CISC-102

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Week 1

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Homework

- Homework every week. Keep up to date or you risk falling behind.
- Homework will be solved in class on due date.
- Homework is not handed in, and not graded.
- Quizzes and Final exam are based on homework questions.

Assessment

Grades will be made up of midterm quizzes and a final. The quizzes will be scheduled as follows:

- Quiz 1: Thursday, February 7.
- Quiz 2: Thursday, March 7.
- Quiz 3: Thursday, March 28.

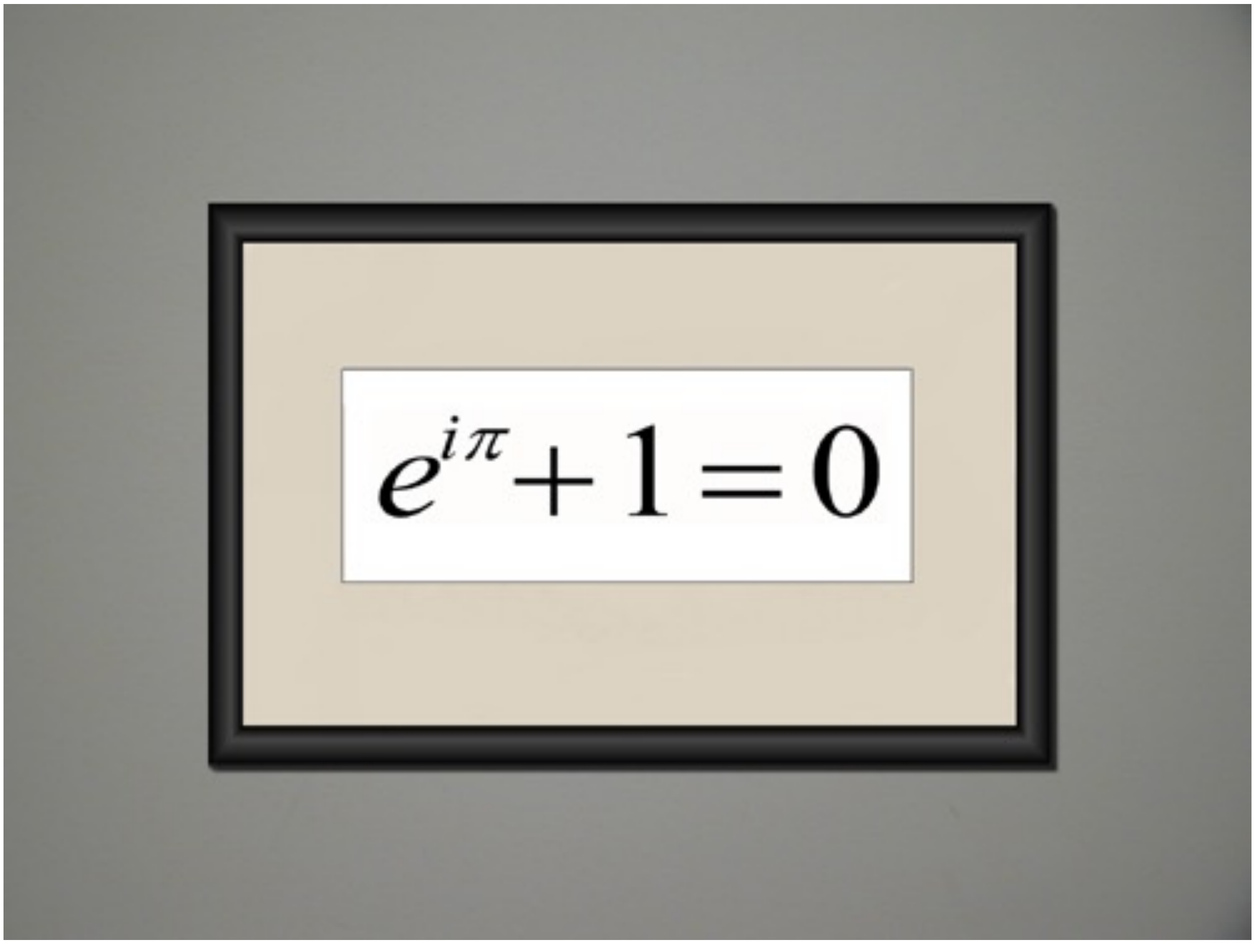
Please make every effort to be present for the midterm quizzes. However, writing any of the quizzes is up to you, all quizzes are optional. At the end of the term I will tally four grades for everyone in the class as follows.

