

ECEN 227 - Introduction to Finite Automata and Discrete Mathematics

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Introduction

Set

A set is a collection of objects.

Elements

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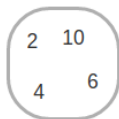
Ex.

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

- We call the previous statement as **roster notation**.

Introduction

The set N



$$N = \{ 2, 4, 6, 10 \}$$

This set has four
real-number elements

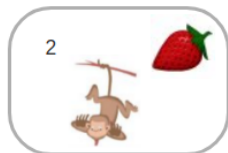
The set F



$$F = \{ \text{Watermelon, Strawberry, Banana} \}$$

This set has three fruit elements

The set M



$$M = \{ 2, \text{Strawberry, Monkey} \}$$

Set elements may be
of different varieties

Notes

- The **order** in which the elements are listed is **unimportant**. So the set A can also be expressed as:

$$A = \{10, 6, 4, 2\} = \{6, 4, 2, 10\}$$

- **Repeating an element does not change the set**. So the set A can also be expressed as:

$$A = \{2, 2, 4, 6, 10\}$$

Empty and Null Sets

Empty set

The set with no elements is called the empty set and is denoted by the symbol ϕ .

Null set

The empty set is sometimes referred to as the null set and can also be denoted by $\{\}$.

Ex.

- $A = \{\}$
- $B = \phi$

Finite and Infinite Sets

Finite set

A finite set has a finite number of elements.

Infinite set

An infinite set has an infinite number of elements.

Ex.

- $B = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 99\}$ finite set
- $C = \{3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$ infinite set

Set Cardinality

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The cardinality of a finite set A , denoted by $|A|$, is the number of elements in A .

Ex.

- $A = \{1, 3, 5, 9\}$ $|A| = 4$
- $B = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 99\}$ $|B| = 50$

Belonging

- The symbol \in is used to indicate that an element is in a set.
- The symbol \notin indicates that an element is not in a set.

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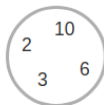
$$A = \{1, 4, 7\}$$

- $1 \in A$
- $2 \notin A$

Note that, capital letters will be used as variables denoting sets, and lower case letters will be used for elements in the set.

Example

The set A



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$$|A| = 4$$

$|A|$ is the cardinality of A,
which is the number of elements in A

The cardinality is finite \Rightarrow A is finite set

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$$5 \notin A$$

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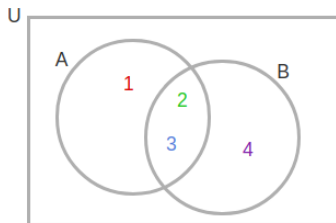
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Note That

The **universal set**, usually denoted by the variable U , is a set that contains all elements in **Venn Diagram**.

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$$C = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 < x < 100 \text{ and } x \text{ is prime}\}$$

- The colon symbol ":" is read "such that".
- The description for C above would read:
"C includes all x in integers such that $0 < x < 100$ and x is prime".

Subset and Proper Subset

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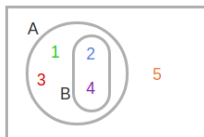
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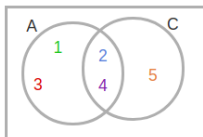
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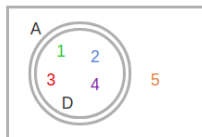


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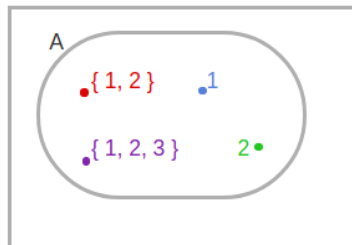
- It is possible that the elements of a set are themselves sets.

Ex.

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What are the elements in A and what is $|A|$?

Set of Sets



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

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

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$$|A| = 4$$

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The cardinality of set $A = \{\{1, 2\}, 1, 2, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$ is 4. The elements are $\{1, 2\}$, 1, 2, and $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

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$$A = \{\text{○}, \text{□}, \text{△}\}$$

List all subsets:

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Can you guess the cardinality of the power set for a set of size n ?

Cardinality of Power Set

Theorem

Let A be a finite set of cardinality n . Then the cardinality of the power set of A is 2^n , or $|P(A)| = 2^n$.

