

Intro to Discrete Structures

Lecture 9

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Sets

$$\{1, 2\} = \{2, 1\}$$

Definition 1: A **set** is an unordered collection of objects.

Definition 2: The objects of a set are called the **elements**, or **members**, of the set.

A set is said to **contain** its elements.

We use the notation

$$x \in A$$

to indicate that x is an element of the set A .

Example of Sets

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

The set of odd numbers

$$O = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \text{ is odd}\}$$

$$S = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots\}$$

$$= \{x^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$A = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$$

Sets

Definition 3: Two sets are **equal** if and only if they have the same elements. That is, if A and B are sets, then A and B are equal iff

$$\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B).$$

is Element of A

$3 \in A$ False

$6 \in A$ True

We write $A = B$ if A and B are equal sets.

$$A = \{2, 4, 6\} \quad C = \{2, 4\}$$

$$B = \{6, 2, 4\}$$

Subset

Definition 4: The set A is said to be a **subset** of B iff every element of A is also an element of B .

We use

$$A \subseteq B$$

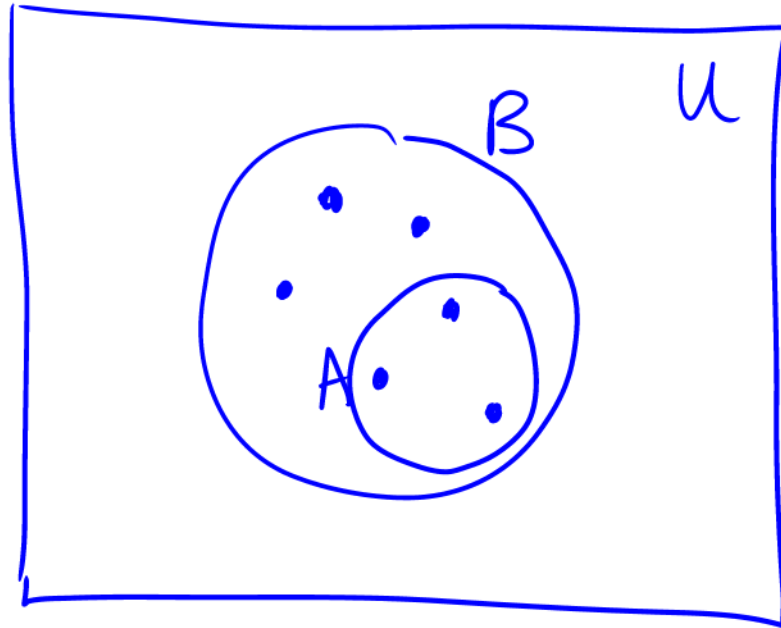
to indicate that A is a subset of B .

We see that $A \subseteq B$ iff the quantification

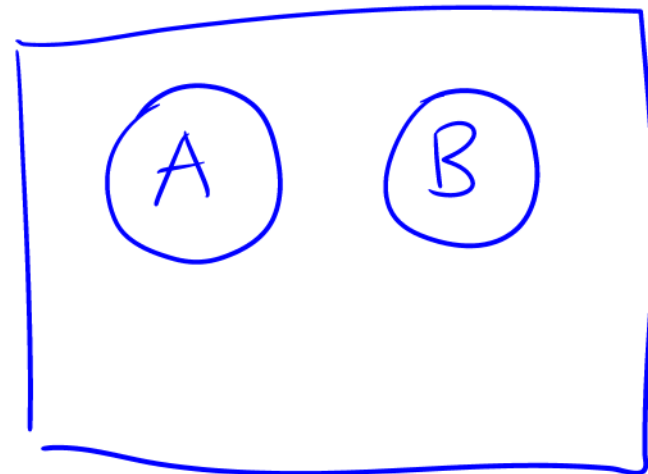
$$\forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

is true.

