

# Lecture 1

- Introduction to:
- The language of Sets
  - The language of Relations
  - The language of Functions

Reading (Epp's textbook)  
1.1-1.3, 6.1

# Variables

A variable can be used as a placeholder when you want to talk about something but either:

1) You imagine that it has one or more values but you don't know what they are

- Is there a number with the following property: doubling **it** and adding 4 gives the same result as squaring **it**?
- Is there a number  **$x$**  with the property that  $2x + 4 = x^2$ ?

2) You want whatever about it to be equally true for all elements in a given set

- No matter what number might be chosen, if **it** is greater than 2, then **its** square is greater than 4.
- No matter what number  **$n$**  might be chosen, if  **$n$**  is greater than 2, then  **$n^2$**  is greater than 4.

# Sets

- A set is a collection of elements.
- If  $S$  is a set,
  - The notation  $x \in S$  means that  $x$  is an element of  $S$ .
  - The notation  $x \notin S$  means that  $x$  is not an element of  $S$ .
- There is only one set with no elements, named the **empty set** and denoted by the symbol  $\emptyset$ .
- Set-roster notation, e.g.  $\{1, 2, 5\}$  denotes the set whose elements are 1, 2, and 5.
- Examples:
  - Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{4, 2, 1, 3\}$ , and  $C = \{4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 2\}$ . What are the elements of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ? How are  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  related?
  - Is  $\{3\} = 3$ ?
  - How many elements are in the set  $\{1, \{1\}, 2, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ ?

# Set-Builder Notation

We define a new set to be **the set of all elements  $x$  in  $S$  such that  $P(x)$  (a property that elements of  $S$  may or may not satisfy) is true.**

$$\{x \in S \mid P(x)\}$$

← such that

## ➤ Examples:

a.  $\{x \in R \mid -4 < x < 3\}$

The open interval of real numbers between -4 and 3 (continuous).

b.  $\{x \in Z \mid -3 < x \leq 2\}$

$\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$  (Discrete).

c.  $\{x \in Z^- \mid -4 < x \leq 100\}$

$\{-3, -2, -1\}$  (Discrete).

# Subsets

➤ If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $A$  is called as **subset** of  $B$ , written  $A \subseteq B$ , if, and only if, every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ .

- $A \subseteq B$  means that For all elements  $x$ , if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$ .
- $A \not\subseteq B$  means that There is at least one element  $x$  such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .

➤ Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.  $A$  is a **proper subset** ( $\subset$ ) of  $B$ , if, and only if, ( $\Leftrightarrow$ ) 1) every element of  $A$  is in  $B$  ( $A \subseteq B$ ), 2) but there is at least one element of  $B$  that is not in  $A$ .

➤ Which of the following are true statements?

- $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 100\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$
- $\{100, 200, 300\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$
- $\{100, 200, 300\} \subset \{100, 200, 300\}$
- $\{2\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$
- $\{2\} \subset \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$

Only (b), and (d) are true.

# Subsets: Proof and Disproof

## ➤ *Element Argument:*

Let sets  $X$  and  $Y$  be given. To prove that  $X \subseteq Y$ ,

1. suppose that  $x$  is a particular but arbitrarily chosen element of  $X$ .
2. show that  $x$  is an element of  $Y$ .

## ➤ Example:

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## ❖ Prove that $A \subseteq B$ .

1. Suppose  $x$  is a particular but arbitrarily chosen element of  $A$ .
2. We must show that  $x \in B$ . By definition of  $B$ , this means we must show that  $x = 4 \times (\text{some integer} \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$ .
  - i.  $x = 4r + 12 = 4 \times (r + 3)$ .
  - ii. Let  $s = r + 3$ . Does  $s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?
  - iii. Now we must check that  $x = 4 \times s$ .

