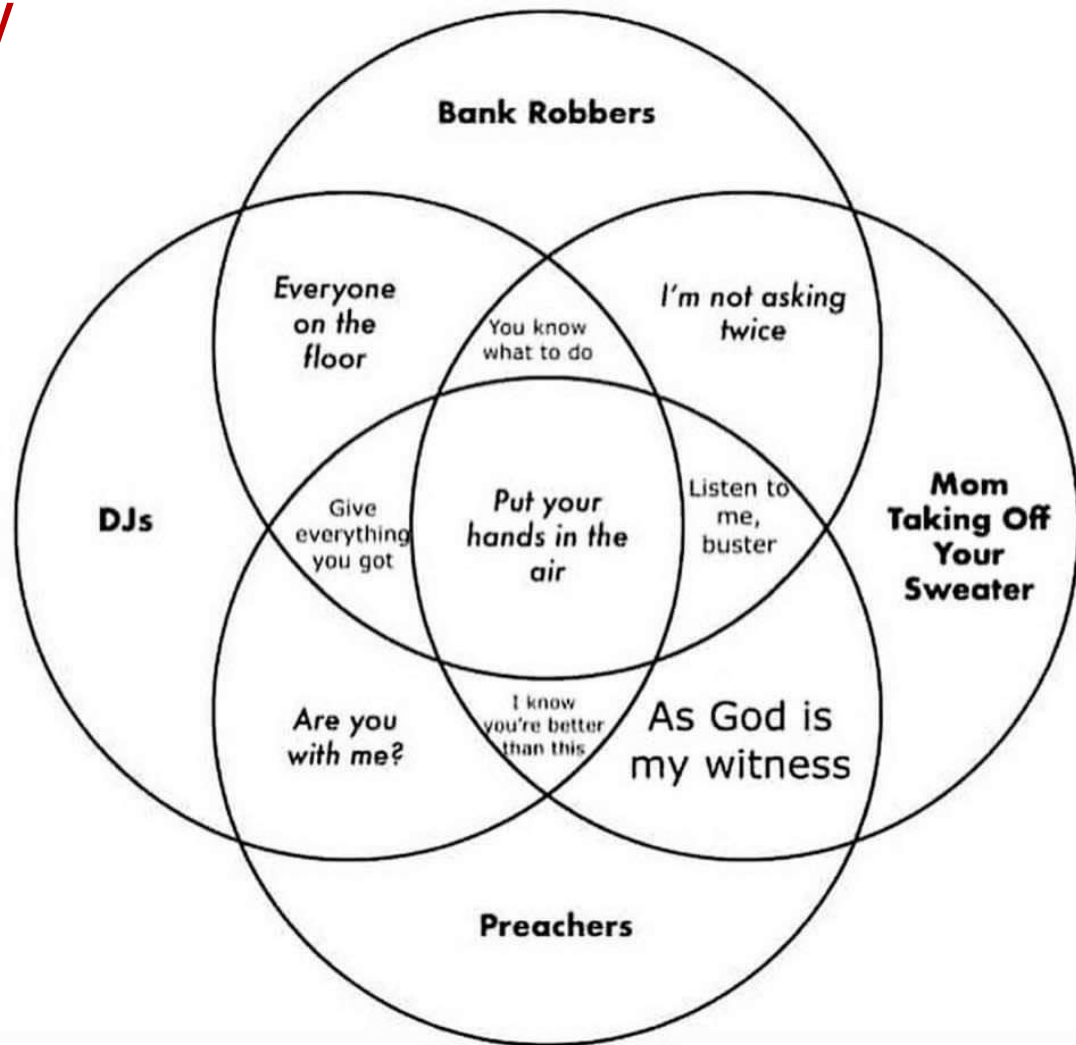


# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Topic 4: Set Theory



# Sets

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Sets are collections of objects called **elements**.

Write  $a \in B$  to say that  $a$  is an element of set  $B$ ,  
and  $a \notin B$  to say that it is not.

Some simple examples

$$A = \{1\}$$

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

$$C = \{\square, 1\}$$

$$D = \{\{17\}, 17\}$$

$$E = \{1, 2, 7, \text{cat}, \text{dog}, \emptyset, \alpha\}$$

## Some Common Sets

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

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

$\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of **Rational Numbers**; e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , -17,  $\frac{32}{48}$

$\mathbb{R}$  is the set of **Real Numbers**; e.g. 1, -17,  $\frac{32}{48}$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$

$[n]$  is the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  when  $n$  is a natural number

$\emptyset = \{\}$  is the **empty set**; the *only* set with no elements

# Sets can be elements of other sets

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For example

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

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

Then  $B \in A$ .

