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Definition. Two sets, A and B , are **equal** when they have precisely the same elements. In this case, we write $A = B$. When the sets A and B are not equal, we write $A \neq B$.

The set A is a **subset** of a set B provided that each element of A is an element of B . In this case, we write $A \subseteq B$ and also say that A is **contained** in B . When A is not a subset of B , we write $A \not\subseteq B$.

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Definition. Let A and B be two sets contained in some universal set U . The set A is a **proper subset** of B provided that $A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$. When A is a proper subset of B , we write $A \subset B$.

Unambiguous

- $A = B \Leftrightarrow [(x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B) \wedge (x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A)]$
- $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow [x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B] \xleftrightarrow{\text{say}} A \text{ is a subset of } B.$
- $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow [A \subseteq B \wedge A \neq B] \xleftrightarrow{\text{say}} A \text{ is a proper subset of } B.$

Ambiguous is $A \subset B$

- in textbook $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \subsetneq B$
- in class often $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$.
- Textbook HW uses textbook notation. On Exam, we will use unambiguous

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Theorem 5.2. Let A and B be subsets of some universal set U . Then $A = B$ if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

↳ To show $A = B$, this is key method of proof

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Definition. Let A and B be subsets of the universal set U . The sets A and B are said to be **disjoint** provided that $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

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Definition. The number of elements in a finite set A is called the **cardinality** of A and is denoted by $\text{card}(A)$.

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Definition. If A is a subset of a universal set U , then the set whose members are all the subsets of A is called the **power set** of A . We denote the power set of A by $\mathcal{P}(A)$. Symbolically, we write

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{X \subseteq U \mid X \subseteq A\}.$$

That is, $X \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ if and only if $X \subseteq A$.

Definition. Let A and B be subsets of some universal set U . The **intersection** of A and B , written $A \cap B$ and read " A intersect B ," is the set of all elements that are in both A and B . That is,

$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}.$$

The **union** of A and B , written $A \cup B$ and read " A union B ," is the set of all elements that are in A or in B . That is,

$$A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}.$$

Definition. Let A and B be subsets of some universal set U . The **set difference** of A and B , or **relative complement** of B with respect to A , written $A - B$ and read " A minus B " or "the complement of B with respect to A ," is the set of all elements in A that are not in B . That is,

$$A - B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}.$$

The **complement** of the set A , written A^c and read "the complement of A ," is the set of all elements of U that are not in A . That is,

$$A^c = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}.$$

Theorem 5.18 (Algebra of Set Operations). Let A , B , and C be subsets of some universal set U . Then all of the following equalities hold.

<i>Properties of the Empty Set and the Universal Set</i>	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	$A \cap U = A$
	$A \cup \emptyset = A$	$A \cup U = U$
<i>Idempotent Laws</i>	$A \cap A = A$	$A \cup A = A$
<i>Commutative Laws</i>	$A \cap B = B \cap A$	$A \cup B = B \cup A$
<i>Associative Laws</i>	$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$	
	$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$	
<i>Distributive Laws</i>	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$	
	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	

Theorem 5.20. Let A and B be subsets of some universal set U . Then the following are true:

<i>Basic Properties</i>	$(A^c)^c = A$
	$A - B = A \cap B^c$
<i>Empty Set and Universal Set</i>	$A - \emptyset = A$ and $A - U = \emptyset$
	$\emptyset^c = U$ and $U^c = \emptyset$
<i>De Morgan's Laws</i>	$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$
	$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$
<i>Subsets and Complements</i>	$A \subseteq B$ if and only if $B^c \subseteq A^c$

Definition. Let A and B be sets. An **ordered pair** (with first element from A and second element from B) is a single pair of objects, denoted by (a, b) , with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ and an implied order. This means that for two ordered pairs to be equal, they must contain exactly the same objects in the same order. That is, if $a, c \in A$ and $b, d \in B$, then

$$(a, b) = (c, d) \text{ if and only if } a = c \text{ and } b = d.$$

The objects in the ordered pair are called the **coordinates** of the ordered pair. In the ordered pair (a, b) , a is the **first coordinate** and b is the **second coordinate**.

Theorem 5.25. Let A , B , and C be sets. Then

1. $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$
2. $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
3. $(A \cap B) \times C = (A \times C) \cap (B \times C)$
4. $(A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$
5. $A \times (B - C) = (A \times B) - (A \times C)$
6. $(A - B) \times C = (A \times C) - (B \times C)$
7. If $T \subseteq A$, then $T \times B \subseteq A \times B$.
8. If $Y \subseteq B$, then $A \times Y \subseteq A \times B$.

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Definition. If A and B are sets, then the **Cartesian product**, $A \times B$, of A and B is the set of all ordered pairs (x, y) where $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. We use the notation $A \times B$ for the Cartesian product of A and B , and using set builder notation, we can write

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}.$$

We frequently read $A \times B$ as "A cross B." In the case where the two sets are the same, we will write A^2 for $A \times A$. That is,

$$A^2 = A \times A = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in A\}.$$

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