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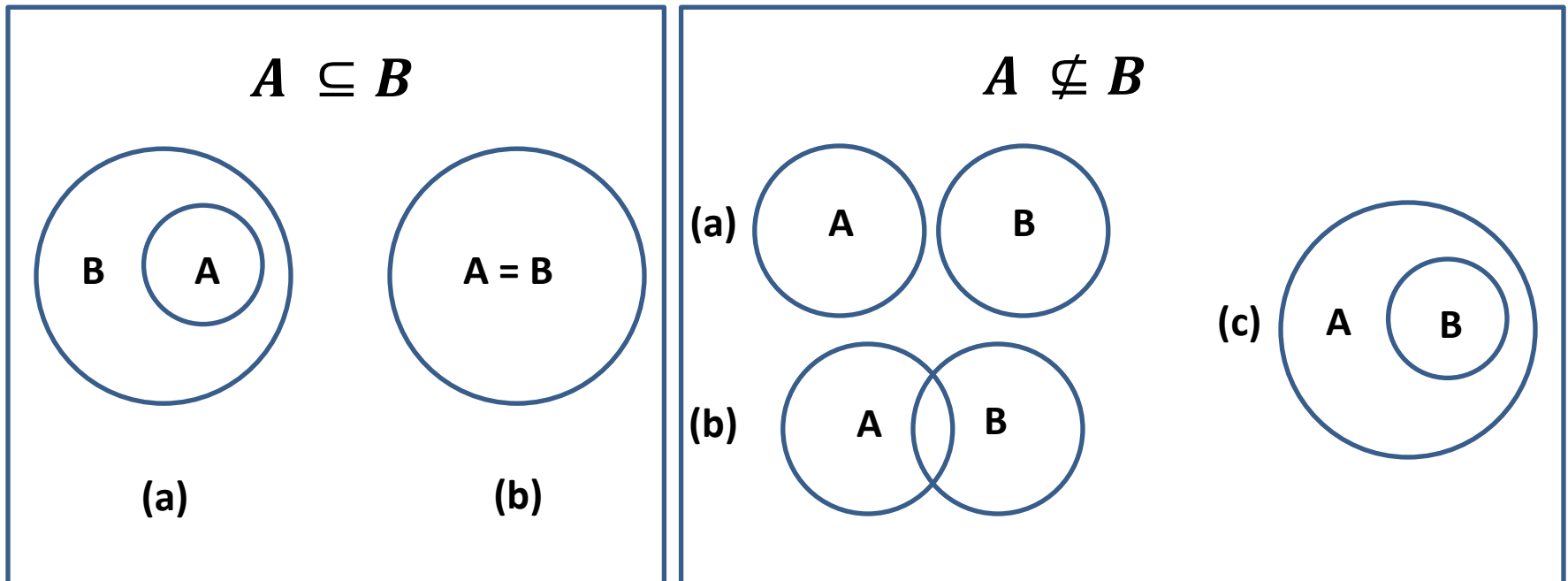
## ❖ Disprove that $B \subseteq A$ .

- To disprove a statement means to show that it is false.
- You must find an element of  $B$  that is not an element of  $A$ .
- Let  $x = 4$ . Then  $x \in B$  but  $x \notin A$  because there is no (positive integer)  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $4 = 4r + 12$ .

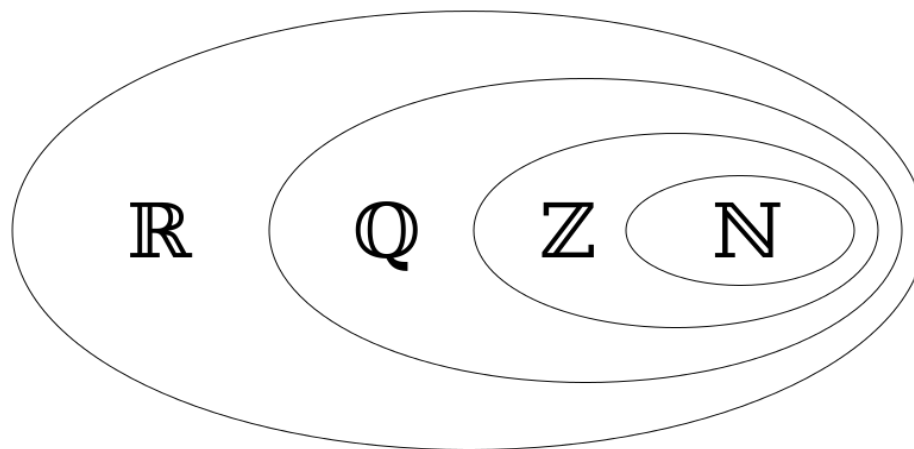
# Set Equality – Venn Diagrams

- Given sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A$  equals  $B$ , written  $A = B$ , if, and only if, every element of  $A$  is in  $B$  and every element of  $B$  is in  $A$ .

Symbolically:  $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$



# Relations among Sets of Numbers



Symbol	Set
$R$	Set of real numbers
$Q$	Set of all rational numbers
$Z$	Set of all integers
$N$	Set of all natural numbers ( $Z^{nonneg}$ or $Z^+$ )

# Operations on Sets

Let sets  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a universal set  $U$ .

1. The **union** of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A \cup B$ , is the set of all elements that are in at least one of  $A$  or  $B$ .

Symbolically:  $A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$ .

2. The **intersection** of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A \cap B$ , is the set of all elements that are common to both  $A$  and  $B$ .

Symbolically:  $A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ .

3. The **difference** of  $B$  minus  $A$ , denoted  $B - A$ , is the set of all elements that are in  $B$  and not  $A$ .

