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Set theory III: ordered sets, relations

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Recap: Empty set, set membership, subsets

- the empty set is a set with no members, formally notated as: Ø (or: {})
- the empty set is a subset of every set:
 - (1) $\emptyset \subseteq Y$, for any set Y
- this follows from our definition of subsets:
 - (2) For any two sets X and Y, if every member of X is a member of Y, then X is a subset of Y
- for X not to be a subset of Y, X must have at least one member that is not in Y
- but the empty set by definition has no members
- hence, the empty set is a subset of every set

Recap: Empty set, set membership, subsets

- member of a set \neq subset of a set
- consider the following sets:

(3) a.
$$A = \{Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter\}$$

b. $B = \{Mars\}$

c. $X = \{Mercury, Venus, Earth, \{Mars\}, Jupiter\}$

- *Mars* is a member of A: *Mars* $\in A$
- Mars is not a subset of A: Mars $\not\subseteq$ A (Mars is not a set)
- *B* is a subset of *A*: $B \subseteq A$ (every member in *B*, which is only *Mars*, is also in *A*)
- *B* is a member of $X: B \in X$
- *B* is a not a subset of *X*: $B \not\subseteq X$ (*Mars* is a member of *B* but not *X*)
- $\{\{Mars\}\}\$ is a subset of X: $\{\{Mars\}\}\subseteq X$

Recap: set operations

set union:

4)
$$A \cup B =_{def}$$

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

set intersection:

(6)
$$A \cap B =_{def} \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$





Recap: set operations

set difference:

(9)

(8)
$$A - B =_{def}$$

 $\{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$

set complement:

$$(10) \quad A' =_{def} \{ x \mid x \notin A \}$$





• provide the newly formed sets:

(12) a.
$$Y = \{y \mid y \text{ is yellow}\}$$

b. $Y' =$

(13) a.
$$Q = \{\alpha, \gamma, 100, 3, 4, 5\}, M = \{\alpha, \gamma, \beta, 102, Hulk, 5\}$$

b. $Q - M =$
c. $M - Q =$

(14) a.
$$X = \emptyset, G = \{a, b, c\}$$

b. $\wp(G) =$
c. $G - X =$
d. $X - G =$

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b. $Q - M = \{100, 3, 4\}$
c. $M - Q = \{\beta, 102, Hulk\}$

(14) a.
$$X = \emptyset, G = \{a, b, c\}$$

b. $\wp(G) = \{\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \emptyset\}$
c. $G - X = \{a, b, c\} = G$
d. $X - G = \emptyset$







- there are a number of general laws pertaining to sets which follow from the definitions of union, intersection etc.
- these laws help us deal with complex expressions over sets
- most of these are quite intuitive, or will be once we draw Venn Diagrams for them
 - Idempotent Laws
 - 2 Commutative Laws
 - 3 Associative Laws
 - 4 Distributive Laws
 - 5 Identity Laws
 - 6 Complement Laws
 - 7 DeMorgan's Laws (Augustus De Morgan, 1806–1871, English mathematician)
 - 8 Consistency Principle

- **Idempotent Laws**: everything which is in *X* or in *X* simply amounts to everything which is in *X*, similarly for everything which is in *X* and in *X*
 - (21) a. $X \cup X = X$
 - b. $X \cap X = X$
- **Commutative Laws**: everything which is in *X* or in *Y* (or both) is the same as everything which is in *Y* or in *X* (or both); same goes for intersection

(22) a.
$$X \cup Y = Y \cup X$$

b. $X \cap Y = Y \cap X$

• Associative Laws: the order in which we combine three sets by the operation of union does not matter, and the same is true if the operation is intersection

(23) a.
$$(X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)$$

b. $(X \cap Y) \cap Z = X \cap (Y \cap Z)$

• Identity Laws: evident from the definitions of union, intersection, the empty set, and the universal set

(24) a.
$$X \cup \emptyset = X$$
 (25) a. $X \cup U = U$
b. $X \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ b. $X \cap U = X$

Distributive Laws:

(26) a. $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

b.
$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

• we illustrate with Venn diagrams for $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$



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- Complement Laws:
 - (32) a. $A \cup A' = U$ (33) a. $A \cap A' = \emptyset$ b. (A')' = A b. $A - B = A \cap B'$
- we illustrate with Venn diagrams for $A B = A \cap B'$



DeMorgan's Laws:

(37) a.
$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$

b. $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$

• we illustrate with Venn diagrams for $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$



• **Consistency Principle**: concerned with the mutual consistency of the definitions of union, intersection, and subset (iff = if and only if)

(43) a.
$$X \subseteq Y$$
 iff $X \cup Y = Y$
b. $X \subseteq Y$ iff $X \cap Y = X$



- why are we thinking about set theoretic equalities?
- because we can simplify set-theoretic complex expressions by applying these laws; here is an example:

$$(45) (A \cup B) \cup (B \cap C)' = U$$

$$(46) (A \cup B) \cup (B \cap C)'$$

$$= (A \cup B) \cup (B \cap C') DeMorgan_{(X \cap Y)' = X' \cup Y'}$$

$$= A \cup (B \cup (B' \cup C')) Associative_{(X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)}$$

$$= A \cup ((B \cup B') \cup C') Associative_{(X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)}$$

$$= A \cup (U \cup C') Complement_{X \cup X' = U}$$

$$= A \cup (C' \cup U) Complement_{X \cup Y = Y \cup X}$$

$$= A \cup U Identity_{X' \cup U = U}$$

From sets to tuples

members of a set are unordered

(47) a.
$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

b. $B = \{d, c, b, a\}$
c. $A = B$

- we will now introduce a new type of mathematical object, where the order of the members does matter: the (ordered) **tuple**
- an (ordered) tuple is a finite, ordered collection of members
- the members of an ordered tuple are written in pointy brackets: $\langle \
 angle$

