

Definitions:

section 1.1

set – a collection of objects

elements – objects in the set

2 ways to describe elements:

List method: $C = \{\text{spatula, scraper, whisk, spoon}\}$

Set-builder notation: $C = \{x \mid x \text{ is a cooking utensil}\}$

Set Notation

Let $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

We can say that $4 \in \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ or $4 \in B$

We can also say that $7 \notin B$

\in means “is an element of”

\notin means “is not an element of”

Subsets

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ $P = \{5\}$
 $N = \{2, 3\}$ $Q = \{3, 5\}$

$N \subseteq A \Rightarrow$ “N is a subset of A” since all elements in set N are in set A.

$P \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow$ “P is not a subset of A” since the element(s) in P are not in set A.

$P \subseteq P \Rightarrow$ Any set is a subset of itself.

$\{ \} \subseteq Q \Rightarrow$ The empty set (null set) is a subset of every set. (also written \emptyset)

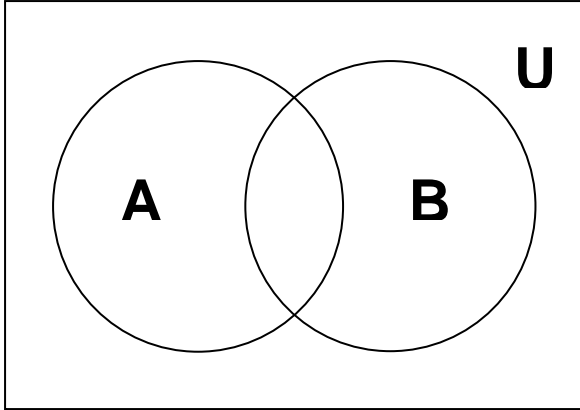
$N \subset A \Rightarrow$ “N is a proper subset of A” since the set is a subset of A but not the same as A.

Definitions:

equal - 2 sets are equal if they are the same set (ie. same elements)

equivalent – 2 sets are equivalent if they have the same number of elements

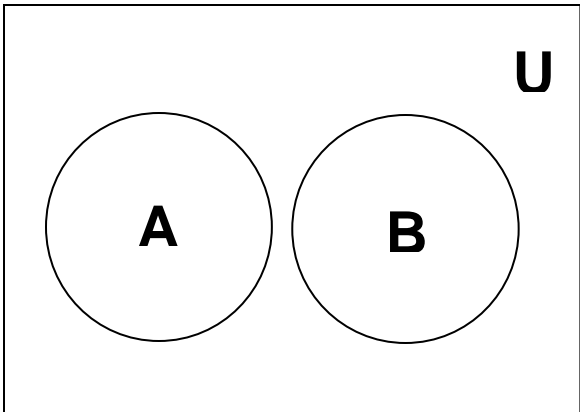
universal set – the universal set is denoted by U and it contains all the elements being considered for a particular problem.



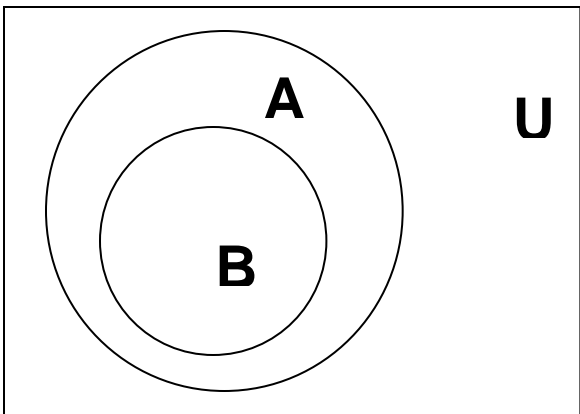
$U = \{\text{Students in CHAT}\}$

$A = \{\text{CHAT students in Speech}\}$

$B = \{\text{CHAT students in Geometry}\}$



There are no students in both Speech and Geometry



All students in Geometry are also in Speech.

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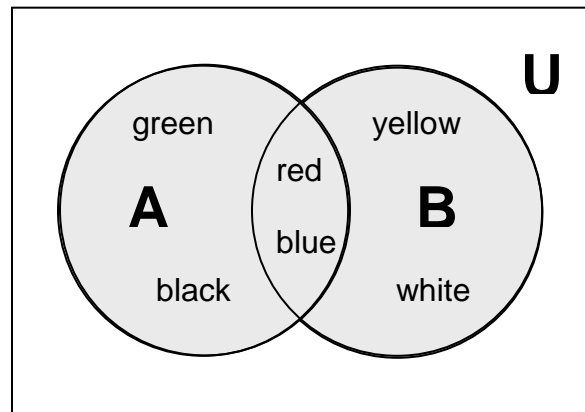
union – The union of 2 sets is the set containing all of the elements of both sets.

