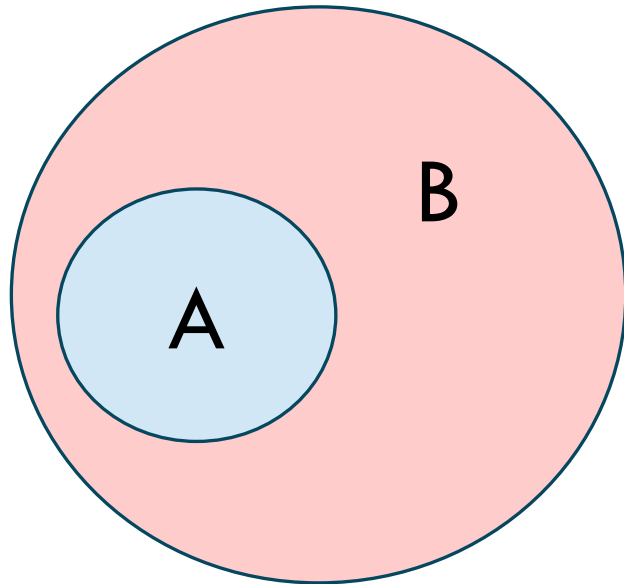
$$C \subseteq D$$

$$D \subseteq C$$

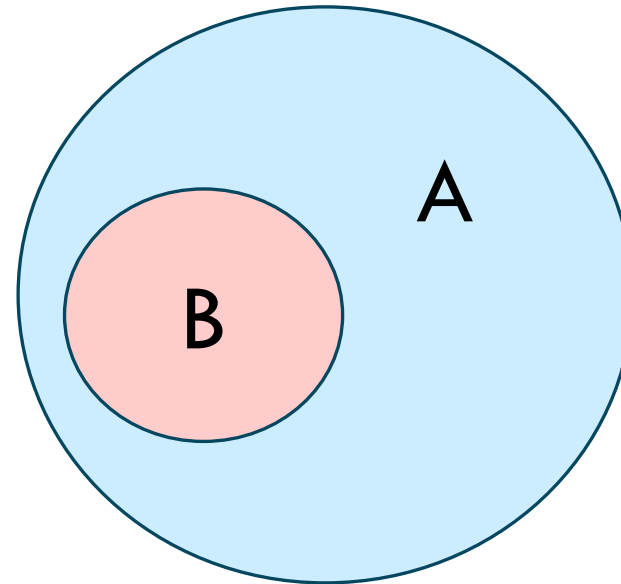
# Set Equality and Subsets

$$A = B \equiv A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$$

A is a subset of B



B is a subset of A



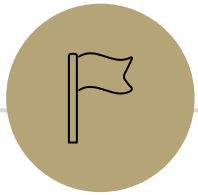
$\in$  vs.  $\subseteq$

$$1 \in A$$

$$\{1\} \subseteq A$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{2\} \quad C = \{\emptyset, \{2\}\}$$

- $\emptyset \subseteq A?$  Yes       $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$  vacuously
- $\emptyset \in A?$  No       $\emptyset \in C$  though
- $2 \subseteq B?$  No
- $2 \in B?$  Yes
- $B \in A?$  NO       $B \subseteq A$  though
- $B \in C?$  Yes



