## Discrete Math Cheat Sheet

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| Important relations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Reflexive: | Shorthand: la $\subseteq R$ Meaning: Every element is related to itself. for all $a \in A$, aRa holds ( $R \subseteq\{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transitive: | Shorthand: ( $R \circ R=R 2 \subseteq R)$ Meaning: If $((a, b) \in R)$ and $((b, c) \in R)$, then $((a, c) \in R) .(a R b$ and $b R c)->a R c$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Symmetric: | Shorthand: ( $R=R^{-1}$ ) Meaning: If $((a, b) \in R)$, then $((b, a) \in R)$. When $a R b<=>b R a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Antisymmetric: | Shorthand: $\left(R \cap R^{-1} \subseteq\{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}\right)$ Meaning: If $((a, b) \in R)$ and $((b, a) \in R)$, then $(a=b)$. $(a R b$ and $b R a)->(a=b)$ - This does not mean not-symmetric |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equivalence relation is one where Reflexivity, Transitivity, and Symmetry all hold |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cardinality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cardinality | Classification | Examples |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aleph 0 | Countably infinite | N | Nx N | NxNxN | Z | Q | Q x Q |
| Aleph | Uncountably infinite | $(0,1)$ | $\{0,1\}^{\wedge} \mathrm{N}$ | P (N) | R | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}$ | C |
| Finite | Countably finite | if $\mathrm{A}=\{1\},\|\mathrm{A}\|=1$ | \{3,4,5\} | $\{1,2, \ldots .100$ |  |  |  |


| Combinatorics |  |  |
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| Case: | Order matters | Order doesn't matter |
| With repetition | $n \wedge k$ (case 1) | $n C k$ (case 3) |
| Without repetition | $n P k$ (case 2) | $(k+n-1) \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{k})($ case 4) |

## Functions

Let $\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}$ be two functions, ( $\mathrm{f}: \mathrm{A}->\mathrm{B}$ ) , ( $\mathrm{g}: \mathrm{B}$-> A)

| Function f | Horizontal line test | Classification | Invertibility | G is - <br> inverse of $f$ | Definition | English |
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| Onto | Hits at least 1 point | Surjective | Right invertible | $f \circ g=l b$ | $\{f(a) \mid a \in A\}=B$ every element in range (B) has a source | function that maps one or more elements of $A$ to the same element of $B$ |



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| Functions (cont) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| One to One | Hits at most 1 point | Injective | Left <br> Invertible | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{g} \circ \mathrm{f}= \\ & \mathrm{la} \end{aligned}$ | if a1 != a2 then $f(a 1)!=f(a 2)$ or contrapositive if $f(a 1)=f(a 2)$ then a1 $=$ a2 | function that always maps the distinct element of its domain to the distinct element of its codomain |
| Onto and <br> One to <br> One | Hits exactly at 1 point | Bijective | Invertible | $\begin{aligned} & g \circ f= \\ & l a, f \circ g \\ & =l b \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{f}^{-1}=\mathrm{g}$ | function that is both injective and surjective |
| Identity la | Hits <br> exactly at <br> 1 point | Bijective | Invertible | $\begin{aligned} & f \circ l a= \\ & f=l b \circ \\ & f \end{aligned}$ | $f(a)=a$ | function that always returns the value that was used as its argument, unchanged |

$(g \circ f)(a)=g(f(a))$ means $g$ composed with $f$

## Set Theory

$A \cup B=\{x \in A$ or $x \in B$ or both $\}$
$A \cap B=\{x \in A$ and $x \in B\}$
$A \oplus B=(A-B) \cup(B-A)=(A \cup B)-(A \cap B)$
$A-B=A \cap B^{c}=\{x \in A$ and $x \notin B\}$
Demorgan's laws:
$(A \cup B)^{c}=A^{c} \cap B^{c}$
$(A \cap B)^{c}=A^{c} \cup B^{c}$
Associativity:
$A \cup(B \cup C)=(A \cup B) \cup C=A \cup B \cup C$
Distributivity;
$A \cup(B \cap C)=(A \cup B) \cap(A \cup C)$
$A \cap(B \cup C)=(A \cap B) \cup(A \cap C)$

## Subsets

$A \subseteq A \cup B=B \cup A$
$B \subseteq A \cup B$
If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \cup B=B$
$A \cap B \subseteq A \subseteq A \cup B$
$B \cap A \subseteq B \subseteq A \cup B$

## Cartesian product:

$A \times B=\{(a, b) \mid a \in A$ and $b \in B\}$
an unordered set of sets of ordered pairs
where $a$ is in $A, b$ is in $B$
if $A=\{1,2\}, B=\{2,3\}$, then $A \times B=\{(1,2)$,
$(1,3),(2,2),(2,3)\}$
$A \times B \neq B \times A$ (unless $A=B$ )
$A \cap(A \times B)=\varnothing$
$|A \times B|=|A| \times|B|$
Distribution:
$A \times(B \cup C)=(A \times B) \cup(A \times C)$
$A \times(B \cap C)=(A \times B) \cap(A \times C)$

## Order relation

Partial order If and only if all (Reflexivity, Transitivity, and Anti-symmetry) hold clear hasse diagram can be drawn

## Order relation (cont)

items for which the relation doesn't hold will be drawn but not connected to the others in the diagram

Total/Linear order:
Partial order holds
Totality: For any $(a, b \in A)$, either $((a, b) \in$ $R)$ or $((b, a) \in R)$.
In other words: For any two distinct elements $a$ and $b$, either $a$ is related to $b(a$ $\leq \mathrm{b}$ ), or b is related to $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{b} \leq \mathrm{a})$.
hasse diagram would be a straight line (all
elements relate to one another in this set)