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

Let $A = \{\text{red, blue, green, black}\}$

Let $B = \{\text{yellow, white, red, blue}\}$

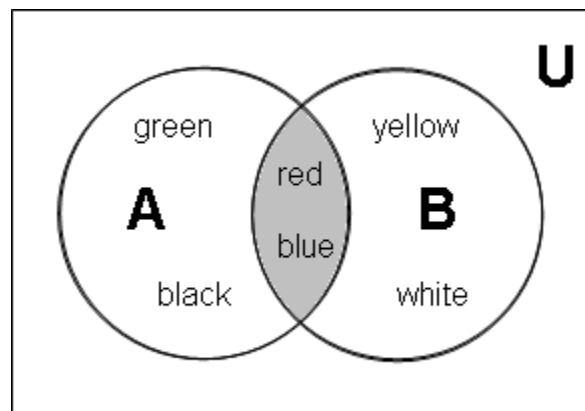
$A \cup B = \{\text{red, blue, green, black, yellow, white}\}$



intersection – the intersection of 2 sets is the set that contains elements that are in both sets.

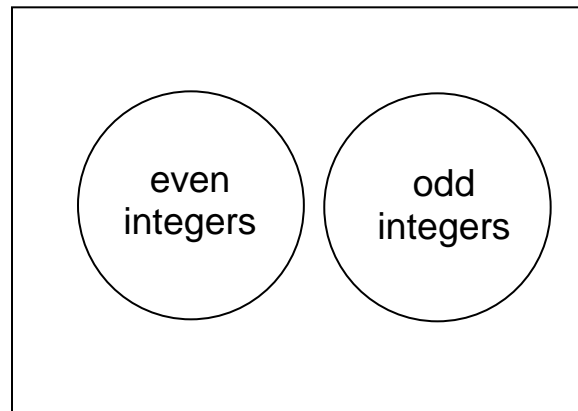
$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$A \cap B = \{\text{red, blue}\}$



Definitions:

disjoint sets – sets that have no elements in common



$$\{\text{even integers}\} \cap \{\text{odd integers}\} = \{ \} \text{ or } \emptyset$$

complement – the complement of a set is the set of all elements in the universal set that are not in the original set.

$$A' = \{x \mid x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$

Note: $A \cup A' = U$
 $A \cap A' = \emptyset$

A and A' are always disjoint!

Sample Problem:

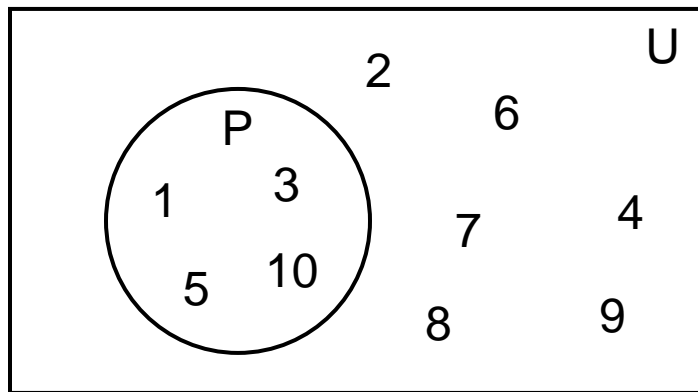
Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

$P = \{1, 3, 5, 10\}$

1. Find P'

$$P' = \{2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

2. Write the Venn diagram representation.



Sample Problem:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

1. Find $A \cap B$

answer: $\{1, 2\}$

2. Find $(A' \cup B)'$

answer: $\{1, 2\}$

*For intersections using Venn diagrams, shade both sets and then look for the double-shaded part.

Definitions:

binary operations – done on 2 sets (eg. intersection and union)

unary operations – done on 1 set (eg. complements)

Definitions must be:

section 1.3

1. **Clear**. The definition must communicate the point and state the term being defined. Avoid vague or ambiguous language.
2. **Useful**. The definition must use only words that have been previously defined or are commonly accepted as undefined.
3. **Precise**. The definition must be accurate and reversible. Identify the class to which the object belongs and its distinguishing characteristics.
4. **Concise**. The definition must be a good sentence and use good grammar. Stick to the point and avoid unnecessary words.
5. **Objective**. The definition must be neutral. Avoid emotional words, figures of speech, and limitations of time or place.

