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Then:  $\bar{A} = \{4, 5, 6, \dots\}$   
 $\bar{E} = \{1, 3, 5, \dots\} = O$   
 $\bar{O} = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\} = E$

## Indexing by sets

- it's often useful to take unions / intersections of more than 2 sets  
 $\hookrightarrow$  need notation for this.

Ex: For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$A_i = \{-i, 0, i\}$$

so, e.g.,  $A_1 = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{-2, 0, 2\}$ , etc

- then  $A_1 \cup A_2 = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

or even  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_{10}$

$$= \{-10, -9, \dots, 8, 9, 10\}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  we could denote the above union

as 
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{10} A_i$$

- but instead we'll think of the index variable  $i$  as "ranging over" the set  $C_{10} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$  and write

$$\bigcup_{i \in C_{10}} A_i$$

- in the same way we could write

$$\bigcup_{i \in \{1, 2\}} A_i \quad \text{for } A_1 \cup A_2$$

$$\bigcup_{i \in \{1, 2, 3\}} A_i \quad \text{for } A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$$

More generally:

Def'n: Sp. that  $I$  is a set (called the index set) s.t. for every  $i \in I$  we have defined a set  $A_i$ .  
we define

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$$

as the set of el'ts contained in at least one of the  $A_i$ 's.

$$\text{i.e. } x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$$

iff there exists an  $i \in I$  s.t.  $x \in A_i$

We also define:

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$$\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$$

is the set of el'ts contained in every  $A_i$

i.e.  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  iff  $x \in A_i$  for every  $i \in I$ .

Ex's: For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $A_i = \{-i, 0, i\}$  as before.

① Let  $I = [10] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$

Then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}} A_i = \{-10, -9, \dots, 8, 9, 10\}$

whereas  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \{0\}$ .

② An infinite union:

$$\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

③ Let  $E = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$

then:  $\bigcup_{i \in E} A_i = \{\dots, -2, 0, 2, 4, \dots\}$ .

④ It may be that the indices themselves are sets!

e.g. let

$$X = \{\{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}\}$$

What is  $\bigcup_{y \in X} y$ ?

↳ the union of all sets in X!

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{y \in X} y &= \{1,2\} \cup \{1,3\} \cup \{1,4\} \\ &= \{1,2,3,4\} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\bigcap_{y \in X} y = \{1,2\} \cap \{1,3\} \cap \{1,4\} = \{1\}$ .

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### Equality of Sets

- a set is determined by its elements: two sets are equal exactly when they have the same elements.  
↳ can make this precise w/ a def'n.

Def'n For sets A, B we define

$$A = B \text{ iff } A \subseteq B \text{ and } B \subseteq A$$

i.e.  $A = B$  iff whenever  $a \in A$ , then  $a \in B$  and whenever  $b \in B$ , then  $b \in A$

Notation if we've defined  $A_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , we'll write  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  for the set of all sets  $A_i$  for  $i \in I$ .

e.g. if  $i = [3] = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $A_i = \{-i, 0, i\}$  as above, then

$$\{A_i : i \in [3]\}$$

denotes the set  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$

$$= \{\{-1, 0, 1\}, \{-2, 0, 2\}, \{-3, 0, 3\}\}.$$



↳ main relevance of def'n  $\cup$  in proofs:  
to prove  $A = B$  one proves

(i)  $A \subseteq B$  and (ii)  $B \subseteq A$

↳ more on this later...

## Powersets

- Consider the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

- Can we list all subsets of  $A$ ?

Yup:

	$\{1\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	
$\emptyset$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
	$\{3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	

- the set of all these subsets  
is called the powerset of  $A$ .

$\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$

Def'n Given a set  $X$ , the powerset of  $X$ , denoted  $P(X)$ , is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , i.e.

$Y \in P(X)$  iff  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Ex ① -  $\{1, 95, 10^{200}\} \subseteq N$ , hence  $\{1, 95, 10^{200}\} \in P(N)$  <sup>(2L)</sup>  
- Also  $\emptyset \in P(N)$ ,  $0 \in P(N)$ ,  $N \in P(N)$   
- but  $\{-1, 0, 13\} \notin P(N)$ , since  $\{-1, 0, 13\} \not\subseteq N$ .

