

# 2 Basic Structures: Sets, Functions, Sequences, Sums, and Matrices

## 2.1 Sets

*Def. 1* A set is an **unordered** (distinguished) collection of objects.

An object in a set is called **element** or **member** of the set.

A set is said to **contain** its elements.

$a \in A$       “ $a$  is an **element** of the set  $A$ ”

$a \notin A$       “ $a$  is **not** an element of the set  $A$ ”

An **ordered** (undistinguished) collection of objects.

ordered pair, triple, quadruple, ...,  $n$ -tuple

## Two ways to define sets

i) To enumerate the elements( 원소나열법 )

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \quad \text{finite}$$

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\} \quad \text{infinite}$$

ii) to specify condition with **predicate**( 조건제시법 )

$$P = \{x \mid p(x)\}$$

$$P = \{x \in U \mid p(x)\} \quad U: \text{universe(domain) of discourse}$$

truth set of predicate  $p(x)$

$$P \subseteq U.$$

iii) to write a program(?)

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**Def. 2** Two sets are **equal** if and only if they have **same elements**.

$A = B$       “Two set  $A$  and  $B$  are equal”

$\{\}, \emptyset$       **empty set** “a set that has no elements”

note:  $\{\} = \emptyset \neq \{\emptyset\}$ .

**Def. 3** The set  $A$  is said to **subset** of  $B$ , if and only if, every elements of  $A$  is also an elements of  $B$ , and denoted as  $A \subseteq B$ .

$$A \subseteq B \equiv (\forall x \in A) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in B)$$

For two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , write  $A \subset B$  and say that  $A$  is a **proper subset** of  $B$ , if and only if,  $A \subseteq B$  and (but)  $A \neq B$  ( $\Leftrightarrow \neg(A = B)$ ).

$$A \subset B \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)$$

### *New Definition for Equality of sets*

**Def. 2.1** Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **equal** if and only if  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  and  $B$  is a subset of  $A$  (vice versa).

$$\begin{aligned}
 A = B, & \quad \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A) \\
 & \quad \equiv (\forall x \in A) \Rightarrow (x \in B) \wedge (\forall x \in B) \Rightarrow (x \in A) \\
 & \quad \equiv (\forall x \in A) \Leftrightarrow (x \in B)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Two prove  $A = B$**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 i) & \forall x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B) & A \subseteq B, \text{ and} \\
 ii) & \forall x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A) & B \subseteq A.
 \end{array}$$

**Theorem 1** For any set  $S$ ,

- (i)  $\emptyset \subseteq S$                       (ii)  $S \subseteq S$ .  
 (i)  $\forall S(\emptyset \subseteq S)$         (ii)  $\forall S(S \subseteq S)$

**Def. 4** Let  $S$  be a set. If there are **exactly**  $n$  elements in  $S$  where  $n$  is a non-negative integer, we say that  $S$  is **finite** set and that  $n$  is the **cardinality** of the set  $S$ , and denoted as  $|S|$ (or  $\#(S)$ ).

**Def. 5** A set is said to be **finite**, if the cardinality of set is finite. A set is said to be **infinite** if it is not finite.

### The Power Set

**Def. 6** Given a set  $S$ , the power set of  $S$ , denoted by  $P(S)$  or  $2^S$ , is set of all subsets of  $S$ .

$$P(S) = 2^S \equiv \{A \mid A \subseteq S\}$$

$$|P(S)| = |2^S| = 2^{|S|}.$$

## Cartesian Products

**Def. 8** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The **Cartesian product** of set  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $A \times B$ , is set of **all ordered pairs**  $(a, b)$ , where ...

$(a, b) \in A \times B$ ,  $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ ., means  $\wedge$  in 조건제시법

$$|A \times B| = |A| \times |B|$$

$$A \times B \neq B \times A$$

The ordered pairs  $(a, b) = (c, d)$ , iff,  $(a = c) \wedge (b = d)$ .

Note that  $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$  but  $\{a, b\} = \{b, a\}$ .

**Def. 9** The Cartesian product of the sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , denoted by

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

**Def. 7** The **ordered  $n$ -tuple**  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is ...

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n.$$

## 2.2 Set Operations

### Def. 1 Union

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}.$$

### Def. 2 Intersection

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\} = \{x \mid x \in A, x \in B\}.$$

Def. 3 Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are called **disjoint**, iff, their intersection ...

$$A \cap B = \emptyset.$$

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

*principles of set of inclusion-exclusion*

**Def. 4 Difference**

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A, x \notin B\} = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}.$$

Let domain of discourse for sets be  $U$ ,  $U$  is called **universe** of the set.

**Def. 5** Let  $U$  be a **universe**. The **complement** of the set  $A$ , denoted  $\bar{A}$ , is called the complement of  $A$  with respect to (w.r.t.)  $U$  is ...

$$\bar{A} = U - A = \{x \mid x \in U, x \notin A\} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$

**Compare the Venn diagrams for  $\cap$ ,  $\cup$ , and  $\bar{\phantom{A}}$  in set operations with the truth tables for  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\neg$  in propositional logic.**



**Set Identities****Table 1 in p. 132****1. Identity laws**

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cap U = A$$

**2. Domination laws**

$$A \cup U = U$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

**3. Idempotent laws**

$$A \cup A = A$$

$$A \cap A = A$$

**4. Double Complement law**

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$$

**5. Commutative laws**

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

**6. Associate laws**

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

**7. Distributive laws**

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

**8. De Morgan's laws**

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

**9. Absorption laws**

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

$$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

**10. Complement laws**

$$A \cup \overline{A} = U$$

$$A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$$

**11.  $U/\emptyset$  laws**

$$\overline{U} = \emptyset$$

$$\overline{\emptyset} = U$$

Compare with the Table 6(logical equivalence) of Section 1.2 p. 25

$(\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}, \neg, \vee, \wedge)$  vs  $(\{U, \emptyset\}, \bar{\phantom{x}}, \cup, \cap)$

propositional logic and set algebra are **isomorphic**

$(\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}, \Rightarrow)$  and complete lattice

Four regions in the Venn diagram for two sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

i)  $A \cap B$     ii)  $\bar{A} \cap B$     iii)  $A \cap \bar{B}$     iv)  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$

Compare with the truth table in the **logic**

$2^n$  regions in the Ven diagram for  $n$  sets

Four cases for relations on two set in the Venn Diagram

i) $(A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset) \wedge (\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset)$	$\equiv A = B,$	<b>equal</b>
ii) $(A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset)$ or $(\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset)$	$\equiv A \subseteq B$ or $B \subseteq A,$	<b>subset</b>
iii) $(A \cap B = \emptyset)$	$\equiv A \cap B = \emptyset,$	<b>disjoint</b>
iv) otherwise		<b>incomparable</b>

## Generalized Union and Intersections

### Definition 6 Generalized Union

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i \in N_n} A_i \text{ where } N_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

### Definition 7 Generalized Intersection

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcap_{i \in N_n} A_i \text{ where } N_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

Note that  $\cup$  and  $\cap$  are **associative** and  $n$ -ary operator.

## 2.3 Functions

**Def. 1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets.

A **function**(mapping, transformation)  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is

an assignment of **exactly one** element of  $B$  to **each**(all) element of  $A$ .

We write  $f(a) = b$ , if  $b$  is the **unique** element of  $B$  assigned to  $a$  of  $A$ .

We write  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , if  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**total:** for **all** elements of  $A$ (domain)

**unique:** exactly **one** elements of  $B$ (codomain)

$\forall a \in A: \exists^1 b \in B . \exists. f(a) = b.$

$|A| <^? |B|.$

A **function** can be considered as a **set of pairs**!(Remember the **graph**)

$$f = \{(a, f(a)) \mid a \in A, f(a) \in B\}$$

Let  $f: A \rightarrow A$ , then  $f$  is called a **function on**  $A$ .

**Def. 2** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

$A$  is a **domain** of  $f$ ,  $B$  is a **codomain(range)** of  $f$ .

If  $f(a)=b$ ,  $b$  is the **image** of  $a$  and  $a$  is the **preimage** of  $b$ .

Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be **equal**, if  $f = g$ .(set equivalence).

**Def. 3** Let  $f_1, f_2: A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .  $f_1+f_2, f_1 f_2: A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$$(f_1+f_2)(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) \text{ and } f_1 f_2(x) = f_1(x)f_2(x).$$

**Def. 4** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $S \subseteq A$ . Then the imange of  $S$  under  $f$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(S) &= \{t \in B \mid \exists s \in S, t = f(a)\} \text{ or} \\ &= \{f(s) \in B \mid \forall s \in S\} \text{ for short.} \\ &\subseteq B. \end{aligned}$$

The range of  $f$  is  $f(A) \subseteq B$ .

How many different functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ?

## One-to-One and Onto function

**Def. 5** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .  $f$  is **one-to-one**(1:1) or **injective**, iff

$$\forall a \in A \forall b \in A, [(f(a)=f(b)) \rightarrow (a=b)] \quad \text{or logically equivalent}$$

$$\forall a \in A \forall b \in A, [(a \neq b) \rightarrow (f(a) \neq f(b))].$$

A injective function is called **injection**.

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

**Def. 6** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $(A, \leq)$  and  $(B, \leq)$  are **posets**(See 9.6),

if  $x, y \in A$  and  $x < y$ ,  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ ,  $f$  is called **increasing** and

$f(x) < f(y)$ ,  $f$  is called **strictly increasing**

$f(x) \geq f(y)$ ,  $f$  is called **decreasing**

$f(x) > f(y)$ ,  $f$  is called **strictly decreasing**

**Def. 7** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .  $f$  is **onto** or **surjective**, iff

$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A . \exists . f(a) = b, \quad \text{or} \quad f(A) = B.$$

A surjective function is called **surjection** or **correspondence**.

$$|A| \geq |B|.$$

**Def. 8** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .  $f$  is **one-to-one correspondence** or **one-to-one onto** or **bijective**, if  $f$  is both **one-to-one (injective)** and **onto (surjective)**.

$$|A| = |B|.$$

**Def. 9** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  be **one-to-one** and **onto (bijective)**.

The **inverse** of  $f$  also is a **function**, denoted  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ , is defined by

$$f^{-1} = \{(b, a) \mid a \in A, f(a) = b \in B\} \text{ or}$$

$$f^{-1}(b) = a \text{ when } f(a) = b.$$

**Def. 10** Let  $g: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f: B \rightarrow C$ . The composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted by  $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$ , is defined by

$$(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a)) \text{ or } f \circ g = \{(a, c) \mid f(a) = b, g(b) = c\}.$$

**Def. 11** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ . The **graph** of the function  $f$  is defined by

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

**Def. 12** The **floor** and **ceiling** function:  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor \lceil \cdot \rceil : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ ,

$\lfloor x \rfloor = n \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $n$  is the **largest integer** such that  $n \leq x$ . (**floor**)

$\lceil x \rceil = n \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $n$  is the **smallest integer** such that  $n \geq x$ . (**ceiling**)



**Def. 13 partial function**  $f: A \mapsto B$ .

$\forall a \in A: \exists b \in B . \exists f(a) = b$ . in **Definition 1**. But

$\exists a \in A: . \exists f(a)$  is undifined.

~~total~~ and uniqueness

**Identity function(relation) on A**

Let  $f: A \rightarrow A$ . Then

$$\iota_A = \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$$

$$\text{or } \forall a \in A \iota_A(a) = a.$$

$$f \circ \iota_A = \iota_A \circ f = f.$$

**Identity function** w.r.t function composition.

## 2.4 Sequences and Summations

**Def. 1 sequence** ( 수열 )  $\{a_n\}$

$a: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . We write  $a_n$  instead of  $a(n)$ .

**Def. 2 Geometric sequence**(*progression*; 등비수열 )

$$\{g_n\} = g(n) = ar^n.$$

**Def. 3 Arithmetic sequence**(*progression*; 등차수열 )

$$\{b_n\} = b(n) = a + nd.$$

**Ex. 4 string:** Let  $s: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow V = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$ .

We write  $s = \text{boy}$  or  $s = (b, o, y)$

instead of  $s(1) = b, s(2) = o, s(3) = y$ .

$V$  is called the **vocabulary**(*alphabet*) of string  $s$ .

$s$  is the **string**(*vocabulary sequence* 문자열 ) over  $V$  of length  $n$ .