# Definition: Equality

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A and B are *equal* if they have the same elements

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

Examples:

- $\{1\} = \{1, 1, 1\}$
- $\emptyset$  is **the** empty set

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which sets are equal?

# Definition: Subset

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***A* is a *subset* of *B* if every element of *A* is also in *B***

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{1, 2\} \\ B &= \{1, 2, 3\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \subseteq B &\text{ is } \mathbf{true} \\ B \subseteq A &\text{ is } \mathbf{false} \end{aligned}$$

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

## QUESTIONS

$$A \subseteq B?$$

$$C \subseteq B?$$

$$\emptyset \subseteq A?$$



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- A is a *subset* of B if every element of A is also in B

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

- Notes:  $(A = B) \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)$

$$A \supseteq B \text{ means } B \subseteq A$$

$$A \subset B \text{ means } A \subseteq B$$

# Sets & Logic

# Proofs About Sets

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1.  $A \subseteq B$

Given

2.  $B \subseteq A$

Given

?.  $A = B$

??

# Proofs About Sets

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1.  $A \subseteq B$

Given

2.  $B \subseteq A$

Given

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

Def of Subset: 1

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

Def of Subset: 2

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Def of Same Set

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Given

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Def of Subset: 1

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

Def of Subset: 2

Let  $y$  be arbitrary.

5.?.  $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$

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5.  $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$

Intro  $\forall$

6.  $A = B$

Def of Same Set: 5

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Let  $y$  be arbitrary.

5.1.  $y \in A \rightarrow y \in B$

Elim  $\forall$ : 3

5.2.  $y \in B \rightarrow y \in A$

Elim  $\forall$ : 4

5.?.  $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$

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5.3.  $(y \in A \rightarrow y \in B) \wedge$   
 $(y \in B \rightarrow y \in A)$

Intro  $\wedge$ : 5.1, 5.2

5.4.  $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$

Biconditional: 5.3

5.  $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$

Intro  $\forall$

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# Building Sets from Predicates

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Every set  $S$  defines a predicate  $P(x) := "x \in S"$

We can also define a set from a predicate  $P$ :

$$S := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$S$  = the set of all  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is true

$$S := \{x \in U : P(x)\} = \{x : (x \in U) \wedge P(x)\}$$

# Inference Rules on Sets

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$$S := \{x : P(x)\}$$

When a set is defined this way,  
we can reason about it using its definition:

1.  $x \in S$       Given
2.  $P(x)$       Def of S
- ...
8.  $P(y)$
9.  $y \in S$       Def of S

This will be our **only**  
inference rule for sets!

# Proofs About Sets

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$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Suppose we want to prove  $A \subseteq B$ .

We have a definition of subset:

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

We need to show that is definition holds

# Proofs About Sets

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Def of Subset: 8

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Let  $x$  be arbitrary

$$1.1. \ x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$$

$$1. \ \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

$$2. \ A \subseteq B$$

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Intro  $\forall$ : 1

Def of Subset: 2

# Proofs About Sets

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$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Let  $x$  be arbitrary

1.1.1.  $x \in A$

Assumption

1.1.?.  $x \in B$

1..1.  $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

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

2.  $A \subseteq B$

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Direct Proof

Intro  $\forall$ : 1

Def of Subset: 2

# Proofs About Sets

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$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

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1.1.2.  $P(x)$

1.1.?.  $Q(x)$

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Def of A

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Def of B

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Def of Subset: 2



# Proofs About Sets

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$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Prove that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary object.

Suppose that  $x \in A$ . By definition of  $A$ , this means  $P(x)$ .

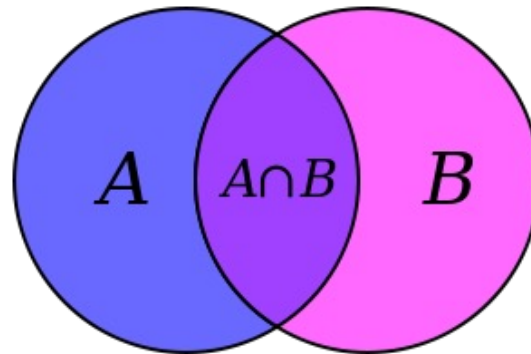
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Thus, we have  $Q(x)$ . By definition of  $B$ , this means  $x \in B$ .

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown, by definition of subset, that  $A \subseteq B$ .