② Prop'n For any set  $X$  we have:

(i)  $\emptyset \in P(X)$

(ii)  $X \in P(X)$

PF: we know  $\emptyset \subseteq X$  and  $X \subseteq X$ .

③ Prop'n: For any sets  $A, B$ ,

if  $A \subseteq B$  then  $P(A) \subseteq P(B)$

PF - assume  $A \subseteq B$  and fix  $X \in P(A)$

- then  $X \subseteq A$ , by def'n of powerset.

- Then, since  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $X \subseteq B$   
by transitivity of  $\subseteq$  (proved before)

- Hence  $X \in P(B)$

- Since  $X \in P(A)$  was arbitrary, we have  
 $P(A) \subseteq P(B)$  ✓

④ What is  $P(\emptyset)$ ?

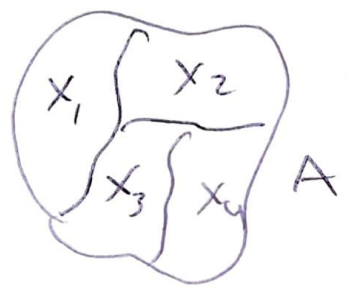
- only subset of  $\emptyset$  is  $\emptyset$

- hence  $P(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$ .

# Partition

A partition of a set  $A$  is a collection of subsets that split  $A$  up into disjoint pieces.

Picture:



$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  is a partition of  $A$  into 4 pieces.

Formal def'n: A partition of a set  $A$

is a set  $P$  of sets s.t.

(i) for every  $x \in P$  we have  $x \subseteq A$  and  $x \neq \emptyset$ .

(ii) for every  $x, y \in P$ , if  $x \neq y$  then  $x \cap y = \emptyset$

(iii)  $\bigcup_{x \in P} x = A$ .

Vocab: (ii) says that the sets  $x \in P$  are pairwise disjoint.



Ex 5: ① Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = C_6$  (24)

Let  $S_1 = \{1\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{2, 3, 6\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{4, 5\}$

Then:  $P = \{S_1, S_2, S_3\} = \{\{1\}, \{2, 3, 6\}, \{4, 5\}\}$   
is a partition of  $A$ .

Why: (i)  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  all nonempty subsets of  $A$ . ✓

(ii)  $S_1 \cap S_2 = S_1 \cap S_3 = S_2 \cap S_3 = \emptyset$  ✓

(iii)  $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 = A$  ✓

However -  $\{S_1, S_2\}$  is not a partition of  $A$ , since (iii) fails.

- Let  $S_4 = \{1, 6\}$ . Then  $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\}$  is not a partition of  $A$ , since (ii) fails (e.g.  $S_1 \cap S_4 = \{1\} \neq \emptyset$ ).

②  $\{E, 0\}$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

③ - consider  $\mathbb{R}$

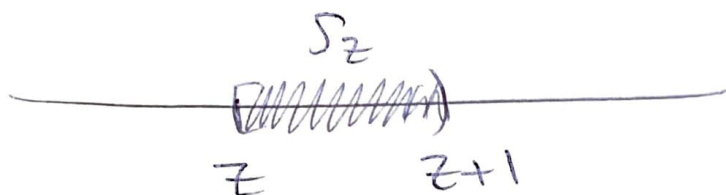
- for every  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define

$$S_z = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid z \leq x < z+1\}$$

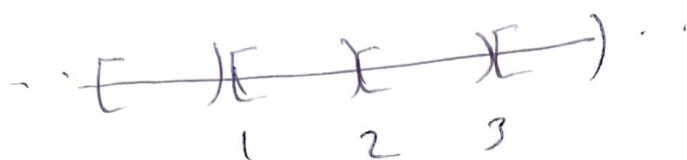
$$= [z, z+1)$$

e.g.  $S_1 = [1, 2)$

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Then  $\{S_z : z \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(Why?)



④ OTOTH if we define

on the other hand

$$T_z = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid z \leq x < z+1\} \\ = [z, z+1)$$

then  $\{T_z : z \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is not a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ , since e.g.  $T_1 \cap T_2 = [1, 2] \cap [2, 3] = \{2\} \neq \emptyset$ .

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Cartesian Products: Def'n: Sp's  $A, B$  are sets. Their Cartesian product, denoted  $A \times B$ , is the set of all ordered pairs with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .