

Math 140: Chapter 4 Set Theory

Sets

What is a set? A set is a collection of _____ objects called _____ of the set.

Example 1. Let $A =$ The set of all whole numbers between 1 and 6.

- Word description: The set of all whole numbers between 1 and 6.
- Listing method: _____
- Set-builder notation:

The set with no elements is called the empty set and it is denoted

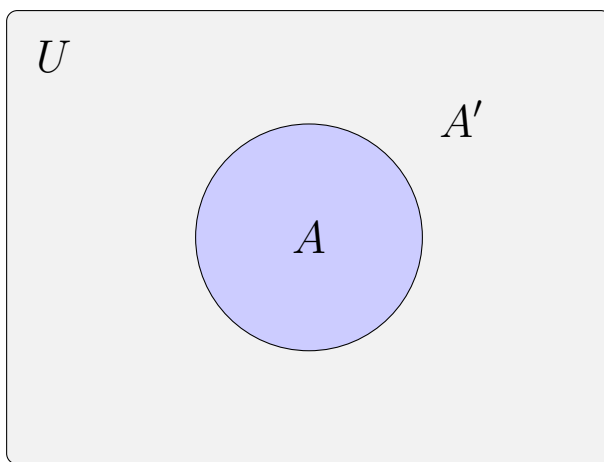
To specify that an element belongs to a set we write

Cardinality: The number of elements in a set is called the _____ number, or cardinality, of the set.

Symbol: $|A|$

Universal set: In set theory, the universe of discourse is called the Universal Set, typically designated with the letter U .

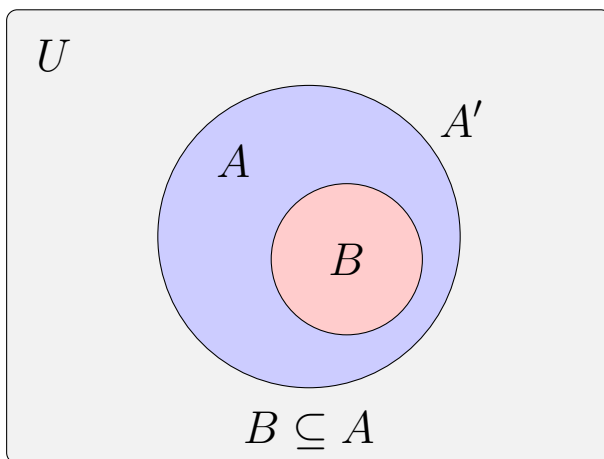
Venn Diagrams: Venn diagrams were developed by the logician John Venn (1834 – 1923). In these diagrams, the universal set is represented by a _____ and other sets of interest within the universal set are depicted as _____ regions.



Complement of a set: The complement of a set A contains everything that is NOT in the set A . The complement is notated _____ or _____.

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

Subset: Set B is a subset of set A if every element of B is also an element of A . In symbols this is written as _____.



Example 3. Fill in the blank with $\subseteq$ to make a true statement.

1. $\{a, b, c\}$ ____ $\{a, c, d\}$
2. $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ____ $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Difference of Sets: The difference of sets A and B , written _____ is the set of elements belonging to set A and not to set B .

Example 4. Find $A - B$ if $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

Intersection: The intersection of sets A and B , written _____ is the set of elements common to both A and B .

Union: The union of sets A and B , written _____ is the set of elements belonging to either of the sets.

This is the “inclusive or”. It means one or the other or both.

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

$$A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$$

$$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Find the following:

a) $A \cap C$

b) $A - C$

c) $A \cup B$

d) $B \cap B'$

e) $C \cap \emptyset$

f) $C \cup \emptyset$

g) $(A \cup B) \cap C$

h) $(B \cup A)'$

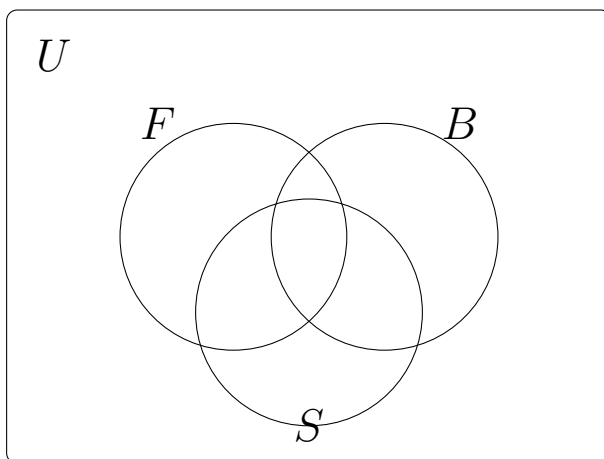
Examples with Venn Diagram

1. Draw a Venn Diagram to represent the set $(A \cap B)'$
2. Draw a Venn Diagram to represent $(A \cup B) \cap C$

Example with 3 Venn Diagrams

Example 6. Suppose that a group of 140 people were questioned about particular sports that they watch regularly and the following information was produced.

- 93 like watching football
- 70 like watching baseball
- 40 like watching soccer
- 40 like watching football and baseball
- 25 like watching baseball and soccer
- 28 like watching football and soccer
- 20 like watching all three



Questions:

- a. How many people like watching only football?
- b. How many people don't like watching any of these sports?