English *template* for a Subset Proof

# Operations on Sets



# Set Operations

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

**Union**

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

**Intersection**

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

**Set Difference**

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

$$B = \{3, 5, 6\}$$

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

## QUESTIONS

Using A, B, C and set operations, make...

$$\{6\} =$$

$$\{3\} =$$

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

# More Set Operations

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$$A \oplus B := \{ x : (x \in A) \oplus (x \in B) \}$$

Symmetric  
Difference

$$\bar{A} = A^C := \{ x : x \in U \wedge x \notin A \}$$

(with respect to universe U)

Complement

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

$$B = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$$

Universe:

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A \oplus B = \{3, 4, 6\}$$

$$\bar{A} = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

Note that  $A \cup \bar{A} = U$

# De Morgan's Laws

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$$\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

# De Morgan's Laws

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

Formally, prove  $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Equivalently, prove  $(A \cup B)^c \subseteq A^c \cap B^c$  and  
 $A^c \cap B^c \subseteq (A \cup B)^c$

## Recall: Proofs About Sets

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Thus,  $x \in A^c$  and  $x \in B^c$ . By the definition of intersection, this means  $x \in A^c \cap B^c$ .

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So  $\neg(x \in A)$  and  $\neg(x \in B)$ . Thus,  $x \in A^c$  and  $x \in B^c$  by the definition of complement. By the definition of intersection, this means  $x \in A^c \cap B^c$ .

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Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown, by the definition of subset, that  $A \subseteq B$ .

# De Morgan's Laws

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Prove that  $A^C \cap B^C \subseteq (A \cup B)^C$

Formally, prove  $\forall x (x \in A^C \cap B^C \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B)^C)$

**Proof:** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary object.

Suppose  $x \in A^C \cap B^C$ . Then, by the definition of intersection, we have  $x \in A^C$  and  $x \in B^C$ . That is, we have  $\neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$ , which is equivalent to  $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$  by De Morgan's law. The last is equivalent to  $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$ , by the definition of union, so we have shown  $x \in (A \cup B)^C$ , by the definition of complement.

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown, by the definition of subset, that  $A \subseteq B$ .

# Proofs About Set Equality

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A lot of *repetitive* work to show  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftarrow$ .

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Thus, we have  $x \in A^C$  and  $x \in B^C$  by the definition of complement, and we can see that  $x \in A^C \cap B^C$  by the definition of intersection.

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Suppose  $x \in A^C \cap B^C$ .

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We then have  $\neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$  by the definition of **complement**, which is equivalent to  $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$  by **De Morgan's law**.

The last is equivalent to  $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$ , by the definition of **union**, so we have shown  $x \in (A \cup B)^C$ , by the definition of **complement**.



# Proofs About Set Equality

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A lot of *repetitive* work to show  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftarrow$ .

Do we have a way to prove  $\leftrightarrow$  directly?

Recall that  $A \equiv B$  and  $(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv T$  are the same

We can use an equivalence chain to prove that a biconditional holds.

# De Morgan's Law

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

Formally, prove  $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

**Proof:** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary object.

The stated biconditional holds since:

|                      |   |                     |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| $x \in (A \cup B)^c$ | $\equiv \neg(x \in A \cup B)$               | Def of Comp         |
|                      | $\equiv \neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$         | Def of Union        |
|                      | $\equiv \neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$ | De Morgan           |
|                      | $\equiv x \in A^c \wedge x \in B^c$         | Def of Comp         |
|                      | $\equiv x \in A^c \cap B^c$                 | Def of Intersection |