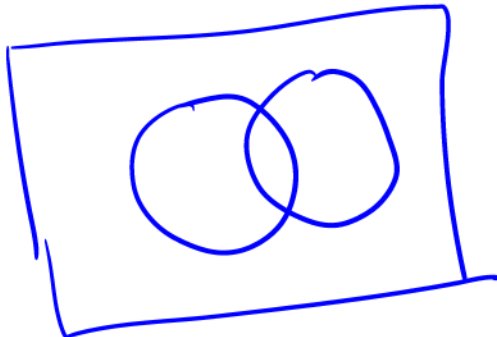
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$$A \subseteq B$$



$$A \not\subseteq B$$



Sets

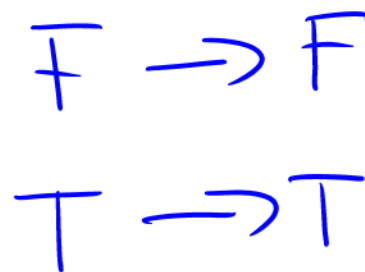
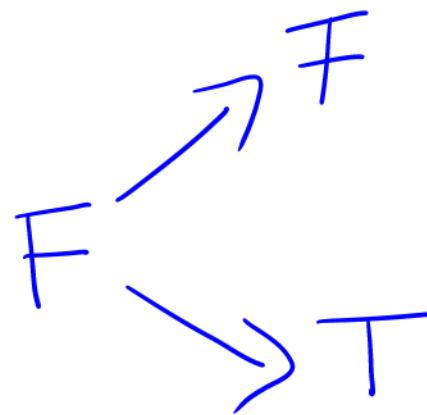
Theorem 1: For every set S , we have

(1) $\emptyset \subseteq S$ and

(2) $S \subseteq S$.

$$(1) \forall x (x \in \emptyset \rightarrow x \in S)$$

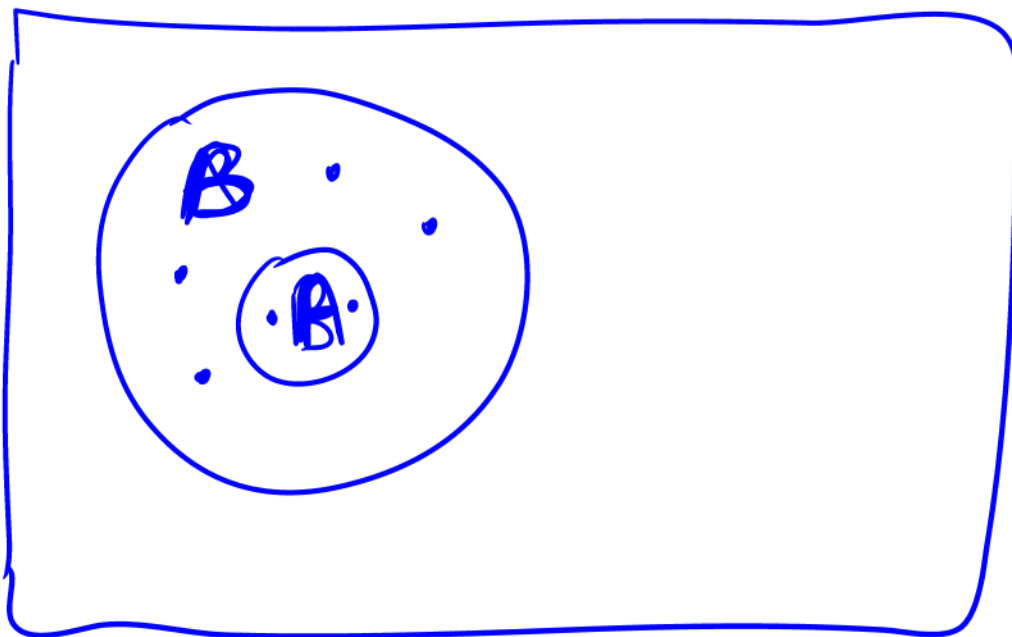
$$(2) \forall x \left(\begin{array}{l} F \\ x \in S \end{array} \rightarrow x \in S \right)$$



Proper Subset

When we wish to emphasize that a set A is a subset of the set B but $A \neq B$, we write $A \subset B$ and say that A is a **proper subset** of B .

$$\forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B) \wedge \exists x(x \in B \wedge x \notin A)$$



$S \subseteq S$ TRUE

$S \subset S$ FALSE

Infinite Sets

Definition 6: A set is said to be **infinite** if it is not finite.

The Power Set

Definition 7: Given a set S , the **power set** is the set of all subsets of S . The power set of S is denoted by $P(S)$.

Example 13: What is the power set of $\{0, 1, 3\}$?

The power set $P(\{0, 1, 3\})$ is the set of all subset of $\{0, 1, 3\}$.
Hence,

$$\{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{0, 1, 3\}\}$$

Cartesian Products

Definition 8: The **ordered n -tuple** (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is the ordered collection that has a_1 as its first element, a_2 as its second element, \dots , and a_n as its n th element.

