

I. Definition

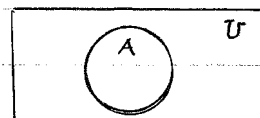
1.) Disjoint sets: Two sets are disjoint when they have no elements in common.  
ex: The set of even number & the set of odd number are disjoint.

2.) Overlapping sets: Two sets are overlapping when they have elements in common.

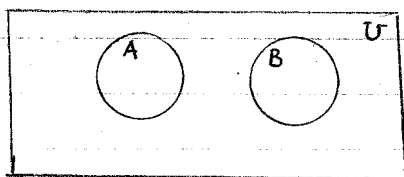
II. Venn Diagram (by John Venn 1834-1923)

A rectangle representing the universal set.

The subsets are usually represented by circles.

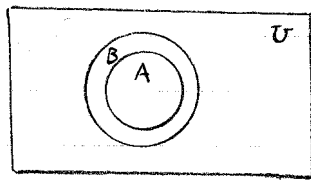
III. Different cases

- Case 1: Disjoint sets



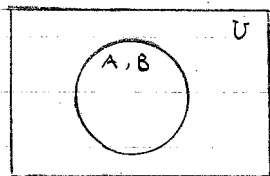
A & B are disjoint.

- Case 2: Subsets



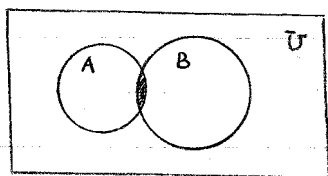
$A \subseteq B$

- Case 3: Equal sets



$A = B$

- Case 4: Overlapping sets



A and B are overlapping sets

#### IV. Definitions

• Complement : The complement of set  $A$ , symbolized by  $A'$ , is the set of all the elements in the universal set that are not in set  $A$ .

Example:

$$1) U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$

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

$$A' = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$$

$$2) U = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \sigma, \delta, \omega\}$$

$$A = \{\alpha, \beta\}$$

$$A' = \{\gamma, \sigma, \delta, \omega\}$$

• Intersection : The intersection of sets  $A$  and  $B$ , symbolized by  $A \cap B$ , is the set containing all the elements that are common to both set  $A$  and set  $B$ .

Example:

$$1) A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$B = \{1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{1, 3\}$$

$$2) A = \{\Delta, \#, ?, @\}$$

$$B = \{!, \Delta, \square, ?, \#\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{\Delta, \#, ?\}$$

$$3) U = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$$

$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$B = \{a, c, e, f\}$$

$$A' = \{e, f, g\}$$

$$A' \cap B = \{e, f\}$$

$$(A' \cap B)' = \{a, b, c, d, g\}$$

• Union : The union of set A and set B, symbolized by  $A \cup B$ , is the set containing all the elements of set A or set B (or of both sets)

Example:

$$1) A = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$$

$$B = \{\alpha, \sigma, \delta, \epsilon\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \sigma, \delta, \epsilon\}$$

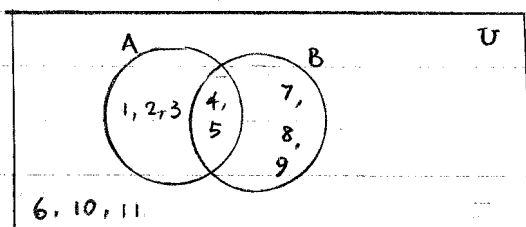
$$2) A = \{\Delta, \square, \#\}$$

$$B = \{\Delta, ?, !\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{\Delta, \square, ?, \#, !\}$$

Using Venn Diagram

1)



$$a) U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$$

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

$$B = \{4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$B' = \{1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11\}$$

$$A \cap B' = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$A \cup B' = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11\}$$

Further Example:

Union & Intersection

$$U = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$$

$$A = \{a, b, e, g\}$$

$$B = \{a, c, d, e\}$$

$$C = \{b, e, f\}$$

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

First, let's calculate  $A \cup B$  &  $A \cup C$

$$A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d, e, g\}$$

$$A \cup C = \{a, b, e, f, g\}$$

then  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) = \{a, b, e, g\}$

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

First, calculate  $A \cup B$  &  $C'$

$$A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d, e, g\}$$

$$C' = \{a, c, d, g\}$$

Then  $(A \cup B) \cap C' = \{a, c, d, g\}$

c)  $A' \cap B'$

First, write down  $A'$  &  $B'$

$$A' = \{c, d, f\}$$

$$B' = \{b, f, g\}$$

$$A' \cap B' = \{f\}$$

V. The meaning of And or Or.

And is generally interpreted to mean intersection

Or is generally interpreted to mean union

VI. The Relationship between  $n(A \cup B)$ ,  $n(A)$ ,  $n(B)$  &  $n(A \cap B)$ 

For any finite sets A and B

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

Example:

The results of a survey of students showed that 400 of them have a laptop, 550 have a desktop, and 70 of them have both. How many students have a laptop or desktop?

Let A = set of students who have a laptop

B = set of students who have a desktop

then  $n(A) = 400$ ,  $n(B) = 550$

$$n(A \cap B) = 70$$

$$\therefore n(A \cup B) = 400 + 550 - 70 = 880.$$

VII. Definition

The difference of two sets A and B, symbolized  $A - B$ , is the set of elements that belong to set A but not to set B.

Example:

$$U = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k\}$$

$$A = \{b, c, e, f, g, h\}$$

$$B = \{a, b, c, g, i\}$$

$$C = \{b, e, g\}$$

- $A - B = \{e, f, h\}$
- $A - C = \{c, f, h\}$
- $A' = \{a, d, i, j, k\}$
- $A' - B = \{d, j, k\}$
- $C' = \{a, c, d, f, h, i, j, k\}$
- $A - C' = \{b, e, g\}$

VIII. Cartesian Product

The Cartesian product of set A and set B, symbolized by  $A \times B$  (read A cross B) is the set of all possible ordered pairs of the form  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$ .

Example:  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$

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

$A \times B = \{(a, 1), (b, 1), (c, 1), (d, 1)$   
 $(a, 2), (b, 2), (c, 2), (d, 2)$   
 $(a, 3), (b, 3), (c, 3), (d, 3)\}$

$B \times A = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c), (1, d)$   
 $(2, a), (2, b), (2, c), (2, d)$   
 $(3, a), (3, b), (3, c), (3, d)\}$

N.B.  $A \times B$  is not the same as  $B \times A$ .

$A \times A = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (a, d)$   
 $(b, a), (b, b), (b, c), (b, d)$   
 $(c, a), (c, b), (c, c), (c, d)$   
 $(d, a), (d, b), (d, c), (d, d)\}$

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

If  $n(A) = m$ ,  $n(B) = n$ , then  $n(A \times B) = m \times n$