## Universal Set

Universal Set = U:
for any finite set $A$
$U=\{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$
$A^{c}=U-A$
$\left(A^{c}\right)^{c}=A$
$U^{c}=\varnothing$
$\varnothing^{c}=U$


## Relations (cont)

$R$ consists of all pairs in $R$ but with their elements reversed. If $(a, b)$ is in $R$, then ( $b, a$ ) is in $R^{-1}$
Composition of relations:
$R \circ S=\{(a, c) \mid \exists b:(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in$ S \}
Set of pairs $(a, c)$ such that exists an element $b$ for which both $(a, b)$ is in $R$ and (b,c) is in $S$
$R \circ R=R 2$ is a relation composed with itself $(R \circ S) \circ T=R \circ(S \circ T)$ i.e it is associative (but not communitive)
la $\circ R=R$

## Order relation terms

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { ARB }=(a, b) \in R \\
& \text { Identity: } l a=(a, a) \\
& \text { Ex: }\{(1,1),(2,2),(3,3), \ldots\} \\
& \text { Relation on set itself: } R \subseteq A \times A \\
& \text { ARA is another way to write it too. } \\
& \text { Empty relation when } R=\varnothing \\
& \text { implies that the relation } R \text { is empty, } \\
& \text { meaning it does not hold between any two } \\
& \text { pairs. It's essentially a relation with no } \\
& \text { elements. } \\
& \text { Complete relation when } R=A \times B \\
& \text { implies that the relation } R \text { contains all } \\
& \text { possible pairs that can be formed by taking } \\
& \text { one element from set } A \text { and one element } \\
& \text { from set } B \text {. It's a relation where every } \\
& \text { element of } A \text { is related to every element of } \\
& B \text {. } \\
& \text { Inverse relation is } R^{-1}=\{(b, a) \mid(a, b) \in R\}
\end{aligned}
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| Minimal | An element a is minimal if there is no b such that $b$ precedes a. | Elements with nothing less than them (no predecessors) |
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| Minimum | An element a is a minimum if for all b, a precedes b | Element that is less than everything else (either a set has 1 minimum or no minimum element) |
| Maximal | An element a is maximal if there is no $b$ such that a precedes b | follows from minimal (with greater than) |
| Maximum | An element a is a maximum if for all b, b precedes a | follows from minimum (with greater than) |

## Power sets

The power set of $A$ is denoted as $P(A)$ or
2A
$A \in P(A), \varnothing \in P(A)$
If $|A|=n$, then $|P(A)|=2 n$
$|P(A)|=2|A|$
If $A=\varnothing$, then $P(A)=\{\varnothing\}$


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## Power sets (cont)

If $A=\{1,2\}$, then $P(A)=\{\varnothing,\{1\},\{2\},\{1,2\}\}$
$|A|<|P(A)|$

## Power set proofs

$P(A) \cap P(B)=P(A \cap B)$
Forward Inclusion: Let $X$ be an arbitrary element in $P(A) \cap P(B)$. By definition of intersection, $X$ belongs to both $P(A)$ and $P(B)$. This implies $X$ is a subset of both $A$ and $B$. Consequently, $X$ is also a subset of their intersection, $A \cap \square$
$\square$. Thus, $X$ is an element of $P(A \cap \square$
$\square)$. Therefore, $P(A) \cap P(B) \subseteq P(A \cap$
$B)$.
Reverse Inclusion: Let $Y$ be an arbitrary element in $P(A \cap B)$. By definition,
$\square$ is a subset of $A \cap B$, hence a subset of both $A$ and $B$. Consequently, $Y$ belongs to both $P(A)$ and $P(B)$.
Thus, $Y$ is an element of $P(A) \cap \square$
$\square(B)$. Therefore, $P(A \cap B) \subseteq P(A) \cap$
$P(B)$.
Conclusion: Combining both directions of inclusion, we've demonstrated that $P(A)$ $\cap P(B) \subseteq P(A \cap B)$ and $P(A \cap \square$ $\square) \subseteq P(A) \cap P(B)$, implying $P(A) \cap$ $P(B)=P(A \cap B)$. Thus, the equality holds.
$P(A) \cup P(B) \neq P(A \cup B)$

Example of why these aren't equal:
$A=\{1\}, B=\{2\}, A \cup B=\{1,2\}=>P(A \cup B)=$ $\{\varnothing,\{1\},\{2\},\{1,2\}\}$
$P(A)=\{\varnothing,\{1\}\}, P(B)=\{\varnothing,\{2\}\}=>P(A) \cup$ $P(B)=\{\varnothing,\{1\},\{2\}\}$

## More combinatorics

number of ways to place $k$ balls in $n$ boxes.
$P=$ permutation
$\mathrm{C}=$ combination
Order matters = sequence of choices


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## More combinatorics (cont)

Order doesn't matter = if we picked ball 1 then ball $2 \ldots$ it would be equivalent to picking ball 2 then ball 1
With replacement = same item can be picked several times
Without replacement= each item is chosen at most, 1 time

## Case 1

K times out of $n$ objects
Number of functions from $A$ to $B$

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|\mathrm{A}|=\mathrm{K},|\mathrm{~B}|=\mathrm{n}
$$

if $A$ has 3 elements, and $B$ has $5 \ldots$ we would get $5^{\wedge} 3$ total functions that can be defined
Case 2
K unique balls in n small boxes (can only fit 1 item in each box)
number of one to one functions from $A$ to $B$

## Case 3

K identical balls in $n$ small boxes
Binomial coefficients

## Case 4

Bars and stars
K identical balls in n numbered boxes (but each box can hold >= 0 balls)

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