Symbolically:  $B - A = \{x \in U \mid x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A\}$ .

4. The **complement** of  $A$ , denoted  $A^c$ , is the set of all elements in  $U$  that are not in  $A$ .

Symbolically:  $A^c = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$ .

# Partitions of Sets

- Two sets are called **disjoint** if, and only if, they have no elements in common.

Symbolically:  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint  $\Leftrightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

- Are  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$  disjoint?

- Sets  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots$  are **mutually disjoint** if, and only if, no two sets  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  with distinct subscripts have any element in common. More precisely, for all  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ whenever } i \neq j.$$

- A finite or infinite collection of nonempty sets  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots\}$  is a **partition** of set  $A$  if, and only if,

1.  $A$  is the union of all the  $A_i$
2. The sets  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots$  are mutually disjoint.

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{3, 4, 5\}$  and  $A_3 = \{5, 6\}$ .  
Is  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$  a partition of  $A$ ?

# Power Sets

- $P(A)$  “power set of  $A$ ”
- $P(A) = \{B \mid B \subseteq A\}$  (contains all subsets of  $A$ )
- Examples:
  - $A = \{x, y, z\}$   
 $P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}, \{y, z\}, \{x, y, z\}\}$
  - $A = \emptyset$   
 $P(A) = \{\emptyset\}$
- If a set  $S$  contains  $n$  distinct elements,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , we call  $S$  a **finite set** with **cardinality**  $|S| = n$ .
- Cardinality of power sets:
  - $|P(A)| = 2^{|A|}$

# Cartesian Products

- The symbol  $(a, b)$  denotes the **ordered pair** (ordered two-tuple) consisting of  $a$  and  $b$  together with the specification that
  - $a$  is the first element of the pair
  - $b$  is the second element of the pair.
- $(a, b) = (c, d)$  means that  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ . (Is  $(1, 2) = (2, 1)$ ?)
- In general two ordered  $n$ -tuples  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  are equal if, and only if,  $x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2, \dots, x_n = y_n$ .
- **Cartesian product of two sets A and B:**
$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}.$$
- Example:  $A = \{\text{good, bad}\}, B = \{\text{student, prof}\}$ 
$$A \times B = \{(good, student), (good, prof), (bad, student), (bad, prof)\}.$$

Is  $A \times B = B \times A$ ?

# Cartesian Products

Note that:

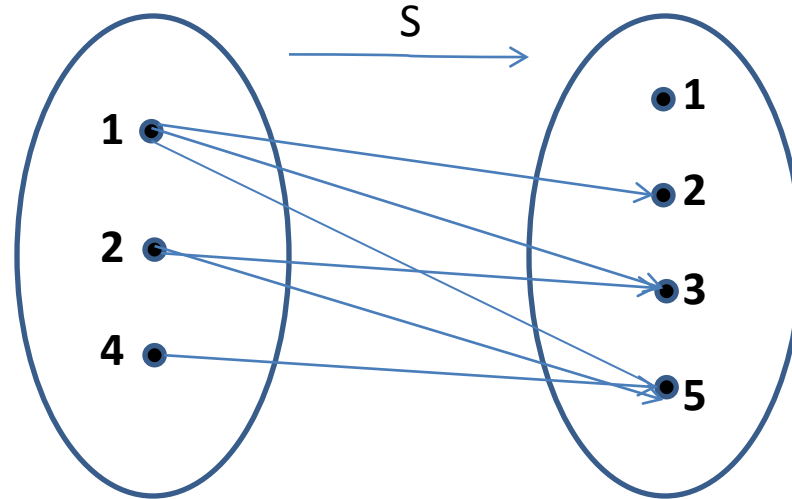
- $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$
  - $\emptyset \times A = \emptyset$
  - For non-empty sets A and B:  $A \neq B \Leftrightarrow A \times B \neq B \times A$
- **Cartesian product of two or more sets is defined as:**  
 $A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2 \dots a_n) \mid a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2, \dots, a_n \in A_n\}.$

# Relations

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. **A relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$**  is a subset of  $A \times B$ . Given an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  in  $A \times B$ ,  **$x$  is related to  $y$  by  $R$** , written  $x R y$ , if, and only if,  $(x, y)$  is in  $R$ .
- The set  $A$  is called the **domain** of  $R$  and the set  $B$  is called its **co-domain**.
- Example: Let  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3\}$ . Given any  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,
  - a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is defined as follows:  
 $(x, y) \in R$  means that  $\frac{x}{y}$  is an integer.
    - Which ordered pairs are in  $R$ ?       $R = \{(2, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), (6, 3)\}$
    - Is  $2 R 3$ ? Is  $4 R 2$ ? Is  $6 R 3$ ?