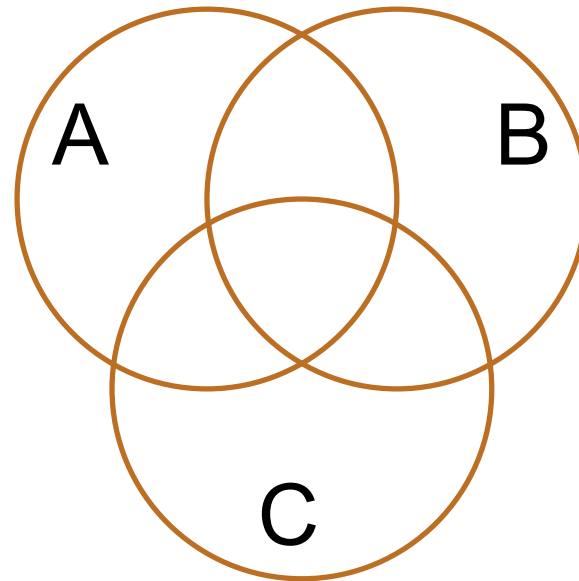
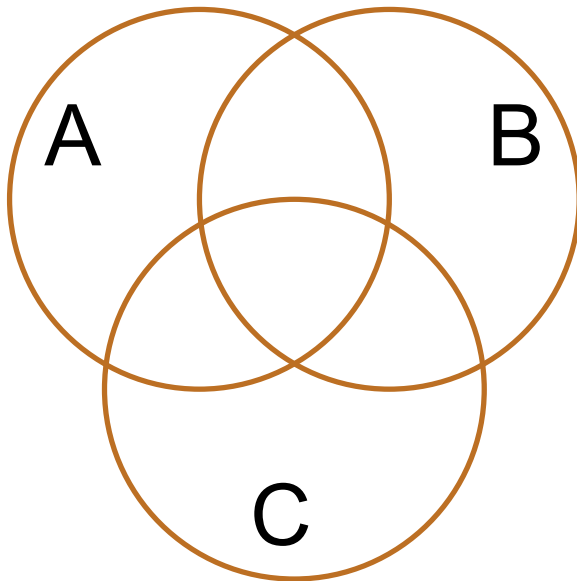
Chains of equivalences  
are often easier to read  
like this rather than as  
English text

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown, by definition,  
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# Distributive Laws

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



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$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$\equiv (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B \cup C) \quad \text{Def of Intersection}$$

$$\equiv (x \in A) \wedge ((x \in B) \vee (x \in C)) \quad \text{Def of Union}$$

$$\equiv ((x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)) \vee ((x \in A) \wedge (x \in C)) \quad \text{Distributive}$$

$$\equiv (x \in A \cap B) \vee (x \in A \cap C) \quad \text{Def of Intersection}$$

$$\equiv x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad \text{Def of Union}$$

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# The Meta Theorem

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**Meta-Theorem:** Translate any Propositional Logic equivalence into “=” relationship between sets by replacing  $\cup$  with  $\vee$ ,  $\cap$  with  $\wedge$ , and  $\cdot^c$  with  $\neg$ .

Example:  $\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$  becomes

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

Example:  $A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$  becomes

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

# The Meta Theorem Proof Template

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**Meta-Theorem:** Translate any Propositional Logic equivalence into “=” relationship between sets by replacing  $\cup$  with  $\vee$ ,  $\cap$  with  $\wedge$ , and  $\cdot^C$  with  $\neg$ .

**“Proof”:** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary object.

The stated bi-condition holds since:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| $x \in \text{left side}$ | $\equiv$ replace set ops with propositional logic |
|                          | $\equiv$ apply Propositional Logic equivalence    |
|                          | $\equiv$ replace propositional logic with set ops |
|                          | $\equiv x \in \text{right side}$                  |

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# Power Set

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- Power Set of a set **A** = set of all subsets of **A**

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

- e.g., let **Days**=**{M,W,F}** and consider all the possible sets of days in a week you could ask a question in class

$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days})=?$

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$$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days}) = \{\{M, W, F\}, \{M, W\}, \{M, F\}, \{W, F\}, \{M\}, \{W\}, \{F\}, \emptyset\}$$

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



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$$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days}) = \{\{M, W, F\}, \{M, W\}, \{M, F\}, \{W, F\}, \{M\}, \{W\}, \{F\}, \emptyset\}$$

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

# Cartesian Product

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$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \exists b ((a \in A) \wedge (b \in B) \wedge (x = (a, b))) \}$$

- $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is the real plane.
  - you've seen ordered pairs before... these are just for arbitrary sets.
- $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is “the set of all pairs of integers”

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$$\begin{aligned} A \times \emptyset &= \{x : \exists a \exists b (a \in A \wedge b \in \emptyset \wedge x = (a, b))\} \\ &= \{x : \exists a \exists b (a \in A \wedge \mathbf{F} \wedge x = (a, b))\} \\ &= \{x : \mathbf{F}\} = \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

## More Set Builder Notation

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$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \exists b ((a \in A) \wedge (b \in B) \wedge (x = (a, b))) \}$$

- This can be written more concisely as follows...

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

- within set builder variables are implicitly  $\exists$ -quantified  
this is the one exception to the rule that  
unbound variables are implicitly  $\forall$ -quantified

# More Set Builder Notation

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$$S := \{ x \in U : P(x) \}$$

"filter"

- Then  $x \in S$  tells us that  $P(x)$  holds

$$T := \{ f(x) : x \in U \}$$

"map"

- Then  $y \in T$  tells us that  $y = f(x)$  for **some**  $x \in U$

## More Set Builder Notation

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- Both notations can be used together, e.g.

$$V := \{ f(x) : x \in U \wedge P(x) \}$$

- Then  $y \in V$  tells us that  $y = f(x)$  for **some**  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  holds

these two notations can be thought of as "filter" and "map"  
they are widely used operations in programming as well

# Domain-Restriction to Sets

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Often want to prove facts about all elements of a set

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

Note the domain restriction!