Cartesian Products

Definition 9: Let A and B be sets. The **Cartesian product** of A and B , denoted by $A \times B$, is the set of all ordered pairs (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. Hence,

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}.$$

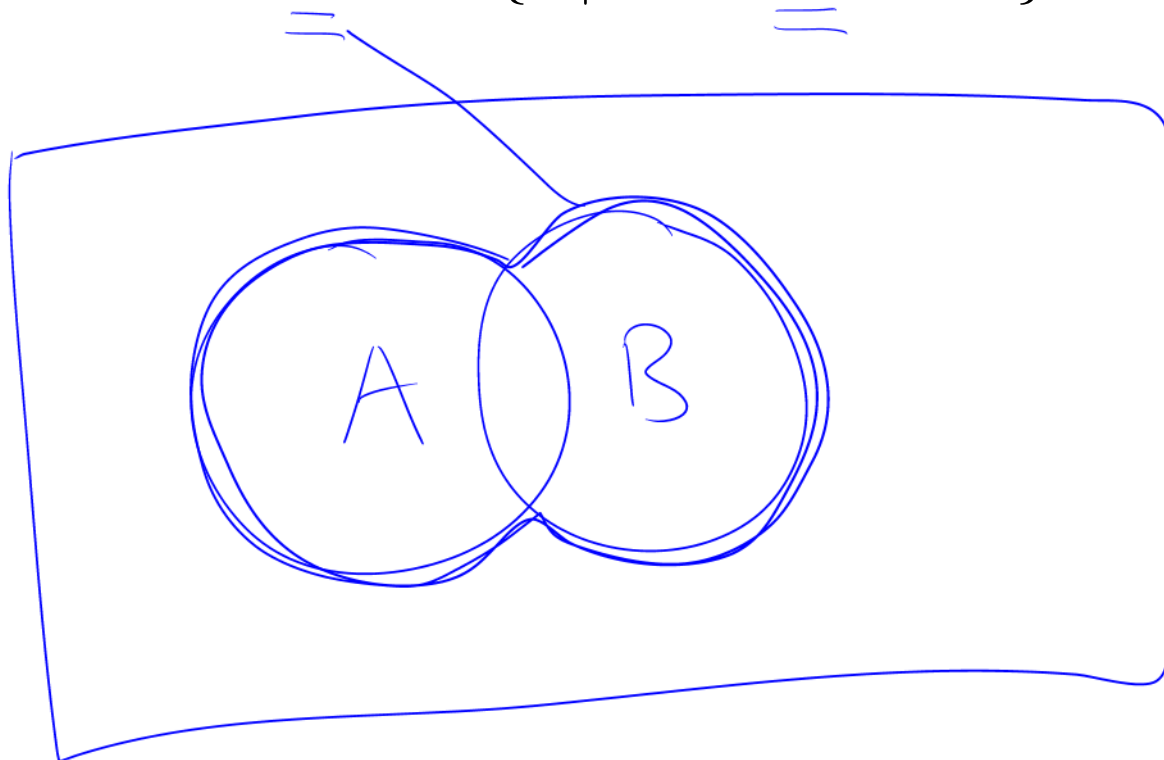
More generally, let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be sets. The Cartesian product of A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n is the set

