

Chapter one:

1-1 Basic ^{set} theory

1-1.1 Definitions:

1) Set: A set is collection of objects. The

objects are called elements or points of the set, the elements may be numbers, letters, or anything else. A set is usually denoted by a capital letters, e.g. $A, B, C, \dots$ and so forth, while the elements are represented in small letters.

If a is a point (element) belonging to the set A , we shall write $a \in A$; If a is not an element of A , we shall write

$a \notin A$. [There are two methods for specifying the contents of the set: either by listing its elements or by stating properties which characterize the elements of the set]

EX: (1)

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

and $B = \{x: x \text{ is a positive integer and } x \leq 8\}$

Then

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

2) Empty set: A set is said to be an empty set or the null set if it has no

elements, and is denoted by ϕ .

3) Complement of the set A with respect to the space S

denoted by $(A' \text{ or } \bar{A})$, it is the set of all elements that are in S but not in A i.e.,

$$A' = \{x: x \in S \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$

(2)

✓ 4) subset: The set A is said to be a subset of B if every element of A is also an element of B ; this denoted by $A \subset B$ or $B \supset A$; read " A is contained in B " or read " B contains A ".

✓ 5) Universal set: The set U which contains all objects that want to study, and denoted by $(S, U, \text{or } \mathcal{U})$.

6) Equal set: Two sets A and B are said to be equal if every elements in A are contained in B also

$$A \subset B \text{ and } B \subset A \Rightarrow A = B$$

7) Set Difference: Let A and B be any two subset of S . The set of all elements in A that are not in B will be denoted by $(A - B)$ or (A/B) .

That is mean

$$A - B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$$

$$A' = S - A$$

$$A' = \{x : x \in S \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$

Exp: Let S be the set of all natural numbers

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Define: $A = \{x : x \text{ is an even number, } x \in S\}$

and $B = \{x : x \text{ is a multiple of } 3, x \in S\}$

Find: $A', B', A - B, B/A$

Sol:

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

$$B = \{3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

$$A' = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$$

$$B' = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, \dots\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{2, 4, 8, \dots\}$$

$$B \setminus A = \{3, 9, 15, \dots\}$$

8) Product sets: Let A and B be two sets, Then the Product of A and B is denoted by $A \times B$, is the set of all ordered pairs (x, y) where $x \in A$ and $y \in B$, i.e.

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$$

* The Product of a set A with itself is denoted by A^2

* The product of n sets, $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ as

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in A_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Exp:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ & $B = \{4, 5\}$. Then

$$A \times B = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$$

9) Union of sets : $\{A \cup B\}$

Let A and B be any two subset of S
 The union of A and B denoted by $(A \cup B)$,
 is the set of all elements belonging
 either to A or B or both.

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or Both}\}$$

$$x \in A \cup B = x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \dots (1)$$

$$x \notin A \cup B = x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B \dots (2)$$

10) Intersection of sets:

Let A and B be any two subset of S
 The Intersection denoted by $(A \cap B)$ is the
 set of all elements that are in both A and B .

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$x \in A \cap B = x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \dots (3)$$

$$x \notin A \cap B = x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B \dots (4)$$

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✓ 11) Mutually exclusive: Two sets A and B are
 said to be disjoint or mutually exclusive
 if have no common element.

$$A \cap B = \phi$$