1. 3 quizzes 20% each and 40% Final.
2. Best 2 quiz grades 20% each and 60% Final.
3. Best single quiz grade 20% and 80% Final
4. 100% Final.

You will then get the maximum of the grades 1, 2, 3, or 4, with the exception that if you get 49% or less on the final exam, then that will be your grade.

Teaching Assistants and Office hours.

There are five Teaching Assistants assigned to this course. Each teaching assistant will provide two hours a week where any student in the class can partake to ask questions about the course. I will also provide two office hours a week.



Beauty

- The picture on the previous page is a work of art titled "Beauty".
  (Prints can be purchased on-line.)

- The equation

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$

  consists of the most important concepts in mathematics:
  - numbers
    0,1 (integers)
    π, e (irrational real numbers)
    i (a complex number)
  - operations
    $+$ $\times$ and exponentiation (exp. function)
  - and the relation =

UGLY?

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

This expression is known as the *binomial identity.*

Does the binomial identity seems like a mess you would like to avoid?

By the end of the term you will be able to read this and other similar “complicated” looking mathematical expressions.

Motivation

- Math is a human invention just like music, painting, sculpture, poetry, hockey, basketball, soccer, fishing …

And how do you become proficient at music, painting, hockey … ?

Practice, practice, practice.

- 10,000 “rule” holds that **10,000 hours** of "deliberate practice" are needed to become world-class in any field. (Working 40 hours per week during for a 4 year university degree gets you about half way there.)
- The homework that you do for this course can be viewed as “deliberate practice”.

The Perfect Introductory Problem: Counting hand shakes

Alice is having a birthday party at her house, and has invited Bob, Carl, Diane, Eve, Frank, and George.

They all shake hands with each other.

Q: How many handshakes?

George says, " I know the answer and I can prove it to you. There are 7 of us, so I shake hands with 6 other people. That's also true for everyone else. So the total number of hand shakes is $6 \times 7 = 42$."

Frank says, “ I have another way of working this out. Suppose there’s only two of us, just George and I. That’s 1 handshake. For 3 of us Eve, Frank and George, we have

E and F shake hands
E and G shake hands
F and G shake hands. 3 hand shakes.

And for 4 of us, Diane, Eve, Frank, and George we have

D and E shake hands
D and F shake hands
D and G shake hands
E and F shake hands
E and G shake hands
F and G shake hands. 6 hand shakes.

I see the pattern $(3 \times 2) / 2 = 3$,
$(4 \times 3) / 2 = 6$.

So with 7 of us the correct answer is

$$(6 \times 7) /2 = 21.$$

Sets

- We convert the hand shake problem into an "official" math problem using proper notation.
- The basic building block will be the set.
- A set is a collection of distinct elements.

Examples

A = {1,3,5,7,9},
B = {x | x is an integer, $0 \leq x < 10$}
C = {x : x is an odd integer, 0 < x < 10}

$A \subseteq C$ (A is a subset of C)
$C \subseteq A$ (C is a subset of A)
A = C (A and C are equal, that is the elements of A and C are the same.)

NOTE:

If $A \subseteq C$ and $C \subseteq A$ then $A = C$.
If $A = C$ then $A \subseteq C$ and $C \subseteq A$.