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

Union

Definition 1: The **union** of the sets A and B is the set

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}.$$



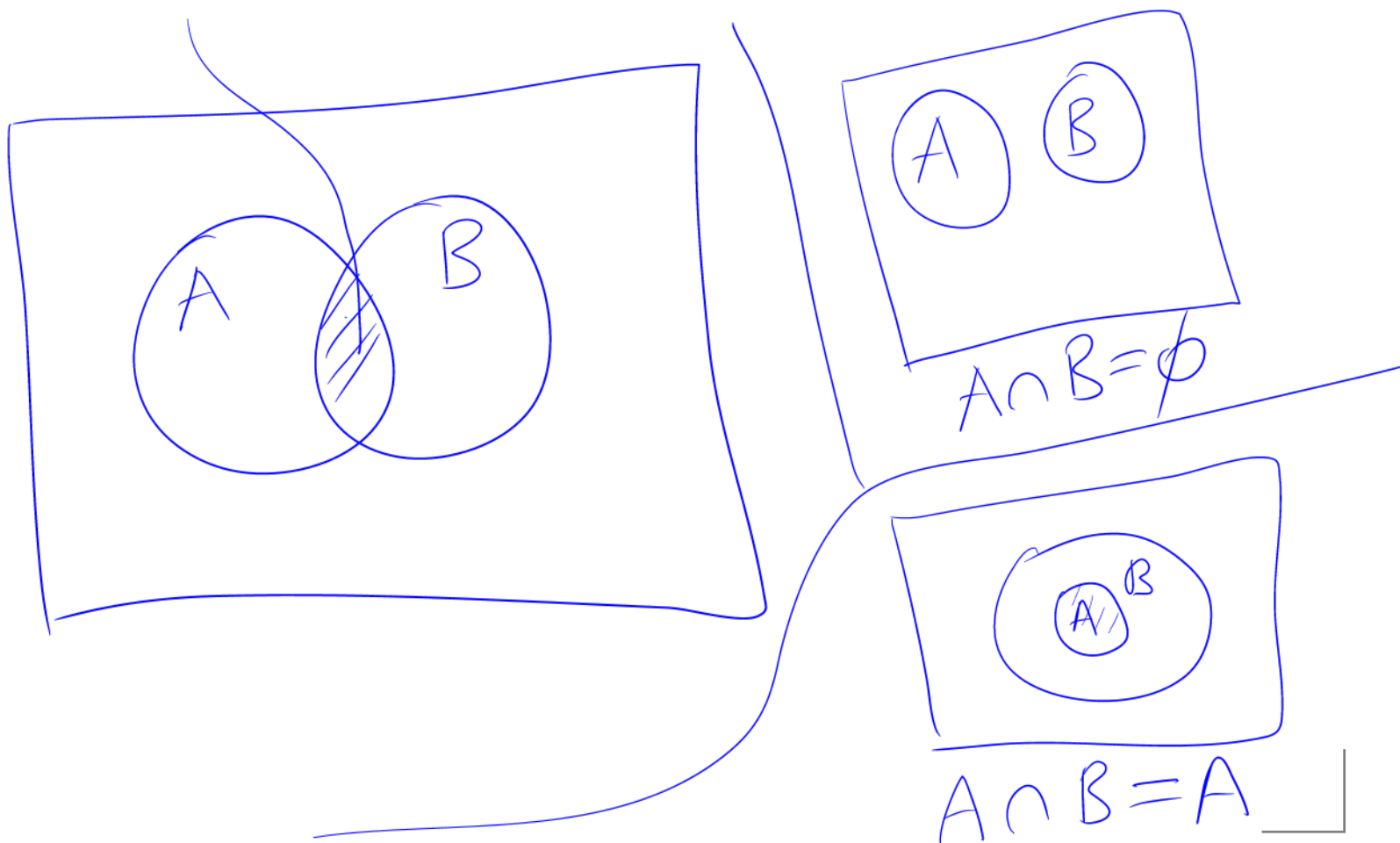
Intersection

$$A \subseteq B \Rightarrow$$

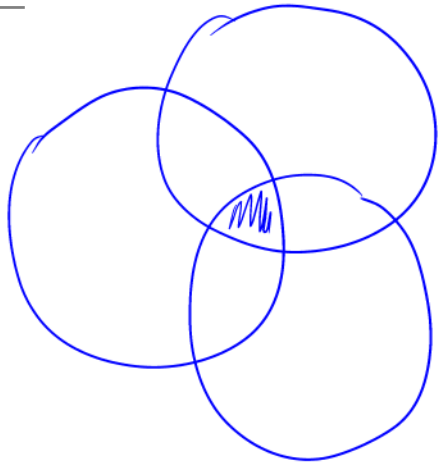
$$A \cap B = A$$

Definition 1: The **intersection** of the sets A and B is the set

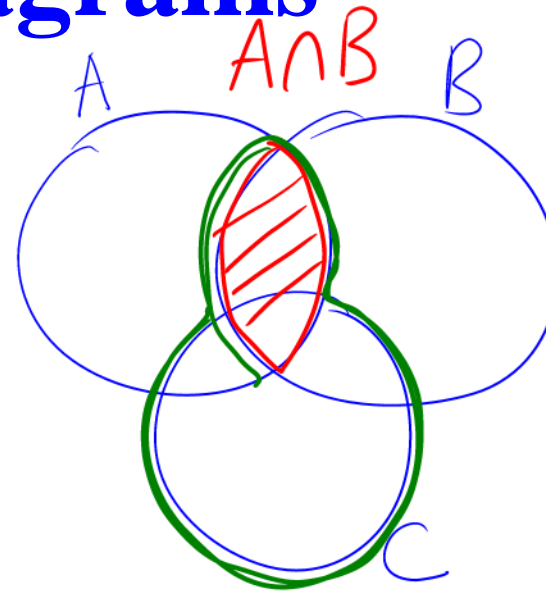
$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}.$$



