



## 7.2: Sets

**Definition:** A set is a well-defined collection of objects. Each object in a set is called an *element* of that set.

Examples of sets: set of whole numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$   
 set of players currently on Astros roster

Not sets: tall people (not well-defined)  
 all cute dogs

Sets can be finite or infinite.

Examples of finite sets: set of current Astros  
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 53, 54, 55\}$

Examples of infinite sets: set of whole numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$   $\leftarrow 79 \in \mathbb{N}$   
 set of integers  $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$   $\leftarrow 79.7 \notin \mathbb{N}$   
 set of numbers between 0 and 1  $\leftarrow$

### Notation:

- We usually use capital letters for sets.  
 We usually use lower-case letters for elements of a set.

- $a \in A$  means  $a$  is an element of the set  $A$ .  $a \in A$   
 $a \notin A$  means  $a$  is not an element of the set  $A$ .  $a \notin A$

Ex:  $A =$  set of students officially enrolled in this class

Dylan  $\in A$  Scott  $\notin A$

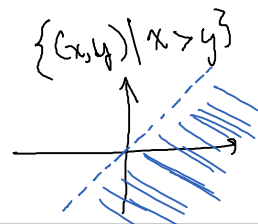
- The *empty set* is the set with no elements. It is denoted  $\emptyset$ . This is sometimes called the *null set*.

- $S = \{x | P(x)\}$  means " $S$  is the set of all  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true". (called rule notation or set roster notation).

**Example:**  $S = \{x | x \text{ is an even positive integer}\}$  means  $S = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$

**Definition:** We say two sets are *equal* if they have exactly the same elements.

Ex:  $\{(x, y) | y = 2x + 7\}$   
 (All the ordered pairs on the line  $y = 2x + 7$ )



**Subsets:**

preferred by me

**Definition:** If each element of a set  $A$  is also an element of set  $B$ , we say that  $A$  is a *subset* of  $B$ . This is denoted  $A \subseteq B$  or  $A \subset B$ . If  $A$  is not a subset of  $B$ , we write  $A \not\subseteq B$ .

$A \subseteq B$  or  $A \subset B$

**Definition:** We say  $A$  is a *proper subset* of  $B$  if  $A \subseteq B$  but  $A \neq B$ . (In other words, every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ , but  $B$  contains at least one element that is not in  $A$ .)

**Note on notation:** Some books use the symbol  $\subset$  to indicate a proper subset. Some books use  $\subsetneq$  to indicate any subset, proper or not.

**Definition:** The set of all elements under consideration is called the *universal set*, usually denoted  $U$ . (or universe)

Example: If you're dealing with sets of real numbers, then  $U$  is the set of all real numbers. So "Wednesday" would not be an element of  $U$ , but 5.7 would be in  $U$ .

**Example 1:** Consider these sets.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$C = \{1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A = C$$

$$A \subseteq B$$

$$C \subseteq B$$

Also  $A \subseteq C$  } Therefore  $A = C$   
 $C \subseteq A$

**Note:**

- $\emptyset$  is a subset of every set. (i.e.  $\emptyset \subseteq A$  for every set  $A$ .)
- Every set is a subset of itself. (i.e.  $A \subseteq A$  for every set  $A$ .)

**Example 2:** List all subsets of  $\{4, 5, 6\}$ .

$\{4, 5, 6\}, \{6\}, \{4, 5\}, \{4, 6\}, \{5, 6\}, \{5\}, \{4\}, \emptyset$

**Note:** If a set has  $n$  elements, how many subsets does it have?

**Set operations:**

- Union  $\cup$ :  $A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$  (x is in A or B or both)
- Intersection  $\cap$ :  $A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

Key word: **OR**  $A \cup B$

$$A \cap B$$

Key word: **AND**

- Complement  $A'$  or  $A^c$  or  $A^c$ :  $A' = \{x \in U | x \notin A\}$ .

$$A^c = A' = A^c$$

Key word: **NOT**

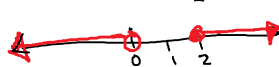
**Note:**  $A \subseteq (A \cup B)$  and  $B \subseteq (A \cup B)$ .

