

# DISCRETE MATH: LECTURE 1

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## 1. IN THE BEGINNING...AKA CHAPTER 1.1

### 1.1. The Trinity.

- A **Universal Statement** says that a certain property is true for all elements in a set. (*for all*)
- A **Conditional Statement** is an if-then statement, that is, if one thing is true then some other thing is also true. (*if-then*)
- A **Existential Statement** says that there is at least one thing for which the property is true. (*there exists*)

### 1.2. The Trinity Remix.

- **Universal Conditional Statements** are both universal and conditional.  
For example: For all animals  $a$ , if  $a$  is a dog, then  $a$  is a mammal.  
Your example:

- **Universal Existential Statements** are universal because the first part of the statement says that a certain property is true for all objects of a given type, and it is existential because its second part asserts the existence of something.  
For example: Every real number has an additive inverse.  
Your example:

- **Existential Universal Statements** assert that a certain object exists in the first part of the statement and says that the object satisfies a certain property for all things of a certain kind in the second part.

For example: There is a positive integer that is less than or equal to every positive integer.

Your example:

1.3. **In Class Group Work.** Section 1.1, Page 6: Answer questions 8, 10, and 12 and write down what kind of statement they are (i.e. is question 8 a universal statement, or an existential universal statement, or....).

## 2. CHAPTER 1.2 SETS

## 2.1. Organizing Math Stuff, or Sets if you want to be formal.

- A **Set** is a collection of objects. The objects in the collection are called the **Elements** of the set. If  $S$  is a set, then  $x \in S$  means that  $x$  is an element of  $S$ . If we write  $x \notin S$ , we mean that  $x$  is not an element of  $S$ .
- Some sets in math are "celebrities", i.e. they are given special symbolic names that are used instead of set-roster notation or set-builder notation (more on set-builder below).
  - $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  stands for the *set of all real numbers*.
  - $\mathbf{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$  stands for the *set of all integers*.
  - $\mathbf{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}$  stands for the *set of all rational numbers*.
- A set may be specified using the **Set-Roster Notation** by writing all of its elements between braces. For example:  $\{1, 2, 3\}$
- NOTE: A set is completely determined by what its elements are—not the order in which they might be listed or the fact that some elements might be listed more than once.

Exercise: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 1, 2\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3\}$ . What are the elements of  $A$ ? Of  $B$ ? How about  $C$ ? How are  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  related?

Is  $\{0\}$  the same as  $0$ ?

How many elements are in the set  $\{1, \{1\}\}$ ?

- Another way to specify a set is called the **Set-Builder Notation**. Let  $S$  denote a set and let  $P(x)$  be a property that elements of  $S$  may or may not satisfy. We may define a new set to be **the set of all elements  $x$  in  $S$  such that  $P(x)$  is true**. We denote this set as:  $\{x \in S | P(x)\}$   
 For example:  $E = \{n \in \mathbf{R} | n \text{ is a positive even integer}\} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$   
Exercise: Write down the following set using Set-Builder Notation:  $X = \{\text{Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama}\}$

## 2.2. Subsets.

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $A$  is called a **Subset** of  $B$ , written  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ , if, and only if, every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ . It follows that for a set  $A$  to NOT be a subset of set  $B$  means that there is at least one element of  $A$  that is not an element of  $B$ . Symbolically,  $\mathbf{A} \not\subseteq \mathbf{B}$  means that there is at least one element such that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.  $A$  is a **Proper Subset** of  $B$ , if, and only if, every element of  $A$  is in  $B$  but there is at least one element of  $B$  that is not in  $A$ .
- Set  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if, and only if,  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$  are both true.
- NOTE: Do not confuse  $\subseteq$  and  $\in$ ! See Example 1.2.4 on page 10!  
For example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ ,  $C = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}$ , and  $D = \{5, 3, 1, 2, 4\}$ .

## 2.3. Cartesian Products or Speed Dating for Mathematical Objects.

- Given elements  $a$  and  $b$ , the symbol  $(a, b)$  denotes the **Ordered Pair** consisting of  $a$  and  $b$  together with the specification that  $a$  is the first element of the pair and  $b$  is the second element. Two ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  are equal if, and only if,  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .
- Given sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the **Cartesian Product of  $A$  and  $B$** , denoted  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  and read "A cross B," is the set of all ordered pairs  $(a, b)$ , where  $a$  is in  $A$  and  $b$  is in  $B$ . Symbolically:  $A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$ .  
For example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{u, v\}$ . Then  $A \times B$  is

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Let  $\mathbf{R}$  denote the set of all real numbers. Describe  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ .

2.4. **In Class Group Work.** Section 1.2, Page 13: Answer question 11.

### 3. RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

#### 3.1. **Relations: $x$ and $y$ hook up.**

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A **Relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$**  is a subset of  $A \times B$ . Given an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  in  $A \times B$ ,  $x$  is **related to  $y$  by  $R$** , written  $xRy$ , if, and only if,  $(x, y)$  is in  $R$ . The set  $A$  is called the domain of  $R$  and the set  $B$  is called its co-domain.

For example: Let  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{6, 8, 10\}$  and define a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$  as follows: For all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,  $(x, y) \in R$  means that  $\frac{y}{x}$  is an integer.  
Is  $4R6$ ? Is  $4R8$ ? Is  $(3, 8) \in R$ ? Is  $(2, 10) \in R$ ?

Write  $R$  as a set of ordered pairs.

Write the domain and co-domain of  $R$ .

Draw an arrow diagram for  $R$ .

**3.2. Functions:  $x$  wants to be exclusive with  $y$ .**

- A **Function  $F$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$**  is a relation with domain  $A$  and co-domain  $B$  that satisfies the following two properties:

- (1) For every element  $x$  in  $A$ , there is an element  $y$  in  $B$  such that  $(x, y) \in F$ .
- (2) For all elements  $x$  in  $A$  and  $y$  and  $z$  in  $B$ , if  $(x, y) \in F$  and  $(x, z) \in F$ , then  $y = z$ .

For example: Let  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ . Which of the relations  $R, S$ , and  $T$  defined below are functions from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

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

For all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,  $(x, y) \in S$  means that  $y = x + 1$ .

$T$  is defined by the arrow diagram

**3.3. In Class Group Work.** Section 1.3, Page 21: Answer questions 3 and 7.