

# Ordered pairs and $n$ -tuples

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- The *ordered pair*  $(a, b)$  is a collection that has  $a$  as its first element and  $b$  as its second element
  - ▶ Note how this is different from a set; in sets the elements are not ordered
  - ▶ The set  $\{1, 2\}$  is the same as the set  $\{2, 1\}$ , but the ordered pairs  $(1, 2) \neq (2, 1)$
- The *ordered triple*  $(a, b, c)$  is a collection with  $a$  as its first element,  $b$  as its second element and  $c$  as its third element.
- The *ordered  $n$ -tuple*  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is the collection which has  $a_i$  as its  $i$ th element, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

# Cartesian Products

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- The Cartesian product gives us a way to “multiply” sets together
- If  $A, B, \dots, Q$  are sets, then the Cartesian product  $A \times B \times \dots \times Q$  is the set  $\{(a, b, \dots, q) \mid a \in A, \dots, q \in Q\}$
- Note that the Cartesian product of  $k$  sets is a set of ordered  $k$ -tuples
- What is  $\{x, y\} \times \{p, q\}$ 
  - ▶  $\{(x, p), (x, q), (y, p), (y, q)\}$
- What is  $\{1, 2, 3\} \times \{a, b\} \times \{5, 6\}$ ?
  - ▶  $\{(1, a, 5), (1, a, 6), (1, b, 5), (1, b, 6), (2, a, 5), (2, a, 6), (2, b, 5), (2, b, 6), (3, a, 5), (3, a, 6), (3, b, 5), (3, b, 6)\}$

# A Familiar Cartesian Product

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- You've probably heard the term “Cartesian coordinates”
- It usually refers to the  $(x, y)$ -coordinate system we use when graphing in the plane
- or  $(x, y, z)$ -coordinates when graphing in space
- If we let  $\mathbb{R}$  denote all real numbers (the number line), then the plane is  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2$
- and space is  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^3$

# Union of Sets

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- The *union* of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set that contains all elements found in either  $A$  or  $B$
- $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
- Eg:  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 4, 7\}$ .
  - ▶ What is  $A \cup B$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A \cup C$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A \cup B \cup C$ ?
- What is  $A \times B \cup C$ 
  - ▶ It depends on where you put the parentheses!
  - ▶  $(A \times B) \cup C = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4), 1, 4, 7\}$
  - ▶  $A \times (B \cup C) = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 7), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 7), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 7)\}$

# Intersection of Sets

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- The *intersection* of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set that contains all elements found in both  $A$  and  $B$
- $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
- Eg:  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 4, 7\}$ .
  - ▶ What is  $A \cap B$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A \cap C$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A \cap B \cap C$ ?
- What is  $A \times B \cap C$ 
  - ▶  $(A \times B) \cap C = \emptyset$
  - ▶  $A \times (B \cap C) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

# Set Difference

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- The *difference* of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set that contains all elements found in  $A$ , but not  $B$
- $A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
- Eg:  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 4, 7\}$ .
  - ▶ What is  $A - B$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A - C$ ?
  - ▶ What is  $A - B - C$ ?
    - Here it depends on where you put the parentheses!
    - $(A - B) - C = \{2\}$
    - $A - (B - C) = \{1, 2\}$
  - ▶ What is  $A \times B - C$ ?
    - $(A \times B) \cap C = \emptyset$
    - $A \times (B \cap C) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

# Complement of a Set

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- The complement of a set is the set of all elements that are not in that set.
  - ▶ Does this make sense?
  - ▶ What's missing?
- Before defining the complement of a set, we must have the notion of a *universal set*
  - ▶ The universal set is the set of all elements under consideration. This must be made clear.
- This is analogous to the *universe of discourse* for predicates
- All together: *I will not write “compliment” of a set*

# Complement of a Set

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- Suppose  $U$  is the universal set. Then for a set  $A$ ,

$$\overline{A} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$

- Thus  $U - A$  is another way of writing the complement
- Suppose  $U$  is the set of all integers
  - ▶  $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is an even integer}\}$ 
    - complement = set of odd integers
  - ▶  $B = \{x \mid x \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$ 
    - complement = set of integers which leave a remainder of 1 or 2 when divided by 3

# Set Identities

- Several set identities are give on page 49:

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cup U = U$$

$$A \cup A = A$$

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

$$A \cap U = A$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$A \cap A = A$$

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

- How would one prove such identities?
- Three ways:
  - ▶ Membership Tables
  - ▶ Use of simpler identities
  - ▶ In general, to show two sets are equal, it is enough to show that each set is a subset of the other set

# Membership Tables

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- For each simple set in the expression, make a column that will indicate whether an element is (1) or is not (0) in that set
- For more complicated columns, combine the simpler columns
- For example, let us prove one of DeMorgan's laws: *The complement of the union is the intersection of the complements*

# Membership Tables

| $A$ | $B$ | $A \cup B$ | $\overline{A \cup B}$ | $\bar{A}$ | $\bar{B}$ | $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ |
|-----|-----|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1   | 1   | 1          | 0                     | 0         | 0         | 0                      |
| 1   | 0   | 1          | 0                     | 0         | 1         | 0                      |
| 0   | 1   | 1          | 0                     | 1         | 0         | 0                      |
| 0   | 0   | 0          | 1                     | 1         | 1         | 1                      |

# Prove $(A - B) \cap C \subseteq C - B$

- This time, what would we require of the membership table?
  - ▶ That every “1” on the left-hand side has a corresponding “1” on the right-hand side.
  - ▶ But there could be more “1s” on the RHS than the LHS

| A | B | C | A - B | $(A - B) \cap C$ | C - B |
|---|---|---|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0     | 0                | 0     |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0     | 0                | 0     |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1     | 1                | 1     |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1     | 0                | 0     |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0     | 0                | 0     |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0     | 0                | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0     | 0                | 1     |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0     | 0                | 0     |

Every “1” in this column —  
Has a corresponding “1” in that column, proving the desired subset relationship.