$$(A \cap B) \subseteq A \text{ and } (A \cap B) \subseteq B.$$

If  $U = \text{set of all real numbers}$

$$B = [0, 2]$$

$$B^c = (-\infty, 0) \cup [2, \infty)$$



If  $U = \text{set of integers}$

$$A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$A^c = \{-5, -4, -3, -2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots\}$$

EX: How many subsets does  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  have?  $2^4 = 16$  subsets

$$2^n$$

So a set with 3 elements has  $2^3 = 8$  subsets

$n(A)$  means the number of elements in  $A$

**Definition:** We say that  $A$  and  $B$  are *disjoint sets* if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  mutually exclusive

**Example 3:**  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$   $\leftarrow$  universe

$$H = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

→ mutually exclusive

**Example 3:**  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  ← universe

$$H = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$K = \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$$

$$J = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$$

$$L = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$J \cap L = \{2, 4\}$$

$$J \cap K = \{6\}$$

$$H \cap K = \{1, 3, 5\} \text{ so } n(H \cap K) = 3.$$

$$J \cup L = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 3\} = \{1, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$$

$$J \cup K = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 2, 4, 8\} \text{ so } n(J \cup K) = 7$$

$$H \cap J = \emptyset$$

$$\text{so } n(H \cap J) = 0$$

L-complement

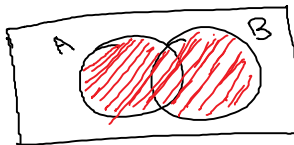
$$L^c = \{1, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$J^c = \{1, 3, 5, 7\} = H$$

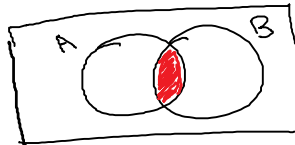
$$\text{Also } H^c = J$$

**Venn Diagrams:** These help us visualize set relationships and operations.

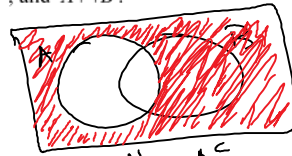
**Example 4:** Draw Venn diagrams for  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $A'$ ,  $(A \cap B)'$ ,  $A' \cap B'$ , and  $A' \cap B$ .



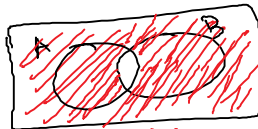
$A \cup B$



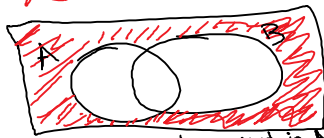
$A \cap B$



$A' = A^c$



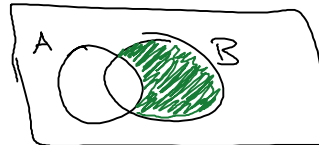
$(A \cap B)^c$



$A' \cap B'$

(not in A and also not in B)

$$= (A \cup B)^c$$



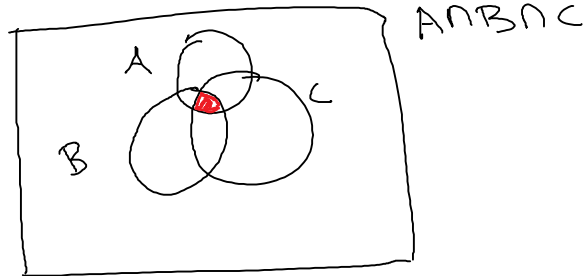
$A^c \cap B$   
outside of A  
and inside of B

De Morgan's Laws:

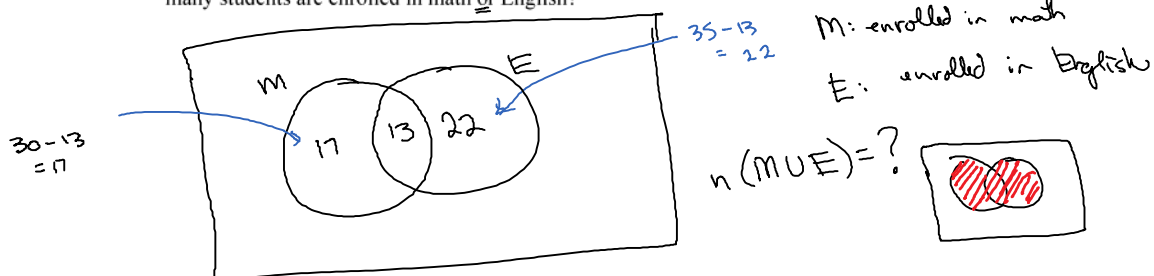
$$A^c \cup B^c = (A \cap B)^c$$

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**Example 5:** On a Venn diagram, shade  $A \cup B \cup C$ ,  $A \cap B \cap C$ , and  $(A \cup B) \cap C$ .



**Example 6:** Consider a group of students. 30 of them are enrolled in a math course and 35 are enrolled in an English course. 13 of the students are enrolled in an English course and also a math course. How many students are enrolled in math or English?



$$n(M \cup E) = 17 + 13 + 22 = 52$$

$$n(M \cup E) = \text{number of elements in } M \cup E$$

There are 52 student in math or English.

For previous example:  $n(M \cup E) = n(M) + n(E) - n(M \cap E)$   
 $= 30 + 35 - 13$   
 $= 65 - 13 = \boxed{52}$

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Notation:  $n(A)$  means the number of elements in set  $A$ .

#### Addition principle for Counting

For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

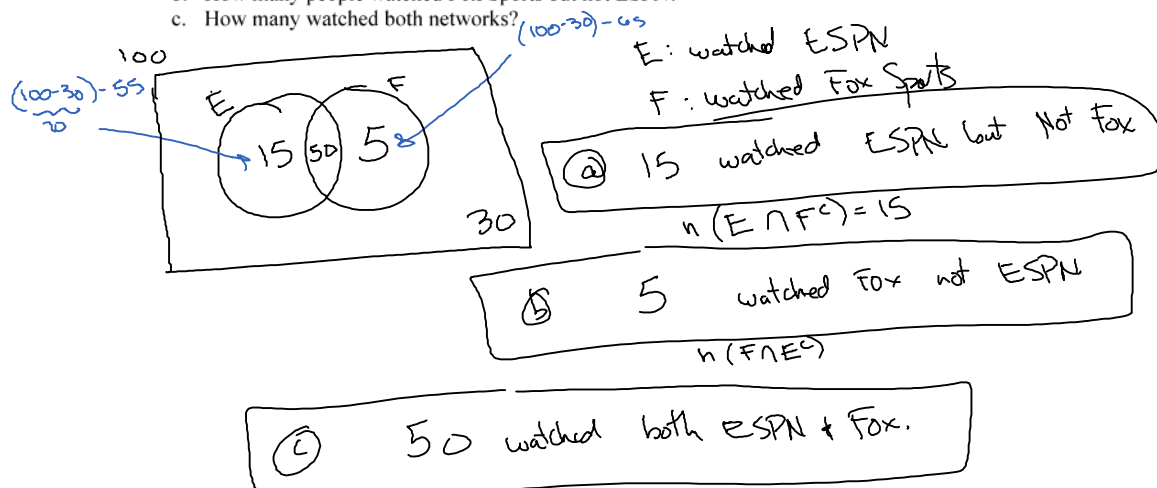
$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B).$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint ( $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ), then  $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B)$ .

disjoint = non-overlapping  
 = mutually exclusive

**Example 7:** 100 students are surveyed to determine if they had watched ESPN or Fox Sports Channel in the last 3 months. The results show that 65 students watched ESPN, 55 watched Fox Sports, and 30 watched neither.

- How many people watched ESPN but not Fox Sports?
- How many people watched Fox Sports but not ESPN?
- How many watched both networks?



**Example 8:** I want to buy a car from Jay Austin Motors. Of all the cars on the lot, 89 cars have navigation systems, 100 have touch-screen controls, and 74 have blind spot alert systems. 32 cars have both navigation systems and blind spot alert, 40 have both a touch screen and a blind spot alert system, and 53 have a touch screen and a navigation system. Twelve cars have all three features, and 21 cars are base models with none of these features.

I strongly dislike having a touch screen, but I would like a navigation system and a blind spot alert system. How many cars do I have to choose from?

How many cars are on Jay Austin's lot?