We will use a shorthand restriction to a set

$$\forall x \in A (P(x)) \quad \text{means} \quad \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow P(x))$$

Restricting set-restricted variables improves *clarity*



# Sets of Numbers

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- Define some familiar sets of numbers

$$\mathbb{E} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k (n = 2k)\}$$
$$\mathbb{O} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k (n = 2k + 1)\}$$

- previously, we defined these as predicates

## Recall: Even and Odd

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Prove “The square of every even integer is even.”

Formally, prove  $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

**Proof:** Let  $a$  be an arbitrary integer.

Suppose  $a$  is even. Then, by definition,  $a = 2b$  for some integer  $b$ . Squaring both sides, we get  $a^2 = 4b^2 = 2(2b^2)$ . So  $a^2$  is, by definition, is even.

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# Even and Odd As Sets

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**Proof:** Let **a** be an arbitrary **even** integer.

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The structure of the **proof** *follows* the structure of the **claim**.

## Recall: Even and Odd

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Prove “The sum of any two odd numbers is even.”

Formally, prove  $\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$

**Proof:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be arbitrary integers.

Suppose that both are odd. Then, we have  $x = 2a+1$  for some integer  $a$  and  $y = 2b+1$  for some integer  $b$ . Their sum is  $x+y = (2a+1) + (2b+1) = 2a+2b+2 = 2(a+b+1)$ , so  $x+y$  is, by definition, even.

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Formally, prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{O}, \forall y \in \mathbb{O} (x + y \in \mathbb{E})$

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## Another Odd One

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“The square of the sum of any even and odd is congruent to 1 mod 4”

Formally, prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{E}, \forall y \in \mathbb{O} ((x + y)^2 \equiv_4 1)$

**Proof:**

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary **even** and  $y$  an arbitrary **odd**.

Then, we have  $x = 2j$  for some integer  $j$ , and  $y = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ . We can now see that

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y)^2 &= (2j + 2k+1)^2 \\ &= (2(j+k) + 1)^2 \\ &= 4(j+k)^2 + 4(j+k) + 1\end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $4 \mid (x+y)^2 - 1$  by definition of divides, which means that  $(x+y)^2 \equiv_4 1$  by definition of congruent.

Since  $x$  and  $y$  were arbitrary, we have proven the claim. ■

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This is reminiscent of the truth value of the statement “This statement is false.”



# Recall: Formal Proofs

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- In principle, formal proofs are the standard for what it means to be “proven” in mathematics
  - almost all math (and theory CS) done in Predicate Logic
- But they can be tedious and impractical
  - e.g., applications of commutativity and associativity
  - Russell & Whitehead’s formal proof that  $1+1 = 2$  is *several hundred pages long*
    - we allow ourselves to cite “Arithmetic”, “Algebra”, etc.

## **Recall: Recursive definitions of functions**

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- $0! = 1$ ;  $(n + 1)! = (n + 1) \cdot n!$  **for all  $n \geq 0$ .**
- $F(0) = 0$ ;  $F(n + 1) = F(n) - 1$  **for all  $n \geq 0$ .**
- $G(0) = 1$ ;  $G(n + 1) = 2 \cdot G(n)$  **for all  $n \geq 0$ .**
- $H(0) = 1$ ;  $H(n + 1) = 2^{H(n)}$  **for all  $n \geq 0$ .**

# **Recursive Definitions of Sets**

# Recursive Definitions of Sets (Data)

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## Natural numbers

Basis:  $0 \in S$

Recursive: If  $x \in S$ , then  $x+1 \in S$

## Even numbers

Basis:  $0 \in S$

Recursive: If  $x \in S$ , then  $x+2 \in S$

In comparison to earlier definitions:

- $\mathbb{N} := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 0\}$
- $\mathbb{E} := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k (x = 2k)\}$

these definitions are constructive.

# Recursive Definition of Sets

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## Recursive definition of set $S$

- **Basis Step:**  $0 \in S$
- **Recursive Step:** If  $x \in S$ , then  $x + 2 \in S$

The only elements in  $S$  are those that follow from the basis step and a finite number of recursive steps

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Basis:  $(0, 0) \in S, (1, 1) \in S$

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Fibonacci numbers