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# Set Operations

Combining Sets

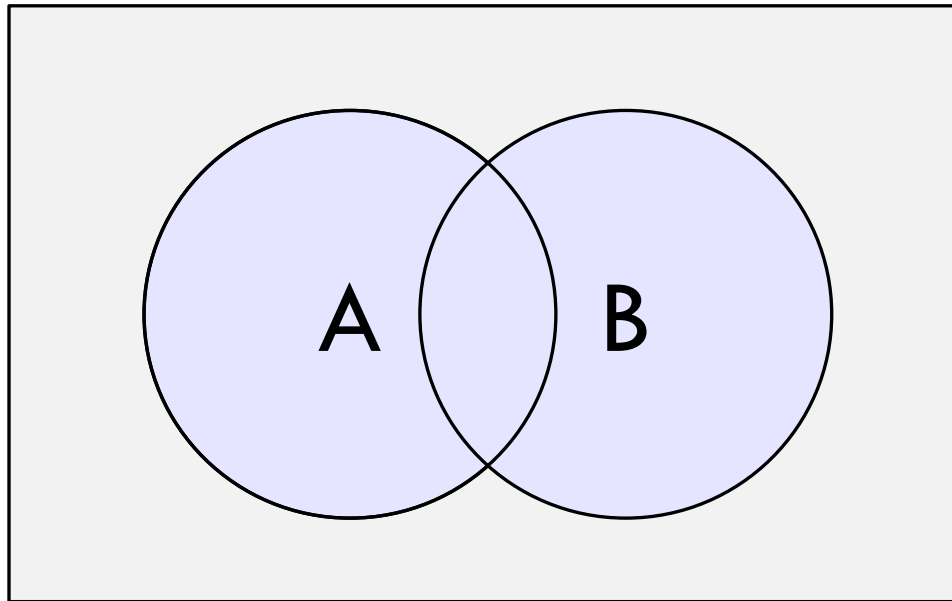
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# Set Operations

$$A = \{a, b, c\} \quad A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d\}$$
$$B = \{c, d\} \quad A \cap B = \{c\}$$

