

CS2120  
Discrete Math  
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# Agenda

- **Quiz Friday/Wknd**
- *Truth Tables*, sets, propositions

# Ways to describe Sets

- Listing out the elements of a set works well for sets that are small and finite. What about larger sets?
- Set Builder Notation!

$$S = \{x \in A \mid x \text{ is blue}\}$$

The set of all  $x$  in  
 $A$

Vertical Bar is  
read “such that”

Property (or  
properties) of  $x$  that  
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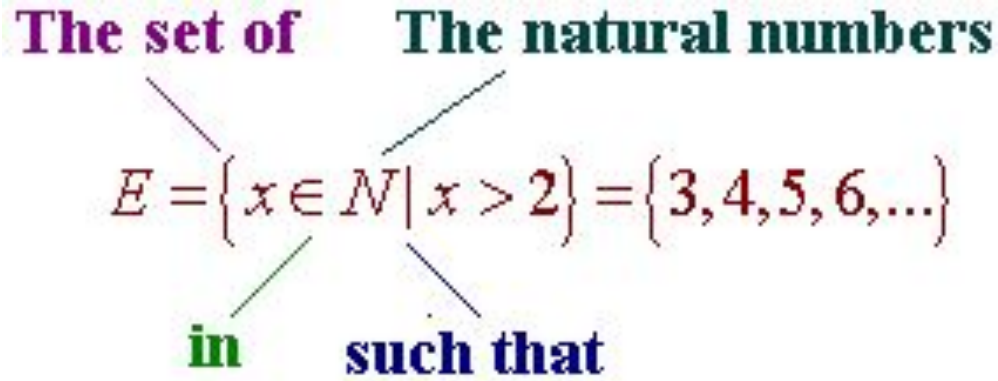
The diagram illustrates the components of the set-builder notation  $E = \{x \in N \mid x > 2\}$ . The phrase "The set of" (purple) points to the membership symbol  $\in$  and the set  $N$ . The phrase "The natural numbers" (green) points to  $N$ . The word "in" (green) points to the membership symbol  $\in$ . The phrase "such that" (blue) points to the condition  $x > 2$ .

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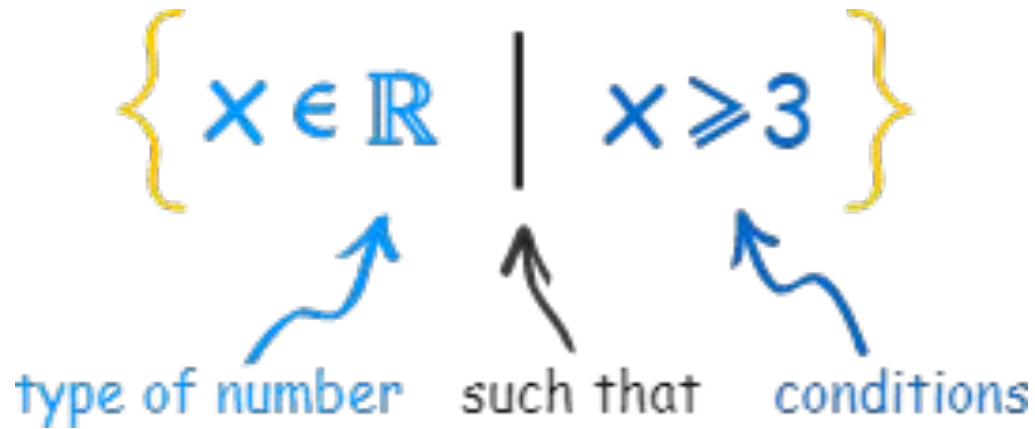
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$$\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 3 \}$$

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The diagram shows the set-builder notation  $\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 3 \}$ . Below the expression, three labels are placed: "type of number" under  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , "such that" under the vertical bar  $\mid$ , and "conditions" under  $x \geq 3$ . Blue arrows point from "type of number" to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , from "such that" to  $\mid$ , and from "conditions" to  $x \geq 3$ .

# Set-Builder Notation

Let's *formalize* our set operators in “set-builder notation”

## Quick Side-Note:

-We will need to link together multiple “conditions” with “and’s”, “not’s” and “or’s”

## Special symbols:

$\vee$  is “or” (notice similarity to  $\cup$ )

$\wedge$  is “and” (notice similarity to  $\cap$ )

$\neg$  is “not”

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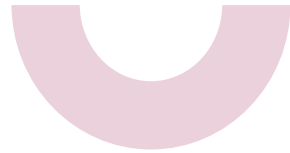
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(The others we listed on the last slide)

## Examples of things that aren't Propositions

“What are you doing Friday?”

“Examples of things that aren't Propositions”

“What is  $3 + 3$ ?”

“Sit down!”