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$$A \cap B \cap C$$



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

Disjoint Sets

Definition 3: Two sets A and B are called **disjoint** iff their intersection is empty, that is,

$$A \cap B = \emptyset.$$

Difference

Definition 4: The **difference** of the sets A and B is the set

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}.$$

The difference of A and B is also called the **complement of B with respect to A** .

Definition 5: Let U be the universal set. The **complement of A** is the set

$$\bar{A} = U - A.$$

We have

$$\bar{A} = \{x \mid x \notin A\}.$$

Set Identities I

$$A \cup \emptyset = A \quad \text{Identity Laws}$$

$$A \cap U = A$$

$$P \vee F \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge T \equiv P$$

$$A \cup U = U \quad \text{Domination}$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \quad \text{Laws}$$

$$A \cup A = A \quad \text{Idempotent}$$

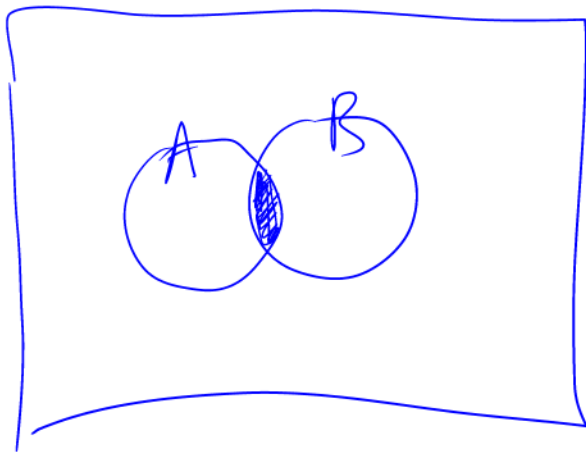
$$A \cap A = A \quad \text{Laws}$$

Set Identities II

Set Identities III

Example

Prove De Morgan law $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{A \cap B} &= \{x \mid x \notin A \cap B\} && \text{def. of complement} \\
 &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \cap B)\} && \text{def. of } \notin \\
 &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} \\
 &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)\} \\
 &= \{x \mid x \notin A \vee x \notin B\} \\
 &= \{x \mid x \in \bar{A} \vee x \in \bar{B}\} \\
 &= \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

Membership Table

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

Generalized Union

Definition 6: The **union** of a collection of sets is the set that contains those element that are members of at least one set in the collection.

We use the notation

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$

to denote the union of the sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n .