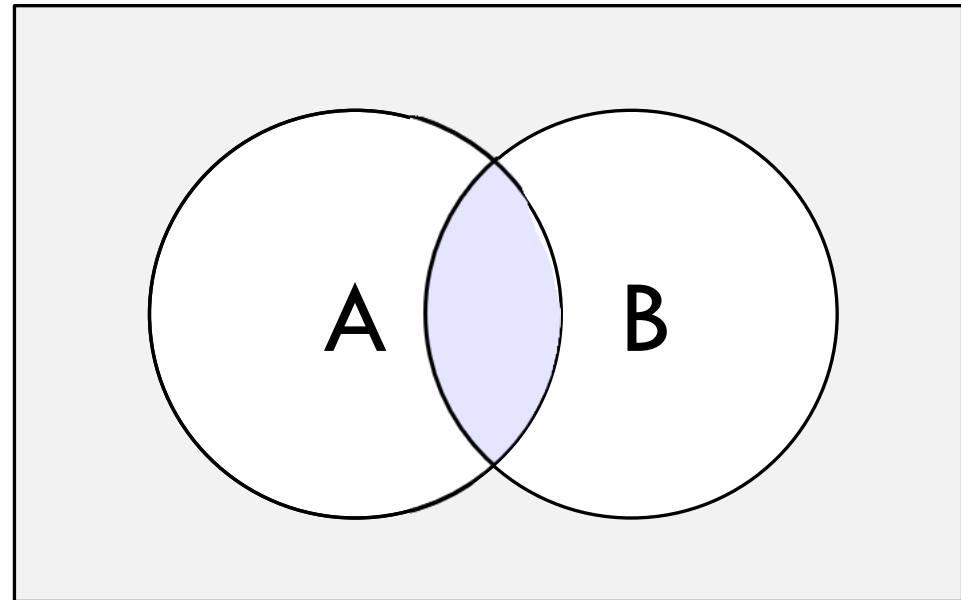
Union:  $A \cup B$

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$



Intersection:  $A \cap B$

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$

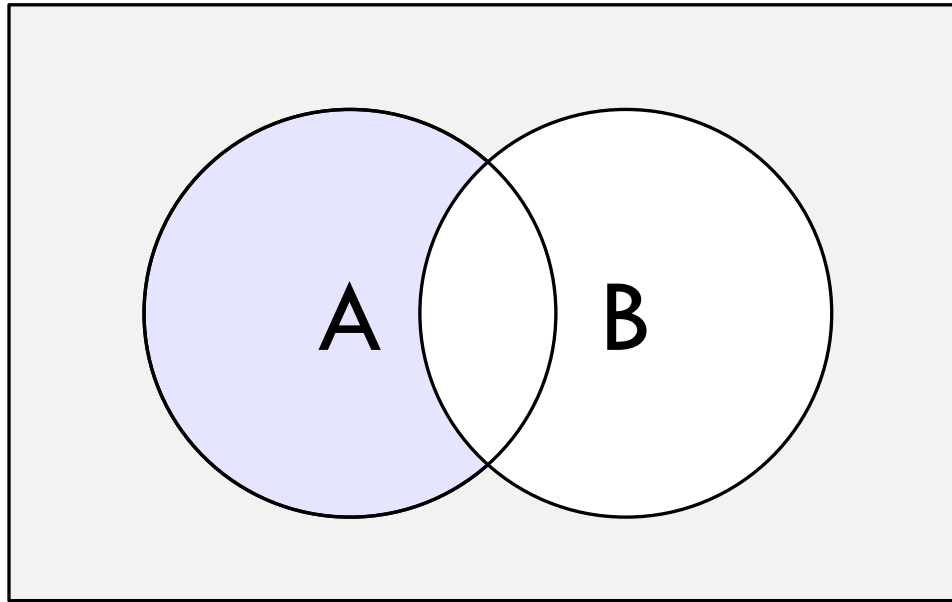


# Set Operations

$$A = \{a, b, c\} \quad A \setminus B = \{a, b\}$$
$$B = \{c, d\} \quad \bar{A} = \{e, f, \dots, z\}$$

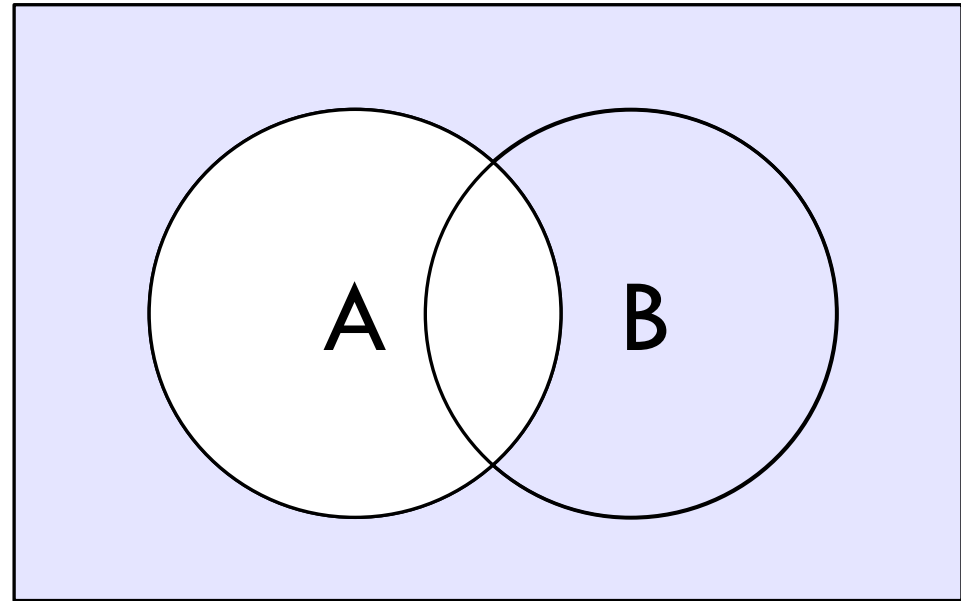
Set Difference:  $A \setminus B$

$$A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$



Set Complement:  $\bar{A} = A^c$   
(with respect to the universe  $\mathcal{U}$ )

$$\bar{A} = \{x \in \mathcal{U} : x \notin A\}$$



# Set Operations

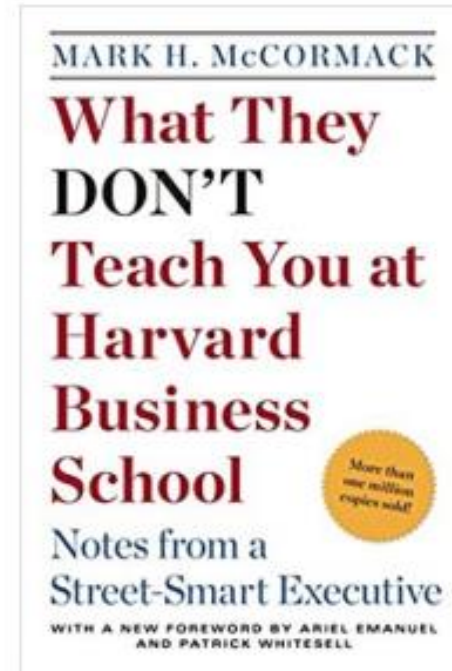
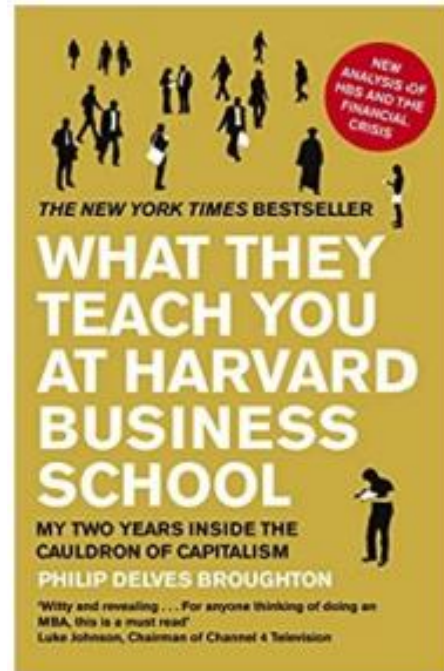


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It's remarkable that as recently as 11 years ago, the sum of all human knowledge could be provided in just two books.



# Exercises

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{3, 5, 6\} \quad C = \{3, 4\}$$

## Definitions

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

$$\bar{A} = \{x : x \notin A\}$$

Using only  $A, B, C$  and set operations, make the following sets. The universe is all integers.

•  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$       $A \cup B \cup C$

•  $\{3\}$       $A \cap C = A \cap B$

•  $\{1, 2\}$       $A \setminus B = A \setminus C = \overline{C} \cap A = \overline{B} \cap A$   
See if you can do it without using set difference!  
 $(B \cup C)?$

# Powerset

Powerset:  $\mathcal{P}\{A\}$

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{X : X \subseteq A\}$$

$$2^n$$

The powerset of  $A$  is the **set** of all subsets of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{P}(\{1,2\}) = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\} \}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\{a,b,c\}) = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,c\}, \{a,b,c\} \}$$

# Cartesian Product

Cartesian Product:  $A \times B$

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : \underline{a \in A}, \underline{b \in B}\}$$

The cartesian product of  $A$  with  $B$  is the set of ordered pairs of the form  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

$$\underline{(a, 1)} \in B \times A$$

$$(a, 1) \notin A \times B$$

If  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, c\}$  then:

$$A \times B = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c), (2, a), (2, b), (2, c)\}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \text{the real plane } \mathbb{R}^2$$

# Exercises

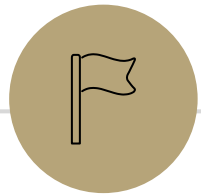
Compute the following:

$$\{1,2\} \times \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\{2\} \times \{1,3\}) &= \mathcal{P}(\{(2,1), (2,3)\}) \\ &= \{\emptyset, \{(2,1)\}, \{(2,3)\}, \{(2,1), (2,3)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$|\underbrace{\mathcal{P}(\{1,2\})}_4 \times \underbrace{\mathcal{P}(\{3,4,5\})}_8| = 32$$



# Set Proofs



# Two Claims

Determine if the following claims are true or false.

Claim 1: For all sets  $A, B, C$ , if  $A \subseteq (B \cup C)$  then  $A \subseteq B$  or  $A \subseteq C$ .

Claim 2: For all sets  $A, B, C$  it holds that  $A \cap B \cap C \subseteq A \cup B$ .

# Claim 1

Claim 1: For all sets  $A, B, C$ , if  $A \subseteq (B \cup C)$  then  $A \subseteq B$  or  $A \subseteq C$ .

# Claim 2

## Definition

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Claim 2: For all sets  $A, B, C$  it holds that  $A \cap B \cap C \subseteq A \cup B$ .

Proof Strategy

# Claim 2

## Definition

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Claim 2: For all sets  $A, B, C$  it holds that  $A \cap B \cap C \subseteq A \cup B$ .

Proof

# Anonymous Feedback

<https://tinyurl.com/cse311feedback>