Practice:

Tell the criteria that are missing in these poor definitions:

1. A baboon is a monkey.

Imprecise since it is not reversible.

2. A sprint is an ambulatory motion at an individual's maximal rate for a limited duration.

Useless – circular, definition involves more difficult vocabulary than the term itself.

3. A trowel is a small hand-held shovel for digging in the garden with.

Not concise due to redundant words (small, hand-held) and poor grammar (ends with preposition).

4. Reporters are deceivers who censor truth and sensationalize stories to promote the liberal agenda.

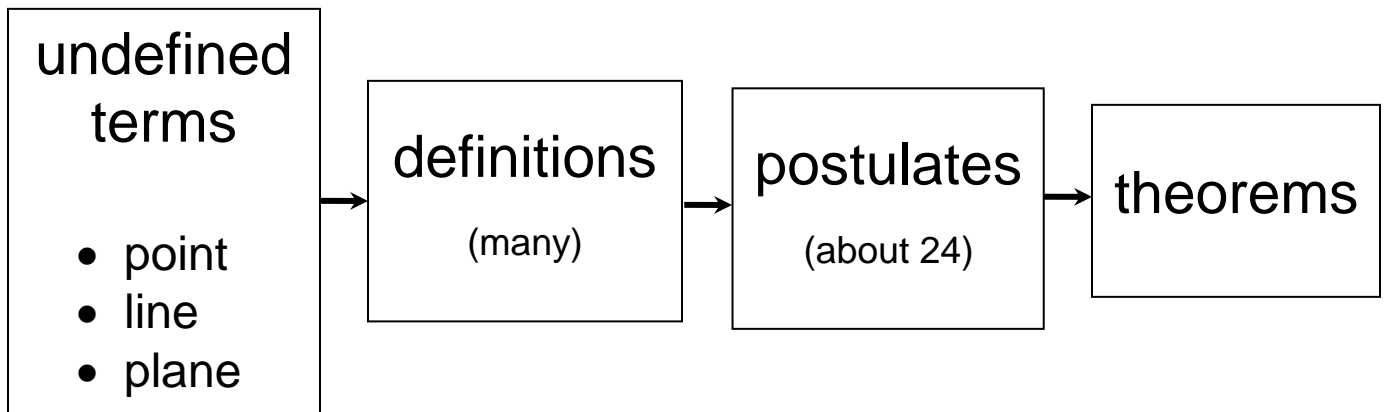
Not objective – many emotion-laden words (deceivers, censor, sensationalize, liberal)

5. A schism divides people.

Unclear – does it saw them in half, or confine them in separate cells, or make them uncooperative?

section 1.4

Geometry has 3 undefined words: point, line, plane.



Definitions:

collinear points – points that lie on the same line

noncollinear points – points that do not lie on the same line

concurrent lines – lines that intersect at a single point

coplanar points – points that lie in the same plane

noncoplanar points – points that do not lie in the same plane

coplanar lines – lines that lie in the same plane

parallel lines – coplanar lines that do not intersect

skew lines – lines that are not coplanar

parallel planes – planes in space that do not intersect

postulates – statements which are assumed to be true without proof (using both defined and undefined terms) They show relationships between defined and undefined terms.

theorems – statements that can be shown true by a logical progression of previous terms and statements.

undefined terms → building blocks for definitions

postulates → building blocks for theorems

Note: We also use definitions and other theorems to prove theorems.

Postulates cannot be proved.

Theorems must be proved.

Practice problem:

Undefined terms: puppy, dog, mammal

Postulates: 1. Dogs are mammals.
2. Dogs bear live young called puppies.
3. All mammals nurse their young.

What conclusions (theorems) can be proved logically (deduced) from these?

Theorem 1: Dogs nurse their puppies

Theorem 2: Some mammals bear live young.

Definition: Pulis are long-haired dogs from Hungary.

What new theorems are there?

Theorem 3: Pulis are mammals.

Theorem 4: Pulis bear live young called puppies.

Theorem 5: Pulis nurse their puppies.

Note: Theorem 5 follows from the definition and Theorem 1.