“yellow”



# Propositions as Variables

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When dealing with propositions, we abstract away difficulties of defining, and we can just give them letters (define variables), like  $p$

$p = \text{“Petty Pete stole my shoe”}$



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$p$  = Pete stole my shoe,  $q$  = Pete bought ice cream

Pete stole my shoe OR Pete bought ice cream  $p \vee q$

Pete stole my shoe AND Pete bought ice cream  $p \wedge q$

NOT THE CASE THAT Pete stole my shoe  $\neg p$

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**Set theory** is a branch of **mathematical logic**. So it makes sense to use logical language and symbols to describe sets.

Here you can reference what symbols we will use:

<https://www.cs.virginia.edu/~emo7bf/cs2120/symbols.html>

So far we have:

Concept	Java/C	Python	This class	Bitwise	Name	Other
true	<code>true</code>	<code>True</code>	$\top$ or 1	<code>-1</code>	tautology	T
false	<code>false</code>	<code>False</code>	$\perp$ or 0	<code>0</code>	contradiction	F
not $P$	<code>!p</code>	<code>not p</code>	$\neg P$ or $\bar{P}$	<code>~p</code>	negation	
$P$ and $Q$	<code>p &amp;&amp; q</code>	<code>p and q</code>	$P \wedge Q$	<code>p &amp; q</code>	conjunction	$PQ, P \cdot Q$
$P$ or $Q$	<code>p    q</code>	<code>p or q</code>	$P \vee Q$	<code>p   q</code>	disjunction	$P + Q$



# “Not” operator

How to define:

Make a truth table

# The anatomy of a truth table:

- Column for each proposition
- Column for each connective within the entire statement
- Row for each combination of truth values

*Let's first look at some examples using the connectives "operators" that we have just discussed (or, and, not)!*

# “Not” operator

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$p$	$\neg p$
$T$	$F$
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Note from anatomy:

-One proposition ( $p$ )

-One operator ( $\neg$ )

-two possible truth value outcomes ( $p = T, p = F$ )

# “And” operator

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		<i>And</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>P ∧ Q</i>
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F	T	F
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		<i>Xor</i>
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F	F	F
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		<i>Bi-implies</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Q</i>	$P \leftrightarrow Q$
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# In Summary...

		<i>Or</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>Implies</i>	<i>Xor</i>	<i>Bi-implies</i>
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## **Quiz Friday - check out practice problems**

- Power-sets
- Truth Tables

### 4.1.1 Some Popular Sets

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symbol	set	elements
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$\mathbb{Z}$	integers	$\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{Q}$	rational numbers	$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{5}{3}, 16, \text{ etc.}$
$\mathbb{R}$	real numbers	$\pi, e, -9, \sqrt{2}, \text{ etc.}$
$\mathbb{C}$	complex numbers	$i, \frac{19}{2}, \sqrt{2} - 2i, \text{ etc.}$

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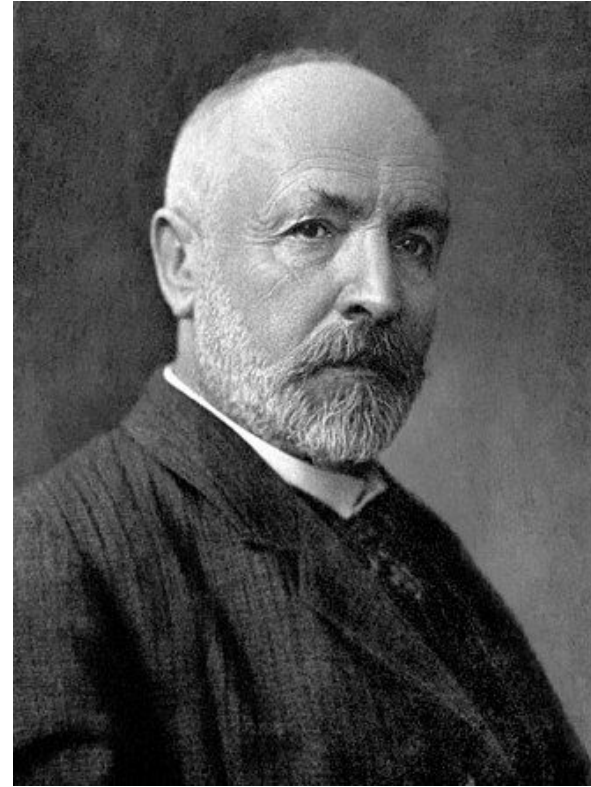
Select  $\mathbb{Z}^-$  from the choices given here

**A:**  $\{0,1,2,3,\dots\}$    **B:**  $\{1,2,3,\dots\}$    **C:**  $\{\dots-3, -2, -1\}$    **D:**  $\{\dots-3, -2, -1, 0\}$    **E:** None of the Above

**Georg Ferdinand Ludwig Philipp Cantor** ... was a German mathematician. **He created set theory**, which has become a fundamental theory in mathematics. Cantor ] defined infinite and well-ordered sets, and proved that the real numbers are more numerous than the natural numbers. In fact, Cantor's method of proof of this theorem implies the existence of an infinity of infinities.

