

In-the-Book Definitions (II)

Set U is the Universal Set. Any sets discussed are subsets of the Universal Set U .

Set A is *non-empty* ($A \neq \emptyset$) \Leftrightarrow There exists an element $x \in U$ such that $x \in A$.

The Union of set A and set B is the set $A \cup B$ where:

$$A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ OR } x \in B\}.$$

The *procedural* definition of $A \cup B$ which is useful for writing proofs involving $A \cup B$ is:

$$x \in A \cup B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ OR } x \in B.$$

Whenever a set X is defined in the form

$$X = \{x \in U \mid \text{Predicate } P \text{ is true about } x\},$$

the *procedural* definition of X is: $x \in X \Leftrightarrow$ Predicate P is true about x .

The Intersection (\cap) and Difference ($-$) of sets A and B , and the Complement (A^c) of set A , are defined as follows:

$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ AND } x \in B\}; \quad A^c = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\};$$

$$A - B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ AND } x \notin B\}$$

Set A is a subset of Set B ($A \subseteq B$) \Leftrightarrow For all elements $x \in U$, if $x \in A$, then $x \in B$.

A collection $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ of non-empty subsets of A is a Partition of set A

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 1) A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n \quad \text{and} \quad 2) \text{ when } i \neq j, A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset.$$

Given a set A , the Power Set of A , denoted $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is the set of all subsets of A .

When A is finite with n elements, then $\mathcal{P}(A)$ has 2^n elements.

$$\text{Set Equality: } \text{Set } A = \text{Set } B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \text{ and } B \subseteq A.$$

A (Binary) Relation R from set A to Set B is any subset of the Cartesian Product $A \times B$.

Given such a relation R , for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, $a R b \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R$.

The Inverse Relation R^{-1} is the subset of $B \times A$ such that

$$\text{for all } b \in B \text{ and } a \in A, (b, a) \in R^{-1} \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R; \quad \text{thus, } b R^{-1} a \Leftrightarrow a R b.$$

A Relation R on A is a relation R from A to A , that is, from A to B with $B = A$.

Let R be a binary relation on set A :

- 1) R is reflexive $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in A, x R x$.
- 2) R is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in A, \text{ IF } x R y, \text{ THEN } y R x$.
- 3) R is transitive $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y, z \in A, \text{ IF } x R y \text{ and } y R z, \text{ THEN } x R z$.

An Equivalence Relation is a relation which is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Given the Equivalence Relation R on set A and given element a in set A , the Equivalence Class of a (or just the Class of a) is denoted $[a]$ and is defined as $[a] = \{x \in A \mid x R a\}$.

Any element z in an equivalence class for equivalence relation R is called an Equivalence Class Representative of that class, and in this case the equivalence class containing the representative z will be the set $[z]$.

A Complete Set of Equivalence Class Representatives is a set containing exactly one representative from each of the equivalence classes of R .

A Function f from Set X to Set Y , denoted $f: X \rightarrow Y$, is a binary relation from X to Y such that both:

- 1) For every element x in X , there is some element y in Y with $(x, y) \in f$, that is, $x f y$ for at least one element y in Y , and
- 2) For every element x in X and all elements y and z in Y , if $x f y$ and $x f z$, then $y = z$, that is, f relates each x in X to only one element y in Y .

Here, the set X is called the domain of f ; the set Y is the co-domain of f .

For a given $x \in X$, there is a unique $y \in Y$ with $x f y$, and this element y is called "the image of x under f ", or also, "the value of the function f at x ", or also " f of x ", and we write " $y = f(x)$ " to be read as " y equals f of x ."

The Range of f is the set of all images of f in the set Y ; that is,

$$\text{Range of } f = \{y \in Y \mid y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}.$$

The (Range of f) \subseteq Co-domain Y , but it can happen that the (Range of f) $\neq Y$.

Given an element y in Y , the inverse image of y in X under f is the set:

$$\text{inverse image of } y = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) = y \} .$$

For all $y \in Y$, $y \in (\text{Range of } f) \Leftrightarrow$ inverse image of y under f is not \emptyset .

For all subsets $A \subseteq X$ and all subsets $C \subseteq Y$,

the image of A under f (or f of A) is $f(A) = \{ y \in Y \mid y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in A \}$, and

the inverse image of C (or f inverse of C) is $f^{-1}(C) = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) \in C \}$.

Equality of Functions: Suppose $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : X \rightarrow Y$ are functions from X to Y .

Then f equals g ($f = g$) \Leftrightarrow

1) f and g have the same domains and co-domains, and

2) $\forall x \in X, f(x) = g(x)$.

Given set X , define the identity function i_X by the rule: $\forall z \in X, i_X(z) = z$.

Let f be a function from a set X to a set Y .

f is one-to-one (or injective) \Leftrightarrow For every u and v in X ,

If $f(u) = f(v)$, Then $u = v$

\Leftrightarrow For every u and v in X ,

If $u \neq v$, Then $f(u) \neq f(v)$.

f is onto (or surjective) \Leftrightarrow For every element $y \in Y$,

there exists some $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$.

f is a one-to-one correspondence (or a bijection) from X to Y

$\Leftrightarrow f : X \rightarrow Y$ is both a one-to-one function and an onto function.

Given that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a one-to-one correspondence from X to Y ,

then the inverse relation f^{-1} is also a function, $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$, and is such that

$$\forall y \in Y, f^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y .$$

Composition of Functions:

Given functions f and g , where $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$, where X, Y, Y , and Z are any sets, such that the (range of f) \subseteq (domain of g) = Y ,

the Composition of f and g (written $g \circ f$) is the function defined by the rule:

$$\forall x \in X, \quad g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) \text{ in } Z.$$

(We can refer to the composition of f and g as “ g circle f , ” and, given a particular value of x , we can say, “ g circle f of x equals g - of - f - of - x . ”)

Note:

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are two functions such that f and g are both one-to-one, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is also one-to-one. (Theorem 7.3.3)

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are two functions such that f and g are both onto, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is also onto. (Theorem 7.3.4)

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are two functions such that f and g are both one-to-one and onto (i.e., f and g are one-to-one correspondences), then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is also one-to-one and onto (i.e., $g \circ f$ is also a one-to-one correspondence).

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a one-to-one correspondence, then the inverse function, $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$, is also a one-to-one correspondence, and (using i_X and i_Y for the identity functions),

$$f^{-1} \circ f = i_X \quad \text{and} \quad f \circ f^{-1} = i_Y$$

that is: $\forall x \in X, \quad f^{-1} \circ f(x) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x = i_X(x)$, and

$$\forall y \in Y, \quad f \circ f^{-1}(y) = f(f^{-1}(y)) = y = i_Y(y).$$

Having the SAME CARDINALITY:

Set A has the same cardinality as Set B if there is a one-to-one correspondence from A to B. A and B have the same cardinality if A has the same cardinality as B and B has the same cardinality as A.

For a non-empty Set X :

Set X is infinite $\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, X$ and $\{ 1, 2, \dots, n \}$ do not have the same cardinality.

Set X is countably infinite $\Leftrightarrow X$ and \mathbb{Z}^+ have the same cardinality.

Set X is countable $\Leftrightarrow X$ is finite OR X is countably infinite.

A set which is not countable is said to be uncountable.