## Recurrence Relation ( 점화식 )

**Def. 4** Let  $a: N \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . We define  $a: N \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  
 $a_n = f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$  with definitions of  $a_0, a_1, \dots$ , and  $a_{n-1}$ .  
 $a(n) = f(a(0), a(1), \dots, a(n-1))$  with definitions of  $a(0), \dots, a(n-1)$ .

**Def. 5** Fibonacci sequence

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ with } f_0 = 0 \text{ and } f_1 = 1$$

## Special Integer Sequences

polynomial sequences  $n, n^2, n^3, n^4, \dots$

exponential sequences  $2^n, 3^n, \dots, n!$

See Table 1 in p. 162

## Summations

See Theorem 1 and Table 2 in p. 166

## 2.5 Cardinality of Sets

**Def. 1** A set  $S$  is **finite** with cardinality  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , written  $|A| = n$ , if there is a bijection from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  to  $S$ .  
A set is **infinite** otherwise.

**Def. 2** The sets  $A$  and  $B$  have the same **cardinality**, if and only if, there is a **bijection** (one-to-one correspondence) from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Thm. 3.0** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.

$|A| \leq |B|$ , if there is a **injection** (one-to-one)  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

$|A| \geq |B|$ , if there is a **surjection** (onto):  $A \rightarrow B$ .

$|A| = |B|$ , if there is a **bijection**  $f: (one-to-one \wedge onto) A \leftrightarrow B$ .

**Def. 3.1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are sets. We say the **cardinalities** of  $A$  and  $B$  are same,  $|A| = |B|$ , if there is a **bijection**  $f: A \leftrightarrow B$ .

### **Extended Set Equivalence**

We say that two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **isomorphic** with respect to  $f$ , written  $A \cong_f B$  or  $A \cong B$  for short.

If  $f$  is a **bijection** from  $A$  to  $B$  and vice versa.  $f: A \leftrightarrow B$ .

$$\forall a \in A \exists! f(a) \in B \text{ and } \forall b \in B \exists! f^{-1}(b) \in A.$$

We can identify  $B$  from  $A$  and  $f$ , and identify  $A$  from  $B$  and  $f^{-1}$  (vice versa)

**Set Isomorphism includes Set Equivalence**

$\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \cong_f \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  What is  $f$ ?

$\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \cong_f \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$   $f$ ?

## Countable Sets

**Def. 4** A set is either **finite** or **same cardinality** with  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  (positive integers) is called **countable**. A set that is not countable is called **uncountable**. When an infinite set  $S$  is countable, we denote cardinality of  $S$  as  $\aleph_0$  (aleph null).  $|S| = \aleph_0$ .

$$\mathbf{N} \supset \mathbf{N}^+ \quad \text{but } |\mathbf{N}| = |\mathbf{N}^+| = \aleph_0.$$

$$\mathbf{N} \cong_f \mathbf{N}^+$$

What is the natural number,  $\mathbf{N}$  or  $\mathbf{N}^+$ ?

$$\mathbf{I} \supset \mathbf{N} \quad \text{but } |\mathbf{I}| = |\mathbf{N}| = \aleph_0. \quad \text{What is the **bijection**?$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \supset \mathbf{N} \quad \text{but } |\mathbf{Q}| = |\mathbf{N}| = \aleph_0. \quad \text{See example 4}$$

*But!*

$$\mathbf{R} \supset \mathbf{N} \quad \text{but } |\mathbf{R}| > |\mathbf{N}| = \aleph_0. \quad \text{See example 5}$$

**Uncountable Sets*****Cantor Diagonal Argument(1874, 1891)***

Consider  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  or  $f = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}}$ .

$f$  is an **infinite binary string**

Consider the cardinality of  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}} \cong 2^{\mathbf{N}}$ .

**Power set of natural numbers**

Assume  $|2^{\mathbf{N}}| = |\mathbf{N}|$ . Then we can **enumerate**( 번호매김 ; countable)

binary strings  $B_i$  for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ .

$$B_0 = (b_{00}, b_{01}, \dots, b_{0n}, \dots)$$

$$B_1 = (b_{10}, b_{11}, \dots, b_{1m}, \dots)$$

...

$$B_n = (b_{n0}, b_{n1}, \dots, b_{nn}, \dots)$$

...