Ex. What is the cardinality of $P(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\})$?

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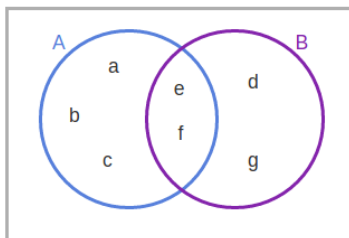
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Intersection Operation

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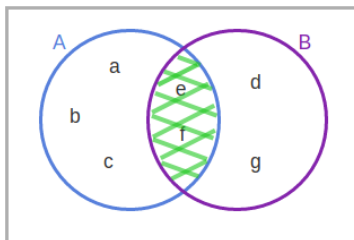


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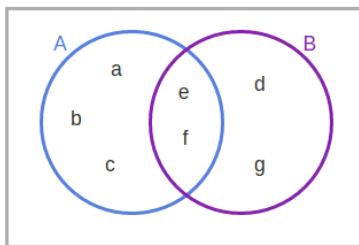
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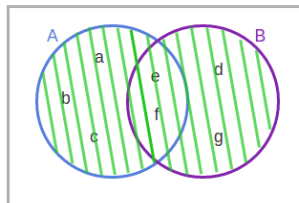


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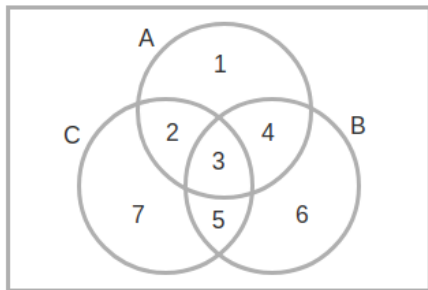


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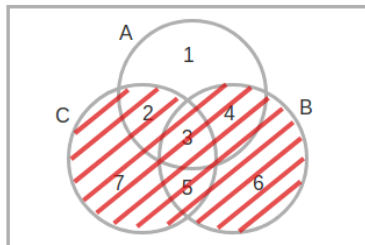