$A \subseteq B$ (A is a subset of B)
$B \nsubseteq A$ (B is not a subset of A)

$A \subset B$ (A is a proper subset of B)
$B \not\subset A$ (B is not a proper subset of A)

$1 \in A$ (1 is an element of A)
$\{ 1 \} \subseteq A$
$\{ 1 \} \subset A$

Sets can have infinitely many elements

$\mathbb{N}$ = the set of *natural numbers*: 1, 2, 3, . . .

$\mathbb{Z}$ = the set of all integers: ...,–2,–1,0,1,2,...

$\mathbb{Q}$ = the set of rational numbers

$\mathbb{R}$ = the set of real numbers

$\mathbb{C}$ = the set of complex numbers

Observe that $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

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$\varnothing$ **:** A set with no elements is called the *empty set* or *null set* .

For any set A, we have: $\varnothing \subseteq A \subseteq \boldsymbol{U}$

The handshake problem

Let S = {a,b,c,d,e,f,g} denote the set of party goers, and a handshake can be represented as a two element subset of S. (For example {a,b} denotes the handshake between Alice and Bob.)

Q. How many two element subsets are there of the set S?

Generalizing the handshake problem

Suppose that S is a set consisting of n elements.

Q. How many two element subsets are there of the set S?

The hand shake problem seems frivolous but it is actually a representation of an important mathematical concept. For example if we wanted to know which handshake was the "best" we would have to compare n(n-1)/2 of them. Let n = 35, 000, 000 (the population of Canada) we would have to compare 612,499,982,500,000 or roughly 612 trillion hand shakes. (Too much!)

If we test one handshake per second it would take roughly 31,688 Years, 269 Days, 1 Hour. (Too long!)

Problem from SN

1.26 Which of the following sets are equal?

$A = \{x \mid x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0\}$,

$B = \{x \mid x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0\}$,

$C = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x < 3\}$,

$D = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x \text{ is odd}, x < 5\}$,