Define **complement** of a binary string  $B = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n, \dots)$ ,

$\bar{B} = (\bar{b}_0, \bar{b}_1, \dots, \bar{b}_n, \dots)$  where for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ ,

$\bar{b}_i = 0$ , if  $b_i = 1$  and  $\bar{b}_i = 1$ , if  $b_i = 0$ .

Consider an infinite **diagonal** binary string  $B_d = (b_{00}, b_{11}, \dots, b_{nn}, \dots)$

and its **complement**  $\bar{B}_d = (\bar{b}_{00}, \bar{b}_{11}, \dots, \bar{b}_{nn}, \dots)$

$\forall n \in \mathbf{N}, \bar{B}_d \neq B_n$ . But  $\bar{B}_d \in 2^{\mathbf{N}}$ . ( $\bar{B}_d$  is an infinite binary string)

$\therefore |2^{\mathbf{N}}| > |\mathbf{N}|$ .

$\therefore$  The assumption  $|2^{\mathbf{N}}| = |\mathbf{N}|$  was **wrong**.

$2^{\mathbf{N}}$  is **uncountable**.

Note that core of the proof is

**complement of diagonal** (**denial** of self recursion)

in infinite string



**Halting problem**

*Is there a program that reads program as a data, and  
decides whether the program with the data will **halt or not**?*

*In Chap. 3.1*

*Some similar examples in the world*

*A barber who shave everybody who can **not** shave himself.*

*Shall the barber shave **himself**?*

*An adjective is heterological, if the adjective does **not** possess  
the property it describes. (monosyllabic, polysyllabic)*

*Is the adjective “**heterological**” **heterological**?*

*How about “homological”?*

*There is a sign that “It is written by **me**(**liar**)”.*

*Did you(**liar**) write it?*

*Contradiction*

***denial of self recursion!***

**Russel's paradox(1901, 1911)**

Assume a set  $R$  is defined as  $R = \{x \mid x \notin R\}$ .

Consider  $x$  as  $R$  itself, Then  $R \in R$  iff  $R \notin R$ . **contradictory**

$\therefore R$  is undefined!

Self denial is a contradiction

How about the set?

$$\bar{R} = \{x \mid x \in R\}$$

**Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem(1931)**

**Hilbert's 2nd problem(23 problems; 1929)**

Is there a

Any logic cannot be both consistent and complete.

***proof***

$G(p: \text{Theorem}) \equiv$  Gödel number of the theorem  $p$

$F(x: \text{Gödel number}) \equiv$

***if***  $\exists p: \text{Theorem}(\text{Proof})$  for  $x \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$

***|***  $\nexists p: \text{Theorem}(\text{Proof})$  for  $x \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  ***fi***

$\overline{Bew}(y: \text{Gödel number}) \equiv$

***if***  $\exists p: F(G(p)) \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  ***|***  $\nexists p: F(G(p)) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  ***fi***

$\overline{\overline{Bew}}(y: \text{Gödel number}) \equiv$

***if***  $\exists p: F(G(p)) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  ***|***  $\nexists p: F(G(p)) \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  ***fi***

$\overline{Bew}(G(\overline{Bew})) \Leftrightarrow \exists p: F(G(\overline{Bew}))$

$\Leftrightarrow \nexists p: F(G(\overline{Bew}))$

***Contradiction!***

**Thm. 2** If  $A$  and  $B$  are **countable** sets, then  $A \cup B$  is also **countable**.

**proof** Without loss of generality, we can assume  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint**.

If there are not, we can replace  $B$  by  $B - A$  because

$$A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset \text{ and } A \cup (B - A) = A \cup B. \text{ (Venn diagram)}$$

case i)  $A$  and  $B$  are both **finite**.  $|A| + |B|$  is finite and **countable**.

case ii)  $A$  **countable** and  $B$  is **finite**.

$$A \cup B = b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots \quad \text{is countable.}$$

case iii) Both  $A$  and  $B$  are **countable**.

$$A \cup B = a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_n, b_m, \dots \quad \text{is countable.}$$

**Theorem 3** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are sets with  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$ . Then  $|A| = |B|$ .

In other words,

$$\exists f: A \rightarrow B \text{ is a 1-1 and } (\exists g: B \rightarrow A \text{ is}) \text{ 1-1.}$$

**Definition 5** Let  $S$  be a set. Then  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$

## ***2.6 Matrices***