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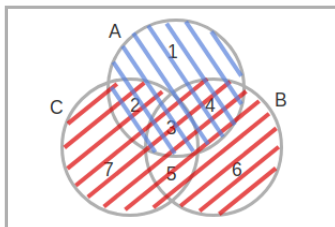
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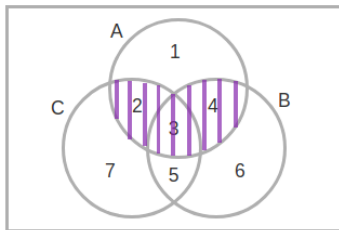
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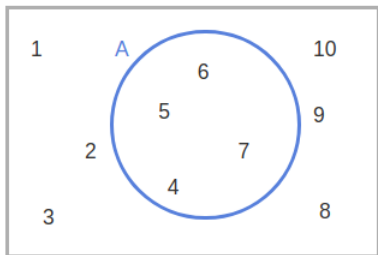
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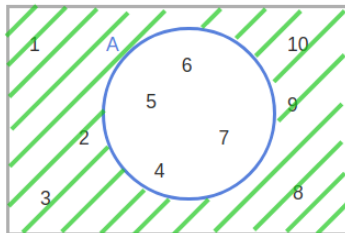
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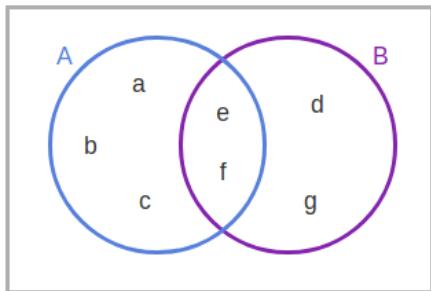
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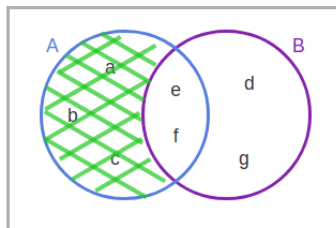
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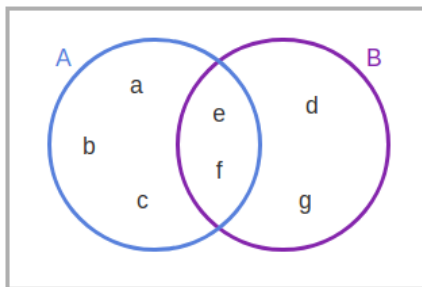
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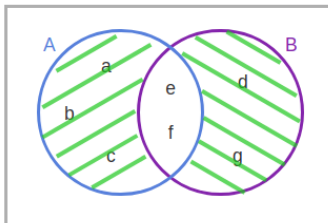
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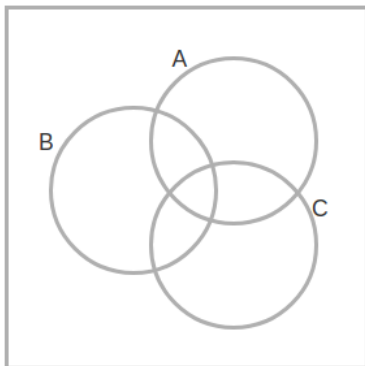
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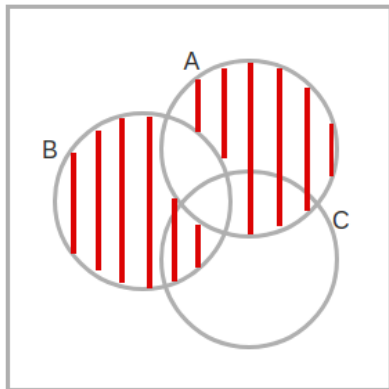
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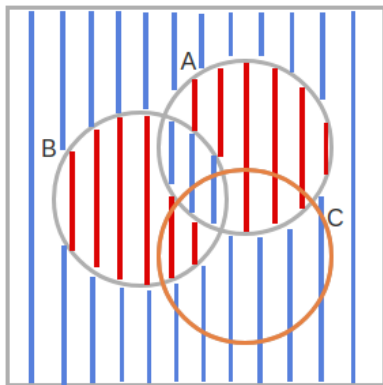
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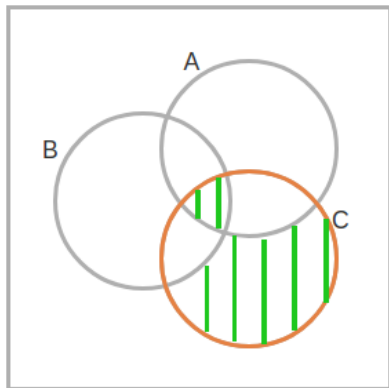


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$B = \{a, b, c\}$

	a	b	c
1	(1, a)	(1, b)	(1, c)
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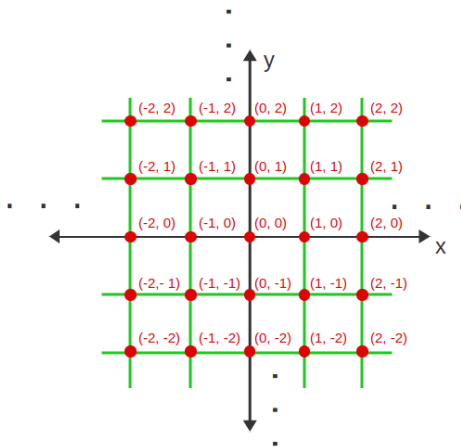
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Z = the set of all integers

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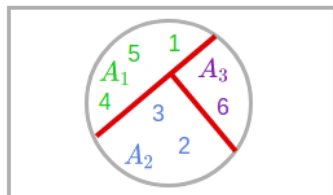
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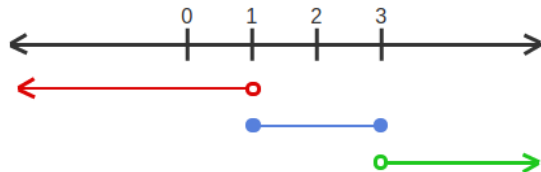
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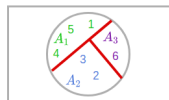
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Two sets, A and B , are said to be disjoint if their intersection is empty ($A \cap B = \phi$).

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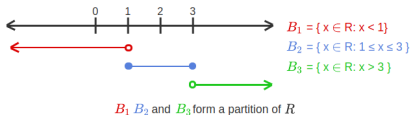
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