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

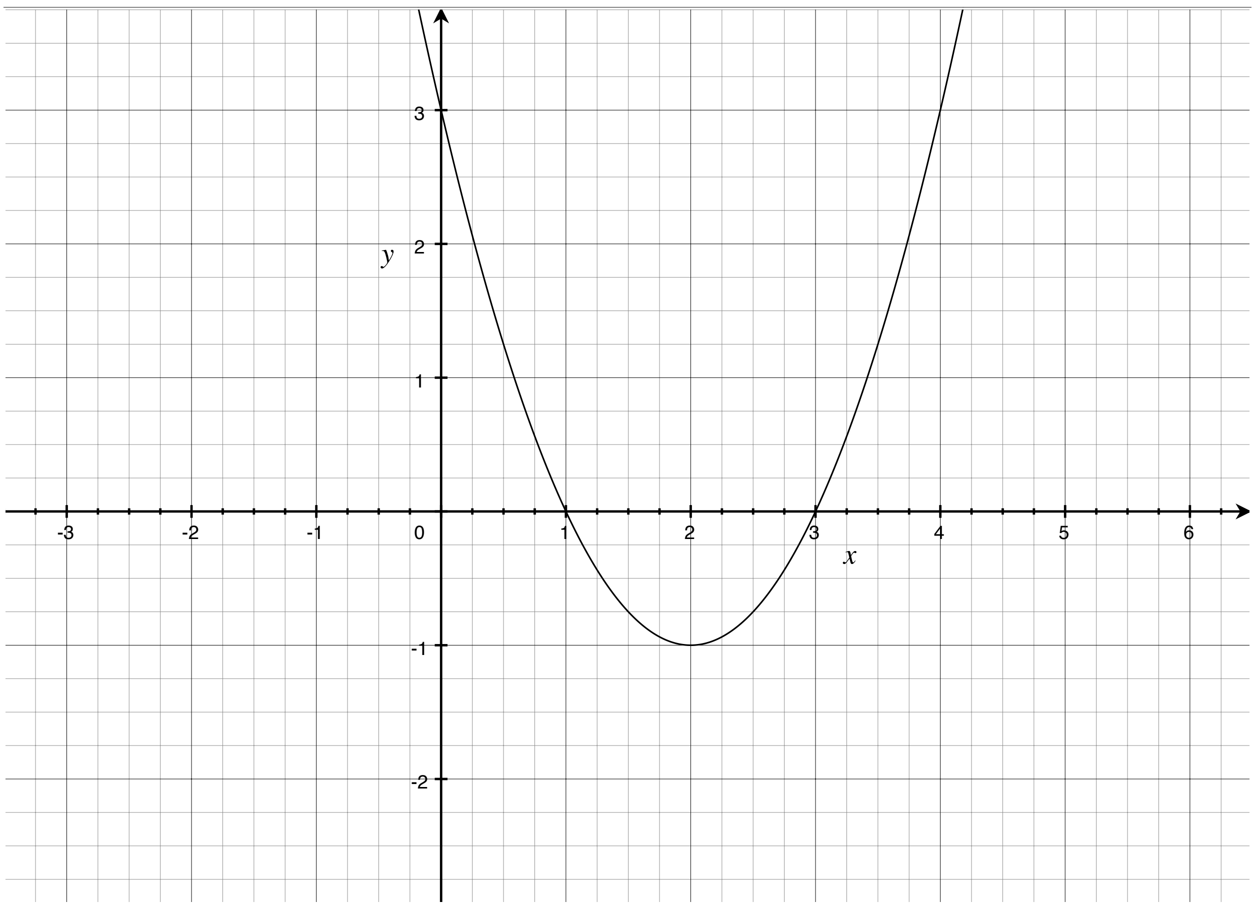
$F = \{1,2,1\}$,

$G = \{3, 1\}$,

$H = \{1,1,3\}$.

NOTE: To determine the elements of sets A and B, you need to be able to *factor quadratic equations*. This is a topic that you may or may not be familiar with. For this course it is assumed that you are able to do this factoring or pick up this skill on your own. All examples that you will see in this course will have integer solutions. Here's a link to a web page with some good tips for factoring quadratic equations: https://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/factoring-quadratics.html

Graph of $x^2 - 4x + 3$.
The function crosses the x-axis at two points $x = 1$, and $x = 3$.
Note: $x^2 - 4x + 3 = (x - 1)(x - 3)$.