# Arrow Diagram of a Relation

- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 4\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$  and define relation  $S$  from  $A$  to  $B$  as follows:
- For all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,  
 $(x, y) \in S$  means that  $x < y$



# Functions

➤ **A function  $F$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$** , denoted  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , is a relation with **domain**  $A$  and **co-domain**  $B$  that satisfies the following two properties:

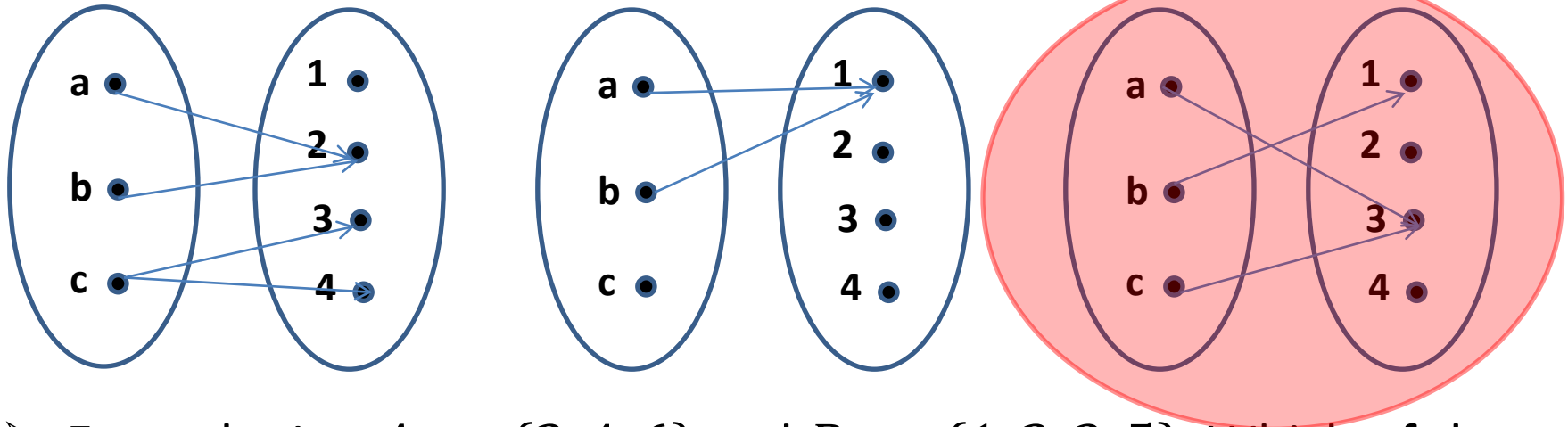
1. For **every** element  $x$  in  $A$ , there is an element  $y$  in  $B$  such that  $(x, y) \in F$ .
2. For all elements  $x$  in  $A$  and  $y$  and  $z$  in  $B$ ,  
If  $(x, y) \in F$  and  $(x, z) \in F$ , then  $y = z$ .

❖ **range of  $f$**  =  $\{y \in B \mid y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \text{ in } A\}$ .

❖ **the inverse image of  $y$**  =  $\{x \in A \mid f(x) = y\}$ .

# Functions Arrow Diagrams

- Which of the arrow diagrams define functions from  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  to  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ?



- Example: Let  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ . Which of the relations  $R$ , and  $S$  defined below are functions from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

a.  $R = \{(2,5), (4,1), (4,3), (6,2)\}$

Only B.

b. For all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,  $(x, y) \in S$  means that  $y = \frac{x}{2}$

$S = \{(2,1), (4,2), (6,3)\}$

# Equality of Functions

➤ If  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $G: X \rightarrow Y$  are functions, then  $F = G$  if, and only if,  $F(x) = G(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

➤ Example: Let  $J_3 = \{0, 2, 4\}$ ,  $J_4 = \{0, 1\}$ , and define functions  $f$  and  $g$  from  $J_3$  to  $J_4$ , as follows: For all  $x$  in  $J_3$ ,

$$f(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \text{ mod } 3 \text{ and } g(x) = (x + 2)^2 \text{ mod } 3$$

Does  $f = g$ ?

$x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$(x^2 + x + 1) \text{ mod } 3$	$(x + 2)^2$	$(x + 2)^2 \text{ mod } 3$
0	1	$1 \text{ mod } 3 = 1$	4	$4 \text{ mod } 3 = 1$
2	7	$7 \text{ mod } 3 = 1$	16	$16 \text{ mod } 3 = 1$
4	21	$21 \text{ mod } 3 = 0$	36	$36 \text{ mod } 3 = 0$

Yes, the table of values shows that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in J_3$ .