Generalized Intersection

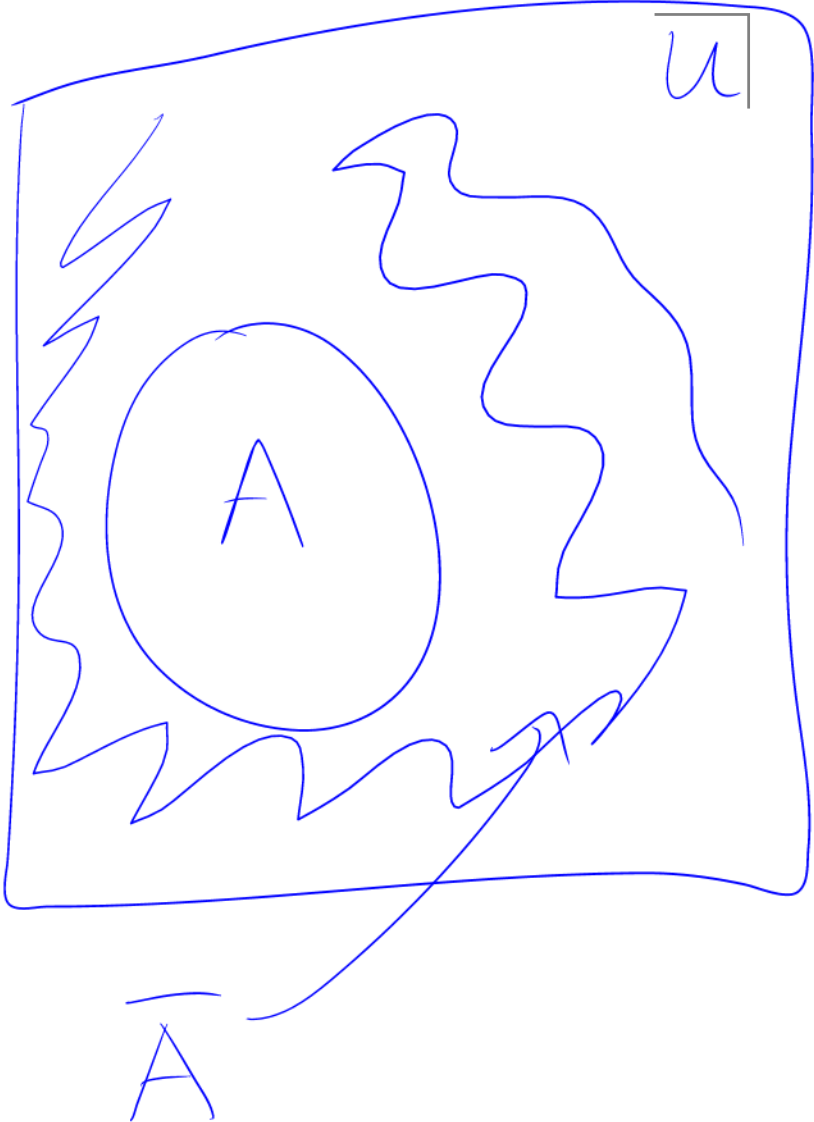
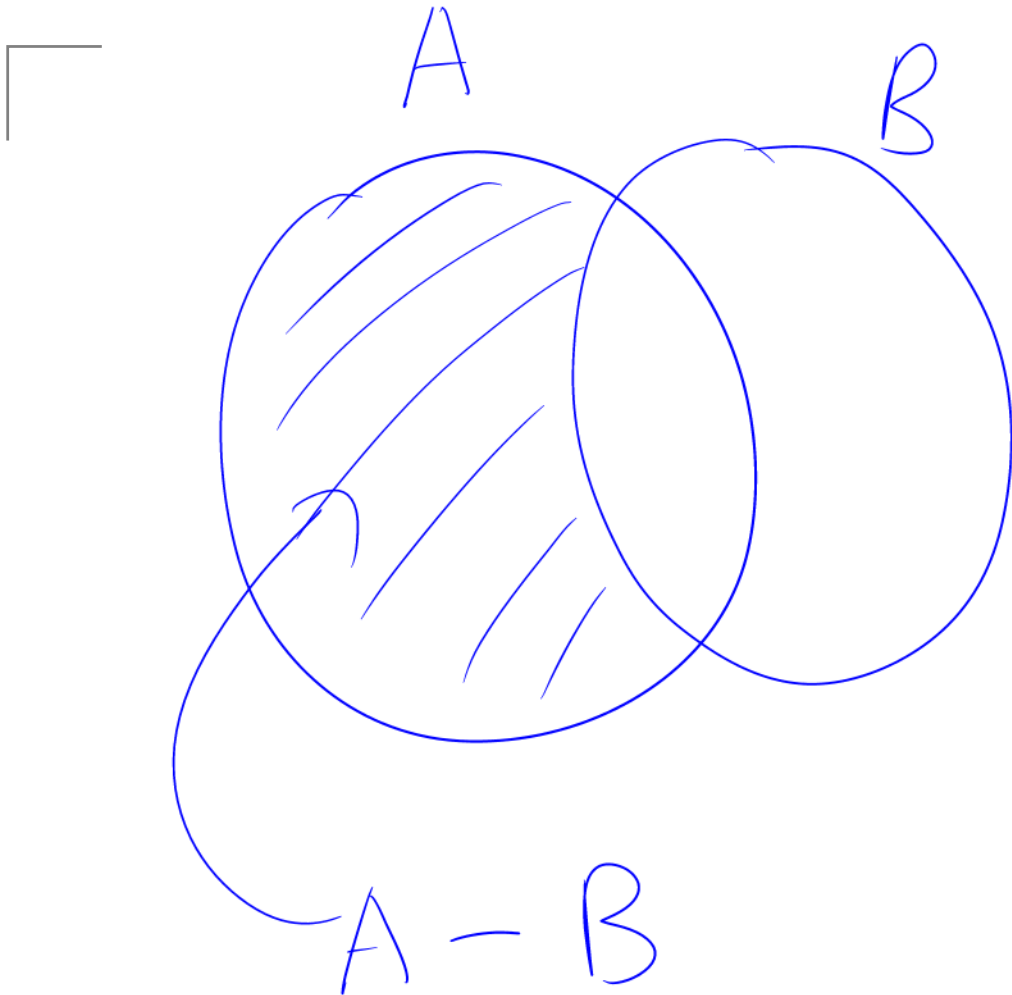
Definition 6: The **intersection** of a collection of sets is the set that contains those element that are members of all sets in the collection.

We use the notation

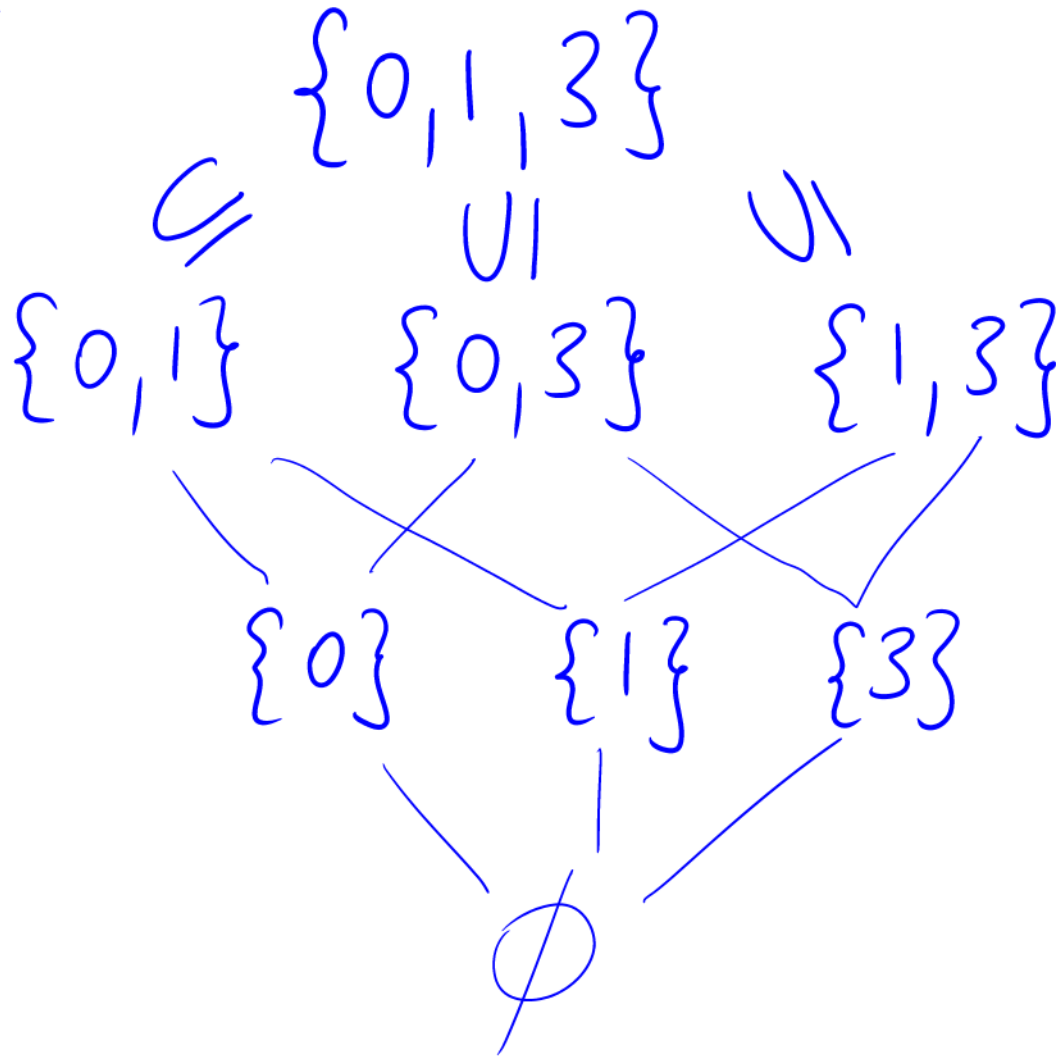
$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

to denote the intersection of the sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n .

Functions



partial
order



total order

5
VI
4
VI
3
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2
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1
VI
0