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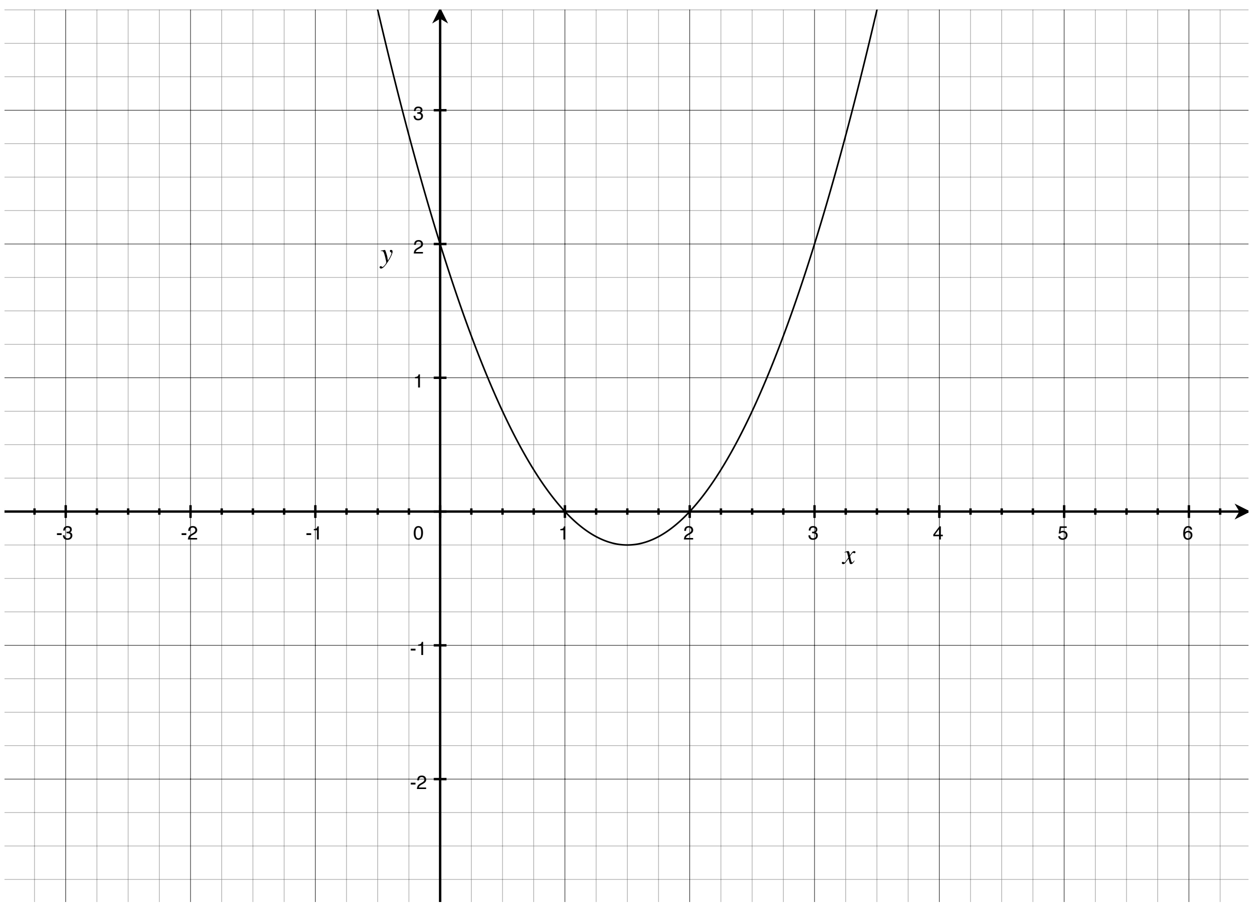

Sets

Definition: (From Schaum's Notes)
A *set* may be viewed as any well-defined collection of objects, called the *elements* or members of the set.

This sentence defines in a mathematical sense the term *set* and the term *element.*

Key things to remember about sets.
- Always use curly braces { }.
- The elements are *well-defined,* that is, each element can be distinguished from another.
- A set is an *un-ordered* collection of elements.

Notation

A = {1, 2, 3} is a set of 3 elements.

$1 \in A$ (1 is an element of the set A.)

B = {1, 3, 2} implies that A = B.

Subset

Let A and B be two sets, where every element of A is also an element of B.

For example:
A = {red, black}, B = {red, black, green}.

Let a denote an arbitrary object.
Observe that: if $a \in$ A then $a \in$ B.
We can say that A is contained in B, or A is a subset of B.

Definition: Let X and Y be two sets such that $a \in$ X implies $a \in$ Y. We then can say that X is a *subset* of Y, and notate it as X $\subseteq$ Y.

Suppose X and Y are two sets such that:
X $\subseteq$ Y and Y $\subseteq$ X.
That means $a \in$ X implies $a \in$ Y
and $a \in$ Y implies $a \in$ X.

So in fact the sets are equal.

Definition: Let X and Y be two sets.
If $X = Y$ then $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$.
And if $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$ then $X=Y$.

These two sentences can be expressed in a single sentence as:

$X = Y$ **if and only if** $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$.

Definition: Let X and Y be two sets.
If $X \subseteq Y$ and $X \neq Y$ then we say that X is a *proper subset* of Y, and notate it as:
$X \subset Y$.

Another way to say this is: X is a proper subset of Y if every element of X is also an element of Y and there exists at least one element of Y that is not an element of X.

Find the definitions and examples in Schaum's Notes for the symbols.

$\nsubseteq$ (not a subset) $\not\subset$ (not a proper subset)

$\supseteq$ (superset) $\nsupseteq$ (not a superset)

$\supset$ (proper superset) $\not\supset$ (not a proper superset)

Disjoint sets

Let A and B be two sets. If A and B have no elements in common then we say that they are *disjoint*.

Using subset notation we can say that if A and B are disjoint then $A \not\subseteq B$ and $B \not\subseteq A$.

However, if $A \not\subseteq B$ and $B \not\subseteq A$ then A and B may not be disjoint. (Can you think of an example where $A \not\subseteq B$ and $B \not\subseteq A$ but still A and B have elements in common, that is, the sets are not disjoint.)

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$\varnothing$ **:** A set with no elements is called the *empty set* or *null set* .

> The empty set is a subset of every set, and the universal set is a superset of every set.

Using symbols the blue sentence can be expressed as follows:

For any set A, we have: $\varnothing \subseteq A \subseteq \boldsymbol{U}$

Examples

Consider the set A = { 1, 2, 3}.

A is a set consisting of 3 elements.

$\{1\} \subseteq A$, ($\{1\}$ is a subset of A)

$\{1\} \subset A$, ($\{1\}$ is a proper subset of A)

$1 \in A$ (1 is an element of A)

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

$\{1,2,3\} \not\subset A$

$\{1,2\} \subset A$

$\varnothing \subseteq A$ and $\varnothing \subset A$
$A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $A \subset \mathbb{N}$

Examples:

People in a room.
Coins in your pocket.

Note: If you have two (or more) quarters in your pocket then you need to be able to distinguish one from the other if you want to consider the coins as a set. If you have no coins in your pocket then the set of coins in your pocket is the empty set.

Set Operators

Operators on sets are

union $\cup$ and intersection $\cap$.

Definitions:

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

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

Logical Operators

$p \wedge q$ pronounced *p* and *q*

Both *p* and *q* have to be true for the compound proposition *p* and *q* to be true.

$p \vee q$ pronounced *p* or *q*

At least one of *p* or *q* must be true for the compound proposition *p* or *q* to be true.

We can rewrite our definition for set union and set intersection using logical operators as follows:

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

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

For example:

Suppose A is the set of guitars and B is the set of red musical instruments.

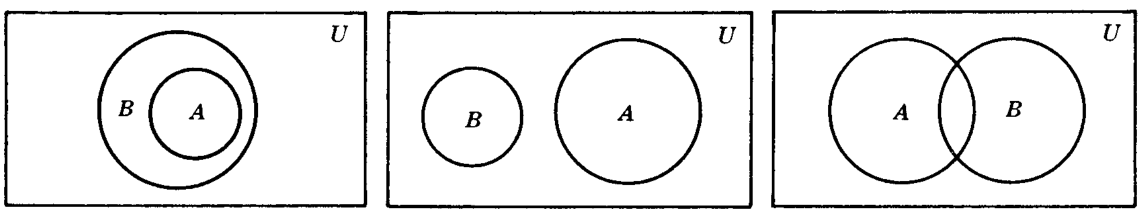
- An element x is in the set of A union B if it is a guitar or if it is a red musical instrument.

- An element of x is in the set of A intersection B if x is red and x is a guitar.

Venn Diagrams

Useful for providing intuitive insight.

