

[Get 75% of students to turn on cameras]

Reminder: The password for assignment #1 is in the syllabus. (DON'T blurt it, but who's found it?)

Don't ask others; if they ask you, don't tell them.

Chat storm: What's the difference between 0 and \emptyset ?

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Section 1.1: Set Notation and Relations

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What is the set \mathbb{P} ?

What is the set \mathbb{N} ?

What is the set \mathbb{Z} ?

What is the set \mathbb{Q} ?

What is the set \mathbb{R} ?

What is the set \mathbb{C} ?

$x \in S$ means x is an element of the set S . (This is defined in the first paragraph of subsection 1.1.1; if you missed it, then you're skimming too quickly.)

\emptyset (also written $\{ \}$) is the set with no elements.

$\{1\}$ is a set with one element, namely the number 1; it is different from 1, which is a number, not a set.

Also, $\{0\}$, \emptyset , and 0 are all different: the first is a set with one element, the second is a set with no elements, and the third is not a set at all!

Two sets S and T are equal if every element of S is equal to some element of T and every element of T is equal to some element of S .

Compare the sets $\{1,2\}$ and $\{2,1\}$. Are they the same or different? (30 seconds)

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Answer: Same. Order doesn't matter!

Compare the sets $\{1,2\}$ and $\{1,2,2\}$. Are they the same or different? (30 seconds)

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Answer: Same. Repetition doesn't matter!

Sometimes we'll want not just sets of numbers but sets of sets of numbers: for example, when we study partitions (section 2.3). In that context, $\{\{1,2\},\{3,4\}\}$ is NOT the same as $\{\{1,3\},\{2,4\}\}$.

Suppose A and B are sets (whose elements may themselves be numbers, or sets, or sets-of-sets, etc.).

To test whether A is equal to B (as sets), just check that every element of A is an element of B and vice versa.

Putting it differently, to test whether A is equal to B , just check that every element of A is equal to some element of B and vice versa.

Note that this is a recursive criterion!

To hammer home this criterion, let's consider unnatural but nonetheless instructive examples.

Compare the sets $\{\{1,1,2\},\{2,3,3\}\}$ and $\{\{3,2\},\{2,1\}\}$. Are they the same or different? (60 seconds)

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Answer: Same, since $\{1,1,2\} = \{2,1\}$ and $\{2,3,3\} = \{3,2\}$.

Compare $\{\{1,2,3\},\{4,5,6\}\}$ and $\{\{1,2\},\{3,4\},\{5,6\}\}$. Are they the same or different? (30 seconds)

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Answer: Different. The two elements of $\{\{1,2,3\},\{4,5,6\}\}$ are the set $\{1,2,3\}$ and the set $\{4,5,6\}$, neither of which is equal to the set $\{1,2\}$ or the set $\{3,4\}$ or the set $\{5,6\}$.

$S \subseteq T$ (pronounced “ S is a *subset* of T ”) means every element of S is equal to some element of T .

Note: If $S \subseteq T$ and $T \subseteq S$ then $S = T$. Conversely, if $S = T$ then $S \subseteq T$ and $T \subseteq S$.

Is $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ a subset of $\{\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}\}$? (30 seconds)

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Answer: No, but $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ is an *element* of $\{\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}\}$.

“ S is *disjoint* from T ” means that S and T have no elements in common; that is, there does not exist an x such that $x \in S$ and $x \in T$.

Distinguish between “ \in ” and “ \subseteq ”.

$S \subset T$ (pronounced “ S is a proper subset of T ”) means $S \subseteq T$ but $S \neq T$.

Definition: The cardinality of a set S is the number of different elements it has (for instance, $\{3,4\}$ has cardinality 2, and so does $\{3,3,4\}$); we write the cardinality of S as $|S|$.

Examples: $|\emptyset| = 0$; $|\{0\}| = 1$.

Theorem:

If S and T are finite sets with $S = T$, then $|S| = |T|$.

If S and T are finite sets with $S \subseteq T$, then $|S| \leq |T|$.

If S and T are finite sets with $S \subset T$, then $|S| < |T|$.

Group work (try to set up and share the whiteboard):

- Group work: 1.1.5 (8 minutes)

5. Let $A = \{0, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$, and $C = \{1, 5, 9\}$. Determine which of the following statements are true. Give reasons for your answers.

(a) $3 \in A$

(e) $A \subseteq B$

(b) $\{3\} \in A$

(f) $\emptyset \subseteq C$

(c) $\{3\} \subseteq A$

(g) $\emptyset \in A$

(d) $B \subseteq A$

(h) $A \subseteq A$

Discuss; how did the whiteboard sharing go?

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Questions on section 1.1?

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- Given sets, perform any combination of the following set operations: union, intersection, complement of A relative to B , complement of A

Exercise 1.2.3 asks you to give examples of sets $A, B, C \subseteq \{1,2,3,\dots,9\}$ such that various equalities between sets hold.

The nice surprise is that they always hold.

Here for instance is how you can show that 1.2.3(c) (the equality $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$, using Venn diagrams:

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Group work: Exercise 1.3.3 (4 minutes)

3. List all two-element sets in $\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c, d\})$

Recall: S is a subset of T if every element of S is equal to some element of T .

$\wp(T)$ is the set of all subsets of T .

Is \emptyset an element of $\wp(\emptyset)$? (30 seconds)

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Answer: Yes. In fact, it's the ONLY element of $\wp(\emptyset)$.

Is \emptyset a subset of $\wp(\emptyset)$? (30 seconds)

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Answer: Yes. In fact, \emptyset is a subset of T , for EVERY set T .

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