

## Math2101 Handout 1: Set Formulae 2019

- Basic Definitions

Terminology	Notation	Definition
Complement	$\bar{S}$ (or $S^c$ )	not in $S$
Intersection	$S \cap T$	in both $S$ and $T$
Union	$S \cup T$	in either $S$ or $T$ <i>or</i> in both
Disjoint Union	$S \Delta T$	in either $S$ or $T$ <i>but not</i> both
Universal Set	$\mathcal{U}$	all elements
Empty Set	$\emptyset$	no elements

- Set Relationships

If element  $z$  is inside a set  $S$  we write  $z \in S$ , otherwise we write  $z \notin S$ .

Two sets are equal if every element in one is also in the other, and vice-versa; we write  $S = T$ .

If a set  $S$  is wholly inside of another set  $T$  (or equal to it) we write  $S \subseteq T$ .

The cardinality of a set  $S$  is written  $|S|$  and is the number of unique elements in  $S$ .

We define  $R := \{x : f(x)\}$  if  $R$  contains all elements  $x$  from the universal set for which  $f(x)$  is true.

- Set Algebra

The following are the various set relationships we will establish using Venn Diagrams:

Complementation	$\overline{(\bar{S})} = S$
Commutativity	$(S \cup T) = (T \cup S)$ $(S \cap T) = (T \cap S)$
Associativity	$(R \cup S) \cup T = R \cup (S \cup T)$ $(R \cap S) \cap T = R \cap (S \cap T)$
De Morgan	$\overline{(S \cup T)} = (\bar{S} \cap \bar{T})$ $\overline{(S \cap T)} = (\bar{S} \cup \bar{T})$
Distributive	$(R \cup S) \cap T = (R \cap T) \cup (S \cap T)$ $(R \cap S) \cup T = (R \cup T) \cap (S \cup T)$
Idempotent	$(S \cup S) = S$ $(S \cap S) = S$
Absorbtion	$(S \cup T) \cap S = S$ $(S \cap T) \cup S = S$
Identity	$(S \cup \emptyset) = S$ $(S \cap \mathcal{U}) = S$
Domination	$(S \cap \emptyset) = \emptyset$ $(S \cup \mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$
Inverse	$(S \cup \bar{S}) = \mathcal{U}$ $(S \cap \bar{S}) = \emptyset$

- Inclusion Exclusion

$$|S \cup T| = |S| + |T| - |S \cap T|$$

$$|R \cup S \cup T| = |R| + |S| + |T| - |R \cap S| - |R \cap T| - |S \cap T| + |R \cap S \cap T|$$