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Sets and its fundamental concepts

Sets - A well defined collection of distinct objects is called set.

Note: By well define we mean there is no ambiguity confusion regarding inclusion or exclusion of any object.

2. collection / set builder notation

$$X = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Type of} \\ \text{object} \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} \text{rule for collection} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

3. Generally sets are denoted by capital letters A, B, etc. where as objects included in the set, called elements, denoted by small letters a, b, c, etc.

4. NAC: When we define a set, the set itself became a object and eligible to be collected for some other set.

If x is an object collected in the set X , we write $x \in X$. (x belongs to X).

Axioms of Regularity:-

if x is a set then $x \notin x$

Note: Empty collection of well define has be a set without object called empty set, Void set or null set, it is denoted by $\{ \}$ or \emptyset

- (i) ordinary set: x 's ordinary set. if $x \notin x$.
- (ii) extra ordinary set: $x \in x$.

Russel's Paradox:-

There is no set^{of} all set.

$x = \{ \text{the set of all set; } A \notin A \}$
 = The collection of ordinary set.

Axioms of choice :-

if we have collection of non-embty set, then we can choose one element from each set.

Subset :- Let A and B are set s.t.

if $x \in A$
 $\Rightarrow x \in B$
 Then we say
 A is a subset
 of B and we
 write $A \subset B$
 if $A \subset B$ and $\exists x \in B$
 $s.t. x \notin A$
 $A \subsetneq B$

if $\exists x \in A$
 $s.t. x \notin B$
 then we say A is subset
 of B and we write:
 $A \subset B$
 $\exists x \in \{ \} s.t. x \notin X$ (any)
 $\{ \}$ or \emptyset
 \Rightarrow Empty set is subset
 of every set

A and A are set

$$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow A \subset A$$

Every set is a subset of itself.

Power set :- Let X be a set Then

$$P(X) = \{A : A \subset X\}$$

= The set of all the subset of X

called the power set.

\Rightarrow for any set X , $P(X)$ is never empty.

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

Note :-

$$X = \{a, b, c, \{a, b\}, \}$$

$$A = \{a, b\}$$

Cartesian Product :-

Let A and B are set

$$a \in A, b \in B$$

$$a, b = \{a, \{a, b\}\} \subset A \cup (A \cup B)$$

$$c, d = \{c, \{c, d\}\}$$

$$\text{if } a, b = c, d$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a, \{a, b\}\} = \{c, \{c, d\}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = c, b = d$$

Adopt a notation

$$(a, b) = a, b$$

$$(c, d) = c, d$$

$$(a, b) = (b, a)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \}$$

Similarly

$$A \times B \times C = \{ (a, b, c) : a \in A, b \in B, c \in C \}$$

$$\mathbb{N} = \{ 1, 2, 3, \dots, n, n+1, \dots \}$$

= The set of natural number.

S_n = An initial segment of \mathbb{N} .

Symbolic board:

1
2
3
⋮
n
n+1
⋮

Function :- Let A and B are non empty set then a rule by which every element of A is assigned to some unique element of B define a function from A to B and denoted by $f: A \rightarrow B$.

if $x \in A$ is assigned to $y \in B$.

we write $y = f(x)$.

y is called the image of x under f and

x is called 'a' pre image.

A : domain.

B : codomain.

$f(A) = \{ f(x) : x \in A \} \subset B$ called 'The range of f '

Types:

one-one function:

$$f(a) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

onto or surjection function:

$$f(A) = B$$

Bijection : 1-1 and onto both.

Similar set :-

Two non-empty sets are said to be similar if there exists a bijection map between them. The terms like equivalent, or equinumerous, or equipotential are also used in place of similar.

Note:- If $f: A \rightarrow B$ onto fails to exist (there is no function onto.) We say B is more potential than A.

$$|A| \leq |B|$$

2. If there exist one-one function from A to B then B has more or equal potential than A.

$$|A| \leq |B|$$

Cantor's Theorem:

from any set to its power set can be defined onto function

Hence the potential of power set has ^{always} more than set itself.

Let $f : A \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} P(A)$

$x \in A \Rightarrow f(x) \in P(A)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \subset A$

then for any $x \in A$

either $x \in f(x)$ or $x \notin f(x)$

$X = \{x \in A : x \notin f(x)\}$

$\Rightarrow X \subset A \Rightarrow X \in P(A)$

as f is onto

$\exists a \in A$

s.t. $f(a) = X$

$a \in X$ $a \notin f(a)$ $a \notin X$	$a \notin X$ $a \in f(a)$ $a \in X$
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$\Rightarrow f$ can not be onto.

Finite set :- if $A \approx \mathbb{S}_n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
 $\Rightarrow A$ is finite, n is called the cardinality of A and denoted by $|A|$,
 s. $|A| = n$.

Infinite :- if $A \neq \emptyset$ and $A \not\approx \mathbb{S}_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
 $\Rightarrow A$ is infinite

Example - \mathbb{N} .

$|\mathbb{N}| = \aleph_0$ (aleph naught)

$|\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})| = \mathbb{C}$ (continuum)

continuum hypothesis :-

There is no transfinite number (symbol) between aleph nought \aleph_0 and continuum \mathcal{C} i.e. there is no set whose potential ^{is} more than \aleph_0 and less than \mathcal{C} . This is known as continuum hypothesis.

NAC :- The element of any set can be put under by counting processes if there is rule by which first member, second member - - - etc are define and successor of every ... member of the set is define when the set gets exhausted.

Example: The element S_n and \mathbb{N} are naturally under counting process.

countable set :- A set is said to be countable if it is either empty or finite or similar to \mathbb{N} .

Countably infinite :-

A set is similar to \mathbb{N} , is called countably infinite moreover if A is countably infinite

i.e. $A \sim \mathbb{N}$ then.

We can write $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\}$.

Note :- A set is countable if it is finite or countably infinite.

(ii) Every countably infinite set has cardinality \aleph_0 .

Uncountable set: A set is uncountable if it is neither finite nor countably infinite, i.e. not countable.

Example:- $P(\mathbb{N})$, $P(P(\mathbb{N}))$, $P(P(P(\mathbb{N})))$

Lemma 1: Every infinite set has a countably infinite subset. Hence \aleph_0 is the smallest transfinite number.

Proof: Let X is an infinite set.

by AOC, select $x \in X$
and name it $x = a_1$.

define $A_1 = \{a_1\}$.

now again select $x \in X - A_1$
and name it $x = a_2$.

define $A_2 = A_1 \cup \{a_2\}$
 $= \{a_1, a_2\}$.

Similarly $A_3 = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$.

$\Rightarrow A_n$ is defined $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

define $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$.

$\Rightarrow A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\}$

A is countably infinite and $A \subseteq X$.

Now if $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$

as $f(0) = a_0 \Rightarrow f$ is 1-1

$$\Rightarrow |N| \leq |X|$$

$$\aleph_0 \leq |X|$$

Lemma-II :- Every infinite set is similar to at least one of its proper subset more over if X is infinite set
 $F \subset X$, F is finite, $X \sim X - F$.

Proof :-

X is infinite

$$\exists A \subset X.$$

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$$

$$X = (X - A) \cup A.$$

$$B = A - \{a_1\}.$$

$$Y = (X - A) \cup B.$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \subsetneq X \text{ as } a_1 \notin Y.$$

$$f: X = (X - A) \cup A \rightarrow Y = (X - A) \cup B.$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \in X - A \\ a_{i+1} & x = a_i \end{cases}$$

f is 1-1 and onto

$$X \sim Y.$$

Note:- If every proper subset of a set is countable then set has to be countable. (Proof Lemma-2).

#12. If every countable subset of S is a proper subset of S then S is uncountable set.

Example $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$: Since every proper subset of $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$ is countable but $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N})$ is uncountable.

Some Important similar sets:-

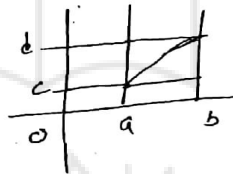
#1. For any $a, b, (a \neq b) \in \mathbb{R}$

$$[a, b] \sim (a, b) \sim [a, b), \sim (a, b] \quad (\text{by Lemma 2}).$$

#2. Let $I = [a, b], a \neq b$
 $J = [c, d], c \neq d$.

define $f: I \rightarrow J$

$$f(x) = \frac{d-c}{b-a}(x-a) + c$$



f is 1-1 and onto.

$$\Rightarrow I \sim J \Rightarrow [a, b] \sim [c, d]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [a, b] &\sim [c, d] \\
 &\sim [c, d] \\
 &\sim [e, d]
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. Any two non-trivial intervals also are similar set.

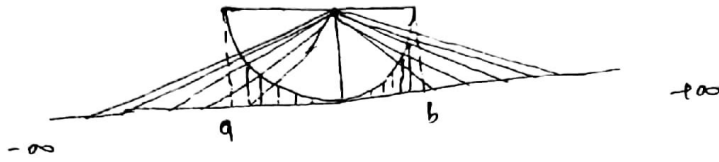
#3.

$$f: (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = \tan x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a, b) &\sim (a, b) \sim (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \sim \mathbb{R} \\
 &\sim [a, b] \sim \mathbb{R} \\
 &\sim [a, b) \sim \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.



$$A = (a, b)$$

= The set of points on the semi-circle

$$C = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$A \cup B \cup C = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \cup \mathbb{R}$$

$$(c, d) \cup \mathbb{R}$$

$$(a, b) \cup (c, d)$$

5.

Let A and B are non-empty set

$$B^A = \{ f \mid f: A \rightarrow B \}$$

a new notation

$$\text{then } |B^A| = |B|^{|A|}$$

Example: $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{ f \mid f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \}$.

$$\boxed{|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = \aleph_0^{\aleph_0}}$$

Similarly.

$$|\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$$

If $X \subset A \neq \emptyset$

$\exists f_X: A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$.

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in X \\ 0 & x \notin X \end{cases}$$

This is known as characteristic function.

If $X \subset A \Rightarrow \exists f_X: A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$.

$$f_Y(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in Y \\ 0 & x \notin Y \end{cases}$$

If $X \neq Y$

$\Rightarrow f_X \neq f_Y$

If $X \in P(A)$

$\Rightarrow X \subset A$

$\exists f_X: A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in X \\ 0 & x \notin X \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow f_X \in \{0,1\}^A$

define $\phi: P(A) \rightarrow \{0,1\}^A$.

$$\phi(X) = f_X$$

If $\phi(X) = \phi(Y)$

$\Rightarrow f_X = f_Y$

$\Rightarrow X = Y$.

\square is 1-1.

$$g \in \{0,1\}^A$$

$$\Rightarrow g: A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

$$T \equiv \{n \in A : g(n) = 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow T \subset A$$

$$\Rightarrow T \in P(A)$$

$$f_T: A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

$$f_T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \in T \\ 0 & n \notin T \end{cases}$$

$$f_T(n) \in \{0,1\}^A \Rightarrow f_T = g$$

$$\phi(T) = f_T = g$$

ϕ is onto

Imp

$$P(A) \simeq \{0,1\}^A$$

in particular

$$P(\mathbb{N}) \simeq \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

$$c = 2^{\aleph_0}$$

$$\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \simeq P(\mathbb{N})$$

$$\Rightarrow \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ is uncountable}$$

$$\text{and } |\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}| = c$$

Now define $S = \{ \langle a_n \rangle : a_n = 0,1 \}$.

$$S \simeq \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \simeq P(\mathbb{N})$$

The set of all the sequence of 0 and 1 is uncountable with cardinality c .

- # If $P(A)$ is infinite.
- $\Rightarrow A$ is infinite.
 - $\Rightarrow |A| < |P(A)|$
 - $\Rightarrow P(A)$ cannot be countably infinite
 - i.e. $|P(A)| \neq \aleph_0$ for any A .

Tools For countability

T_1 : If there exist one-one function from A to \mathbb{N} . (any countable set) then A is countable.

T_2 : Let X be countable set and $A \subseteq X$
 define $f: A \rightarrow X$

$f(m) = x$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is one-one.
 \Rightarrow by T_1 , A is countable.

"Every subset of countable set is countable."

T_3 :- If A and B are countable then $A \times B$ is countable.

Proof:- first we claim $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

$$f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f(m, n) = 2^m \cdot 3^n$$

$$f(m, n) = f(r, s)$$

$$2^m \cdot 3^n = 2^r \cdot 3^s$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{m-r} = 3^{s-n}$$

$$\Rightarrow m-r = 0, \quad s-n = 0.$$

$$m=r \text{ and } s=n$$

$$\Rightarrow (m,n) = (r,s)$$

ϕ is 1-1
 by π , $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

Now let

$$A = \{ a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots \}$$

$$B = \{ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, b_{n+1}, \dots \}$$

$$A \times B = \{ (a_i, b_j) : a_i \in A, b_j \in B \}$$

define $\phi: A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

$$\phi(a_i, b_j) = (i, j)$$

$\Rightarrow \phi$ is one-one and onto

$$A \times B \sim \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \sim \mathbb{N}$$

$\Rightarrow A \times B$ is countable set.

T4: If $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, A_{k+1}, \dots$ are countable sets
 then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_m = \prod_{i=1}^m A_i \text{ is countable.}$$

It is finite cartesian ^{product} of countable set is countable.

Example:- \mathbb{Z} is countable.
 $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is countable.

Now write $p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

$$\text{as } p/q = (p, q) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$