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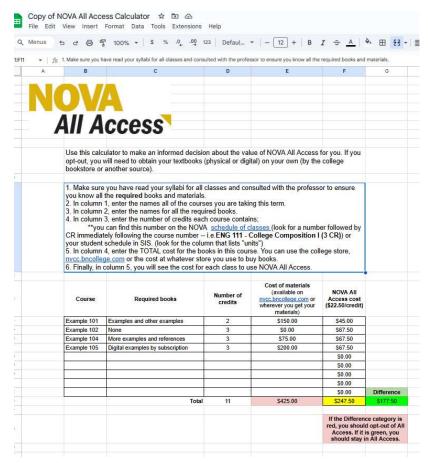
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Memorize

Definition 1.1. A **set** is a well-defined collection of objects which are called the 'elements' of the set. Here, 'well-defined' means that it is possible to determine if something belongs to the collection or not, without prejudice.

Ways to Describe Sets

- 1. The Verbal Method: Use a sentence to define a set.
- 2. **The Roster Method:** Begin with a left brace '{', list each element of the set *only once* and then end with a right brace '}'.
- 3. The Set-Builder Method: A combination of the verbal and roster methods using a "dummy variable" such as x.

$$A_1 = \{ 1, 2, 3 \} = \{ 3, 2, 1 \} = \{ 1, 2, 3, 1 \}$$
 $A_2 = \{ x \mid 1 \le x \le 3 \}$
 $= \text{the set of all } x \text{ such that } x \text{ is greater than or exhalt of } x \text{ and } x \text{ is less than or exhalt of } 3$
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Sets of Numbers

- 1. The **Empty Set**: $\emptyset = \{\} = \{x \mid x \neq x\}$. This is the set with no elements. Like the number '0,' it plays a vital role in mathematics.^a
- 2. The **Natural Numbers**: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$ The periods of ellipsis here indicate that the natural numbers contain 1, 2, 3, 'and so forth'.
- 3. The Whole Numbers: $\mathbb{W} = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$
- 4. The **Integers**: $\mathbb{Z} = \{\ldots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$
- 5. The **Rational Numbers**: $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$. Rational numbers are the <u>ratios</u> of integers (provided the denominator is not zero!) It turns out that another way to describe the rational numbers^b is:

 $\mathbb{Q} = \{x \mid x \text{ possesses a repeating or terminating decimal representation.}\}$

- 6. The **Real Numbers**: $\mathbb{R} = \{x \mid x \text{ possesses a decimal representation.}\}$
- 7. The **Irrational Numbers**: $\mathbb{P} = \{x \mid x \text{ is a non-rational real number.}\}$ Said another way, an irrational number is a decimal which neither repeats nor terminates.
- 8. The Complex Numbers: $\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ Despite their importance, the complex numbers play only a minor role in the text.

 $^{^{}a}...$ which, sadly, we will not explore in this text.

^bSee Section 9.2.

^cThe classic example is the number π (See Section 10.1), but numbers like $\sqrt{2}$ and 0.101001000100001... are other fine representatives.

^dThey first appear in Section 3.4 and return in Section 11.7.

Interval Notation

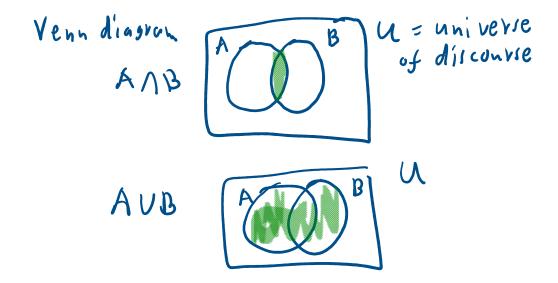
Let a and b be real numbers with a < b.

| Set of Real Numbers | Interval Notation | Region on the Real Number Line | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|---|----------------|
| $\{x \mid a < x < b\}$ | (a,b) | a b | _ | () |
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| $\{x \mid a \le x \le b\}$ | [a,b] | a b | | { |
| $\{x x < b\}$ | $(-\infty,b)$ | $\overset{\longleftarrow}{\overset{\circ}{b}}$ | | م ک |
| $\{x x \leq b\}$ | $(-\infty,b]$ | ← | | |
| $\{x \mid x > a\}$ | (a,∞) | $\stackrel{\circ}{a} \longrightarrow$ | | ٩ ا |
| $\{x x \geq a\}$ | $[a,\infty)$ | $\stackrel{\bullet}{a}$ | | |
| \mathbb{R} | $(-\infty,\infty)$ | ← | | |

Memorize

Definition 1.2. Suppose A and B are two sets.

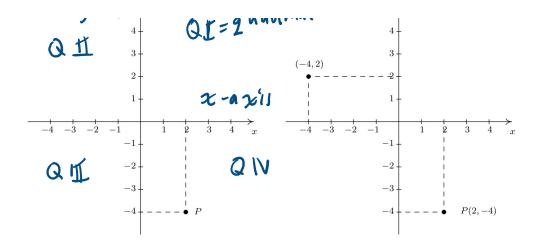
- The intersection of A and B: $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$
- The **union** of A and B: $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ (or both)}\}\$



Memorize

Cartesian plane (Decartes)

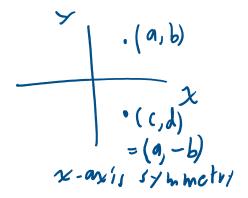
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Definition 1.3. Two points (a, b) and (c, d) in the plane are said to be

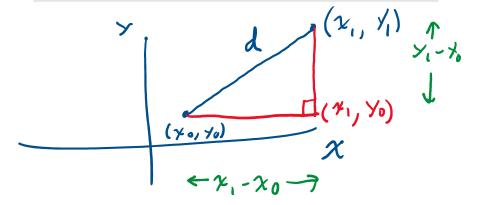
- symmetric about the x-axis if a = c and b = -d
- symmetric about the y-axis if a=-c and b=d
- symmetric about the origin if a = -c and b = -d

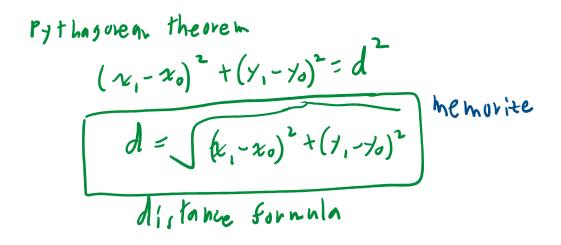


Reflections

To reflect a point (x, y) about the:

- x-axis, replace y with -y.
- y-axis, replace x with -x.
- origin, replace x with -x and y with -y.





Memorize

Equation 1.2. The Midpoint Formula: The midpoint M of the line segment connecting $P(x_0, y_0)$ and $Q(x_1, y_1)$ is:

$$M = \left(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}, \frac{y_0 + y_1}{2}\right)$$

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