
Why Prove things in Engineering?

- clear thinking
- know why things are true.
- ultimate explanation.
- Proofs are formal essays, similar to a computer Program.

chapter 1 sets

(Naïve) Definition

A set is any (unordered) collection of objects, of any kind.

Note: this defn. leads to Paradoxes!

objects in a set are called members or elements.

write: $x \in S$
 $\uparrow$
 "is an element of"

To specify a set

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Ex. ~~the~~ list elements in braces $\{ \}$

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 99, 100\}$$

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

Important sets:

- natural numbers:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

use this $\swarrow$

note: book says $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Integers:

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

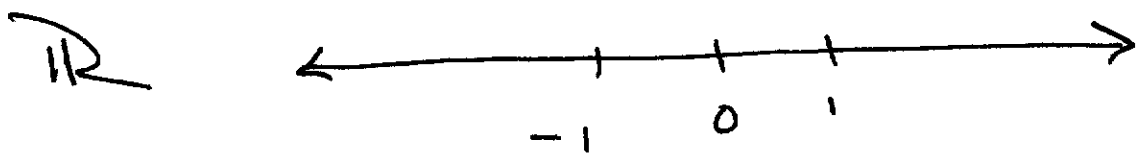
$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^- = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1\}$$

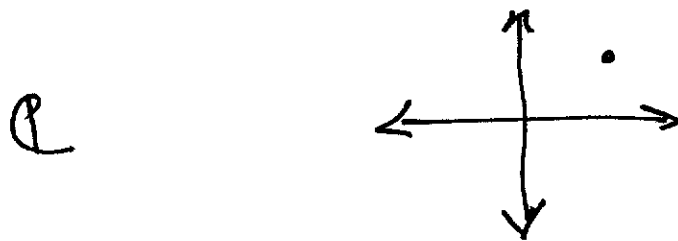
• Rational numbers

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{ \text{--- fractions } \frac{p}{q} \text{ ---} \}$$

• Real numbers



• Complex numbers



• Empty set

$$\emptyset = \{ \}$$

the set with no elements.

note:

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two sets are equal iff they contain the same elements.
order and repetition is irrelevant.

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

so if A, B are sets, then

$$A = B$$

iff both

- every element of A belongs to B

and - " " " B " " A

set builder notation

can specify a set as

$$A = \{ \underline{\text{expression}} \mid \underline{\text{property}} \}$$

↑
"such that"

A is the set of all values of expression that satisfy property

Ex. $\{ x \mid x \text{ is a prime number} \}$

$$= \{ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, \dots \}$$

Ex. same thing

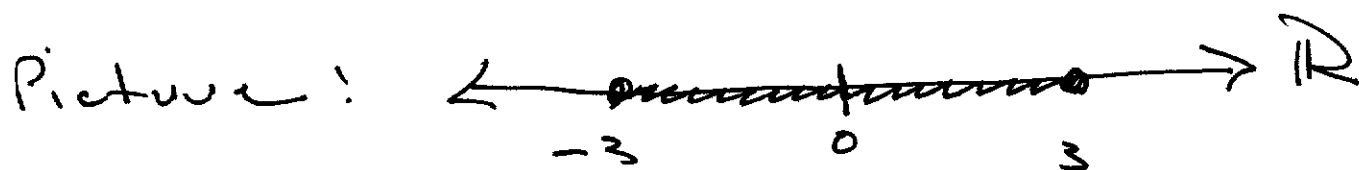
$$\{ n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is prime} \}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \{ n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid |n| \leq 3 \}$$

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

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x| \leq 3 \}$$

$$= [-3, 3]$$



Ex.

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \neq 0 \}$$

Defn

A set S is called finite if it contains exactly n elements for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If S is not finite, it's called infinite.

notation

- $|S| = n$: S is finite with n elements.
- $|S| < \infty$: S is finite
- $|S| = \infty$: S is infinite

$|S|$ is called the cardinality of set S .

(1,2) Cartesian Products

Defn
an ordered collection of n objects
(possibly repeated) is called an
ordered n -tuple. (also called a finite sequence)

notation $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$

- If $n=2$: ordered pair
- If $n=3$: ordered triple

note : $(x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2)$

iff both $x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2$.

Defn

The Cartesian Product of two sets A, B is the set of all ordered pairs (x, y) where $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. notation: $A \times B$

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

Ex. $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{3, 4, 5\}$

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

$$A \times A = \{ (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2) \}$$

$$B \times B = \dots \text{exercise} \dots$$

$$B \times A = \dots \text{exercise} \dots$$

Theorem

If A, B are finite sets, then
so is $A \times B$, and

$$|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

more generally, the Cartesian
product of n sets $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$
is

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n$$

$$= \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in A_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \}$$

Then if sets A_i are finite, then

$$|A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n| = |A_1| \cdot |A_2| \cdot |A_3| \cdot \dots \cdot |A_n|$$