Cantor's work is of great philosophical interest, a fact he was well aware of. **Cantor's theory of transfinite numbers was originally regarded as so counter-intuitive – even shocking** – that it encountered resistance from mathematical contemporaries such as Leopold Kronecker and Henri Poincaré[3] and later from Hermann Weyl and L. E. J. Brouwer, while Ludwig Wittgenstein raised philosophical objections. Cantor, a devout Lutheran, **believed the theory had been communicated to him by God**.

The objections to Cantor's work were occasionally fierce: Leopold Kronecker's public opposition and personal attacks included describing Cantor as a **"scientific charlatan"**, a **"renegade"** and a **"corrupter of youth"**.



# Power sets

## 4.1.3 Power Set

The set of all the subsets of a set,  $A$ , is called the *power set*,  $\text{pow}(A)$ , of  $A$ . So

$$B \in \text{pow}(A) \quad \text{IFF} \quad B \subseteq A.$$

For example, the elements of  $\text{pow}(\{1, 2\})$  are  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$  and  $\{1, 2\}$ .

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Set A is a **subset** of set B

$$A \subseteq B$$

If & only if **all elements of A are also in B**

## Power sets -- Your turn

For example, the elements of  $\text{pow}(\{1, 2\})$  are  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$  and  $\{1, 2\}$ .

1.) What is the power-set of  $\{\}$ ?

$\{ \{\} \}$

2.) What is the power set of  $\{a, b, c\}$

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

3.) What is the power set of  $\{W, X, Y, Z\}$



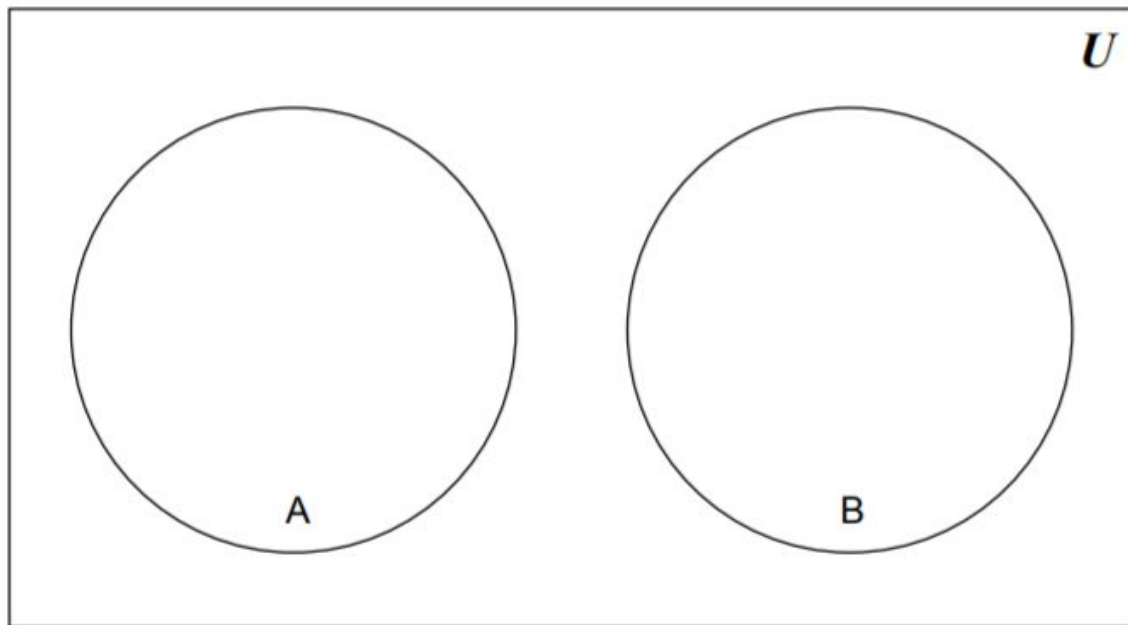
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What if we want to combine logical operators for longer expressions?

Ex:  $\neg (P \wedge Q)$

<u>P</u>	<u>Q</u>		<u><math>\neg(P \wedge Q)</math></u>
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
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Apply the  $\wedge$  rule  
for the parentheses

P	Q		$\neg(P \wedge Q)$
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First fill in the  
known values



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### Question 123

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Consider the expression " $(P \rightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$ ". This full expression has the same truth value as

- A.   $P \oplus Q$
- B.   $P \vee Q$
- C.   $P \wedge Q$
- D.   $P \rightarrow Q$
- E.   $P \leftrightarrow Q$
- F.   $P$
- G.   $Q$

► Key:

