

# LECTURE 2

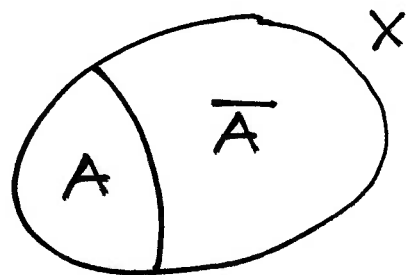
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Def. If  $A \subseteq X$  its complement (in  $X$ ) is the family of all elements of  $X$  not in  $A$ :

$$\bar{A} = X - A = \{x \in X : x \notin A\}.$$

(sometimes  $A^c$ )

Obs:  $\overline{\bar{A}} = A.$



EX ( $X = \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \text{ not rational}\}$$

"irrational numbers". II.  $\pi \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}.$

Def. The "power set" of  $X$  is the collection of all its subsets:

Note:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\emptyset} = X \\ \overline{X} = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{A : A \subseteq X\}.$$

(never empty)

- thus,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $X \in \mathcal{P}(X)$

EX  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}.$

$$\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}.$$

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, X\}.$$

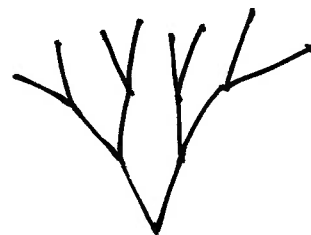
— in general, if  $X$  is finite with  $|X| = n$ , then  $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^n$  (exc.)

$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ , how many subsets?

$$A \subseteq X$$

include  $x_1$ ?  
yes/no.

include  $x_n$ ?  
yes/no.



Combinatorics:  $2^n$  possibilities.

I.e.,  $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^n$ .

power set — consisting of all subsets  $A \subseteq X$ .

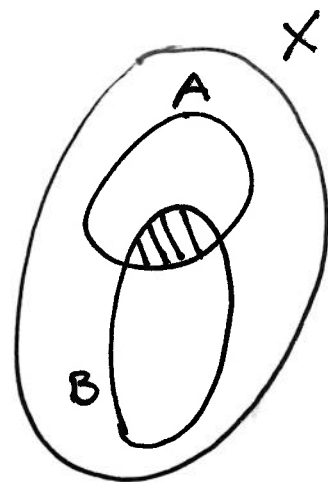
— Set operations: Fix a set  $X$  ("universal")  
 $A$  and  $B$  two subsets of  $X$ .

Def. The intersection is

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

The union is

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



EX  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cap X = A$$

$$A \cup X = X.$$

possibly in both.

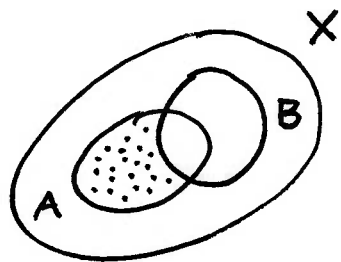
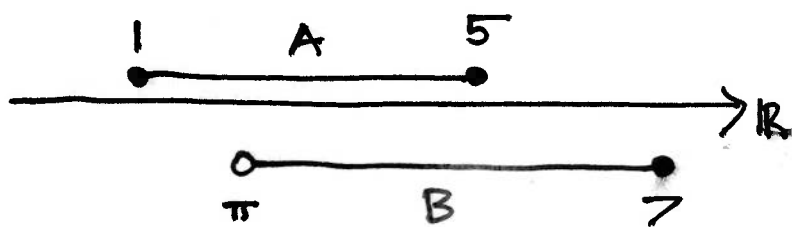
o Terminology: When  $A \cap B = \emptyset$   
— we say  $A, B$  "no overlap"  
and disjoint.

~~EX~~ ( $X = \mathbb{Z}$ )  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 3\} = \{3, 4, 5, \dots\}$   
 $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq 5\} = \{\dots, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

Here  $A \cap B = \{3, 4, 5\}$  and  $A \cup B = \mathbb{Z}$ .

~~EX~~  $A \cup \bar{A} = X$   
 $A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$ .

~~EX~~ ( $X = \mathbb{R}$ )  $A = [1, 5]$   
 $B = (\pi, 7]$



— Here  $A \cap B = (\pi, 5]$   
 $A \cup B = [1, 7]$ .

Def. The difference is  $A - B = \{x \in A : x \notin B\}$   
 (or relative complement)  $= A \cap \bar{B}$

• Useful observation: For any two  $A, B \subseteq X$ ,

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

all mutually disjoint.

[Unions/intersections of three (or more) subsets are def. in the obvious way.] — more later..

Theorem (De Morgan's laws)  $A, B \subseteq X$ .

$$(i) \quad \overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

$$(ii) \quad \overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

→ Why? An  $x \in X$  lies in the LHS precisely when

(i)  $x$  is not in  $A \cup B$ , i.e. when  $x$  is not in  $A$ , and not in  $B$ . This means  $x \in \overline{A}$  and  $x \in \overline{B}$ ; equivalently  $x$  lies in the RHS. ✓

→ Can now deduce (ii) by applying (i) to  $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{B}$ :

$$\overline{\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}} = \overline{\overline{A}} \cup \overline{\overline{B}} = A \cup B.$$

Taking the complement:

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{\overline{\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}}}$$

↑ using  $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$  etc.

which is (ii). ✓