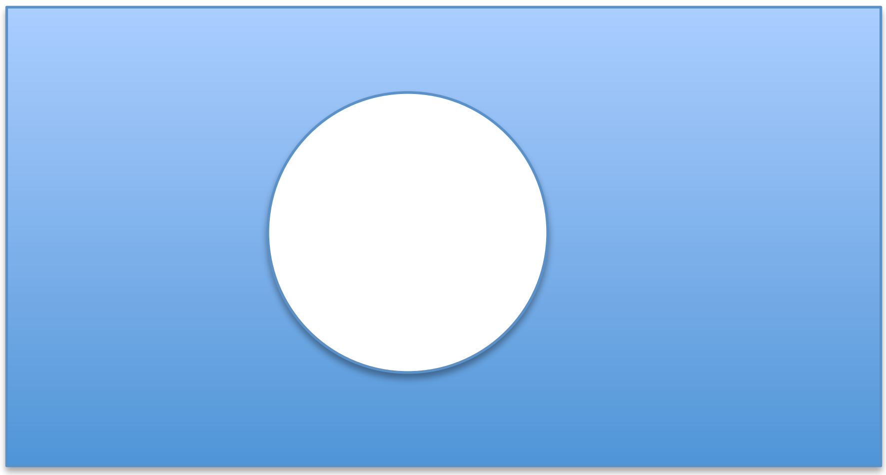
Note the rectangle surrounding the circles denotes the Universe **U**.



(a) $A \subseteq B$ (b) A and B are disjoint (c)

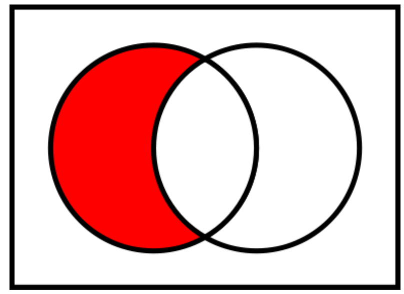
The complement of a set A written A^c is defined as:

$$A^c = \{x | x \notin A\}$$



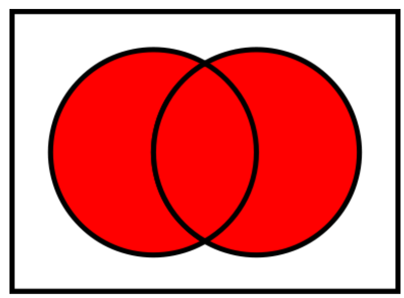
The relative complement of a set B with respect to A, sometimes called the difference

$$A \backslash B = \{x \mid x \in A, x \notin B\}$$

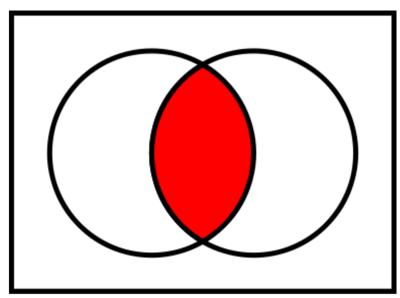


(The relative complement is sometimes written as A – B.)

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



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

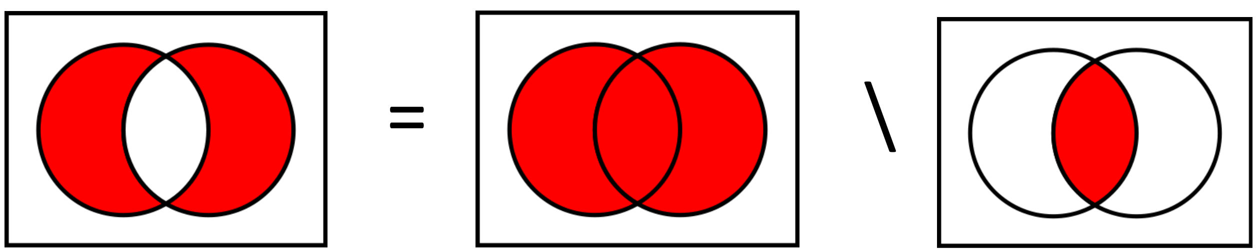


The symmetric difference of sets A and B:

$$A \oplus B = (A \cup B) \backslash (A \cap B) \quad \text{or} \quad A \oplus B = (A \backslash B) \cup (B \backslash A)$$

The symmetric difference consists of elements that are in A or in B but not in both.

$$A \oplus B = (A \cup B) \backslash (A \cap B)$$



$$A \oplus B = (A \backslash B) \cup (B \backslash A)$$