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# 1 Sets

"A set is a collection of objects which we call elements"  
(Set=Collection?! Tautology).

### Examples

1. Class2014={Set of all students in this class}.
2. ISET={Set of all students of ISET}.
3. Set of natural numbers  $N$ .
4. Set of whole numbers  $Z$ .
5. Set of rational numbers  $Q$ .
6. Set of real numbers  $R$ .
7. Set of complex numbers  $C$ .

### 1.0.1 Subset

$A \subset X \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in X)$   
(there exists no  $x$  in  $A$  which is not in  $X$ ).

### Examples

1. Class2014  $\subset$  ISET.
2.  $N \subset Z \subset Q \subset R \subset C$ .
3.  $\emptyset \subset X$  for any set  $X$ .  
(there exists no  $x$  in  $\emptyset$  which is not in  $X$ )

### 1.0.2 Operations on Sets

Union

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

Intersection

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

Subtraction

$$A - B = \{x, x \in A \text{ but not } x \in B\}.$$

Denote by  $U$  the Universe (biggest set in consideration)

Complement

$$\sim A = A^c = U - A.$$

### 1.0.3 Properties of Operations

1.  $\emptyset \cup A = A$
2.  $A \cup B = B \cup A$
3.  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$
4.  $A \cup A = A$
5.  $A \cap U = A$
6.  $A \cap B = B \cap A$
7.  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
8.  $A - B = A \cap B^c$
9.  $(A^c)^c = A$
10.  $A \cap A = A$
11.  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
12.  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
13.  $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$
14.  $A \cup A^c = U$
15.  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$
16.  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

#### Exercises

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ .  
Find

$$A^c =$$

$$B^c =$$

$$A \cup B =$$

$$A \cap B =$$

$$A \cup B^c =$$

$$A^c \cap B =$$

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

$$A^c \cap B^c =$$

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

$$A^c \cup B^c =$$

2. Answer the same question for

$$A = [0, 2], \quad B = [1, 4], \quad U = R = (-\infty, \infty).$$

3. Answer the same question for

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{(x, y) \in R^2, 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}, \\ B &= \{(x, y) \in R^2, 1 \leq x \leq 4, 1 \leq y \leq 4\}, \\ U &= R^2. \end{aligned}$$