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Sets

DEFINITION 1. If object a is an element in set A , we write $a \in A$. If a is not an element of A , we write $a \notin A$.

DEFINITION 2. When two sets A and B consist of the same elements, we say that they are *equal* and we write $A = B$. That is, $A = B$ means that $x \in A \iff x \in B$.

DEFINITION 3. Let S be a set. Any set A , each of whose elements is in S is said to be *contained* in S and is called a *subset* of S . We write $A \subseteq S$. That is, $A \subseteq S$ means $x \in A \implies x \in S$.

DEFINITION 4. Let A be a subset of S . If $A \neq S$, then A is called a *proper subset* of S and we write $A \subset S$. That is, $A \subset S$ means $(x \in A \implies x \in S) \wedge (A \neq S)$.

DEFINITION 5. Let A be a proper subset of S with S consisting of elements of A together with at least one element not in A . Those elements of S that are not in A constitute another proper subset of S called the *complement* of A , denoted by \bar{A} or A' .

DEFINITION 6. The empty or null set \emptyset is the set having no members.

DEFINITION 7. If a nonempty set U is a set whose subsets are under consideration, we call U the *universal set*.

DEFINITION 8. Let A and B be given sets. The set of all elements that belong to both A and B is called the *intersection* of A and B , denoted by $A \cap B$. That is, $A \cap B$ means $x \in A \wedge x \in B$.

DEFINITION 9. Let A and B be given sets. The set of all elements that belong to A alone or to B alone or to both A and B is called the *union* of A and B , denoted by $A \cup B$. That is, $A \cup B$ means $x \in A \vee x \in B$.

DEFINITION 10. Sets A and B are called *disjoint* if they have no element in common. That is, $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

DEFINITION 11. The *difference* $A - B$, in that order, of two sets A and B is the set of all elements of A that do not belong to B . That is, $A - B$ means $x \in A \wedge x \notin B$.