

MTH 341 Advanced Calculus

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Text: Elementary Real Analysis, Thomson, Bruckner, Bruckner
(available online)

§ Appendix: Background (tell them to read the remaining sections of this)

Sets: collections of objects, e.g. numbers. $\{0, 1\}$ ← set with two elements, 0 and 1.
or, e.g. $\{\text{banana}, \text{apple}\}$.

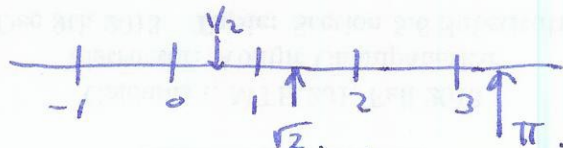
notation: $x \in A$ x is a number/object in A
 $x \notin A$ x is not in A

examples: $0 \in \{0, 1\}$ true.

$\text{banana} \notin \{\text{banana}, \text{apple}\}$ false.

Special sets: $\emptyset$ empty set, set with no elements, also $\{\}$

- Natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- Integers $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- Rationals $\mathbb{Q}$ fractions $\frac{m}{n}$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \neq 0$.
- Real numbers $\mathbb{R}$



- closed intervals $[a, b] = \{ \text{all real numbers } a \leq x \leq b \}$ (includes endpoints)
- open intervals $(a, b) = \{ \text{all real numbers } a < x < b \}$ (does not include endpoints)

- infinite intervals $(a, \infty) = \text{all } \text{real numbers } x > a$ (2)
 $[a, \infty) = \text{all real numbers } x \geq a$
 $(-\infty, a) = \text{all real numbers } x < a$
 $(-\infty, a] = \text{all real numbers } x \leq a$

- sets as lists: $\{1, 4, -2, \sqrt{47}\}$ order doesn't matter.
 $\{1, 2\} = \{2, 1\}$

- sets defined by descriptions: $\{x \mid |x| < 1\}$ ($= (-1, 1)$)
 alternate notation: $\{x : |x| < 1\}$

more generally, if $C(x)$ is some statement/property then

$\{x \mid C(x)\}$ means "all x for which $C(x)$ is true".

Examples

$$\{x \mid x^2 - 1 \leq 0\} \quad (= [-1, 1])$$

$$\{x \mid x^2 + 1 \leq 0\} \quad (= \emptyset \text{ or } \{\})$$

$$\{x \mid x \text{ is a subset of } \{0, 1\}\} \quad (= \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\})$$

Warning $\S$ trying to define sets by $\{x \mid C(x)\}$ essentially doesn't work, without some restriction on what $C(x)$ is allowed to be.

Key example (Russell's paradox)

Let S_1 be set of all sets: $S_1 = \{S \mid S \text{ is a set}\}$

note: $S_1 \in S_1$

consider $S_2 = \{S \mid S \text{ is a set, and } S \notin S\}$

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Q is $S_2 \in S_2$?
 $S_2 \in S_2 \Rightarrow S_2 \notin S_2$
 $S_2 \notin S_2 \Rightarrow S_2 \in S_2$ } # contradiction.

Solution : there is ~~not~~ no set of all sets.

define sets carefully, using definite rules (ZFC)

long story — which we shall ignore and just carry on.

Weird fact : this paradox arises in the English language.

autological : an adjective which describes itself (eg. polysyllabic)

heterological : an adjective which does not describe itself (monosyllabic)

Conclusion : language is not logically consistent.

Set notation

subset $A \subset B$ every element of A is in B

intersection $A \cap B$ the set consisting of elements which lie in both A and B.

union $A \cup B$ the set consisting of elements which lie in either A or B.

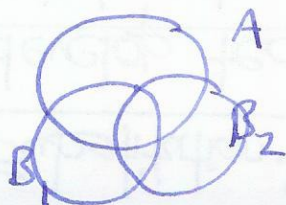
differences/complements $A \setminus B$ the set of elements of A which do not lie in B.

Examples

$$A \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2) = (A \setminus B_1) \cap (A \setminus B_2)$$

$$A \setminus (B_1 \cap B_2) = (A \setminus B_1) \cup (A \setminus B_2)$$

Proof : draw a picture



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ordered pairs (a, b) $a \in A, b \in B$ order matters (not a set) (4)

$(a, b) \neq (b, a)$ in general.

the set of all ordered pairs with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ is $A \times B$ the Cartesian product of A and B .

Functions $f: A \rightarrow B$

A function f (or map) from a set A to a set B is a rule (4) that assigns a value $f(a) \in B$ to each element $a \in A$.

notation $f: A \rightarrow B$ note f name of function
domain range $f(x)$ value of function at x

(*) what does this mean?

Defn A, B non-empty sets. A set f of ordered pairs (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ is called a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ if for every $a \in A$ there is precisely one pair (a, b) in f .

Notation we will still write $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ to mean

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $f = \{ (x, x^2 + x + 1) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \}$.

Warning: • domain and range often defined implicitly (i.e. you have to work them out).

i.e. people write $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ instead of $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

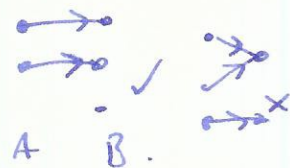
• domain vs image. image is all values which arise from the function, i.e. if $f: A \rightarrow B$ $\text{image}(f) = \{ b \in B \mid b = f(a) \text{ for some } a \in A \}$

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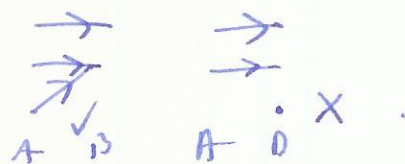
Note: $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$
 $x \mapsto \sqrt{x}$ $x \mapsto \sqrt{x}$

are technically different functions, but they have the same image.

A function f is one-to-one (injective, monomorphism) if for each $b \in \text{image}(f)$ there is precisely one $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$.



A function f is onto (surjective, epimorphism) if for each $b \in B$, there is an $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$.



Inverses if $f: A \rightarrow B$ is one-to-one, then there is an inverse function,

$f^{-1}: \text{image}(A) \rightarrow B$ such that $f^{-1}(f(a)) = a$ for all $a \in A$.

$\downarrow$
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Characteristic functions $A \subset B$ then $\chi_A: B \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$\chi_A(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } b \notin A \end{cases}$$

Composition $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$

then $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ so $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$

Real analysis rigorous study of functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, sequences, series, limits, continuity, etc. We will prove things.

Why proof? Start with careful and precise definitions, and use agreed rules to make deductions that are definitely correct, can (in some