From sets to tuples

• we will mostly be concerned with a subtype of tuples, i.e. tuples which consist of exactly two members: **ordered pairs**, example:

(50) $X = \langle a, b \rangle$

- we can derive tuples, in particular ordered pairs, from sets
- the **Cartesian Product** of sets A and B, written as $A \times B$, is the set consisting of all ordered pairs formed from the sets A and B, where the first element of the pair is taken from A and the second element from B

(51)
$$A \times B =_{def} \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \}$$

(52)
$$\{a,b\} \times \{1,2\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \langle a,1 \rangle, \langle a,2 \rangle, \\ \langle b,1 \rangle, \langle b,2 \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$

the Cartesian Product creates a set; the members of this set, e.g. (*a*, 1), (*a*, 2), etc., are not ordered relative to each other; but the members of each ordered pair are ordered

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From sets to tuples: exercise

• the **Cartesian Product** of sets A and B, written as $A \times B$, is the set consisting of all ordered pairs formed from the sets A and B, where the first element of the pair is taken from A and the second element from B

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create the following sets:

- relations are built from Cartesian Products, ordered pairs can express instances of a relation
- what is the relation described by $X \times Y$ in (55)? what is the relation described by $Y \times X$?
- $X \times Y$ expresses the relation "parent (of)"; $Y \times X$ expresses the relation "child (of)"

- informally, a relation expresses a connection between elements of two sets
- example: "mother of" is a relation that holds between the elements of two sets of people, specifically mothers and their children
- in natural language, a relationship is expressed by a linguistic object that we call **predicate**
- example: the transitive verb "eat" denotes a relation between elements of two sets of objects, the eaters and the eatees

relations form subsets of sets created by the Cartesian Product

(56) $R \subseteq A \times B$

- the smallest sets *A* and *B* such that $R \subseteq A \times B$ (for some given *R*) are $A = \{a \mid \langle a, b \rangle \in R \text{ for some } b\}$ and $B = \{b \mid \langle a, b \rangle \in R \text{ for some } a\}$
- these two sets are called the projections of *R* onto the first and second coordinate, respectively
- the projection of *R* onto the first coordinate is called the **domain** of *R*
- the projection of *R* onto the second coordinate is called the **range** of *R*

- we will again look at a concrete example:
 - (57) a. $X = \{Homer, Bart, Marge\}$
 - b. $Y = \{Bart, Lisa\}$
 - (58) Cartesian Product: $X \times Y = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Bart, Bart \rangle, \langle Bart, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$
- now we define relation "parent of" as a set $C \subseteq X \times Y$ such that: in each ordered pair in C, the first member is a parent of the second
 - (59) a. $C = \{ \langle a, b \rangle \mid a \text{ parent of } b \}$
 - b. $C = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$
 - (60) a. domain of $C = \{Homer, Marge\}$
 - b. range of $C = \{Bart, Lisa\}$

• relations can also be illustrated with diagrams such as the one below

(61) { $\langle a, 2 \rangle, \langle b, 2 \rangle, \langle b, 4 \rangle, \langle c, 3 \rangle, \langle d, 1 \rangle$ }



- since relations are sets, we can also provide the set complement of a relation
- let us come back to our original example:

(63) a.
$$X = \{Homer, Bart, Marge\}$$

b.
$$Y = \{Bart, Lisa\}$$

(64) a.
$$X \times Y = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Bart, Bart \rangle, \langle Bart, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$$

b.
$$C = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$$

• the set complement for some relation $R \subseteq A \times B$ is formally given below:

$$(65) \quad R' =_{def} (A \times B) - R$$

- the set complement *R'* contains all the ordered pairs in the Cartesian product of *A* and *B* which are not members of the relation *R*
- for our set *C* above we can now form *C*'

(66) $C' = \{ \langle Bart, Bart \rangle, \langle Bart, Lisa \rangle \}$

- we can also form the inverse of a relation
- again we look at our original example:

(67) a.
$$X = \{Homer, Bart, Marge\}$$

b.
$$Y = \{Bart, Lisa\}$$

(68) a.
$$X \times Y = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Bart, Bart \rangle, \langle Bart, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$$

b. $C = \{ \langle Homer, Bart \rangle, \langle Homer, Lisa \rangle, \langle Marge, Bart \rangle, \langle Marge, Lisa \rangle \}$

- the inverse of a relation R, written as R^{-1} , is the set containing all the ordered pairs in R, but with the first and second member in each ordered pair reversed
- for our set C above we can now form C^{-1}

(69)
$$C^{-1} = \{ \langle Bart, Homer \rangle, \langle Lisa, Homer \rangle, \langle Bart, Marge \rangle, \langle Lisa, Marge \rangle \}$$

Relations: exercise

- given the sets X and Y:
 - (70) a. $X = \{2, 4, 1\}$

b.
$$Y = \{3, 2\}$$

- form the Cartesian Product $X \times Y$
- define the relation "greater than" as a set C ⊆ X × Y such that: in each ordered pair in C, the first member is greater then the second; also provide C
- what is the domain and the range of the relation C?
- form C' and C⁻¹
 - (71) Cartesian Product: $X \times Y = \{\langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle\}$
 - (72) a. $C = \{ \langle a, b \rangle \mid a \text{ is greater than } b \}$
 - b. $C = \{\langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$
 - (73) a. domain of $C = \{4\}$
 - b. range of $C = \{3, 2\}$

(74) a.
$$C' = \{\langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle\}$$

b. $C^{-1} = \{\langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle\}$