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- All elements of a set are different
- The elements of a set are not ordered
- The same set can be specified in different ways, e.g. $\{I, 2,3,4\},\{2,3, I, 4\},\{i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0<i<5\}$


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Def. Powerset (Potenzmenge) $\mathbb{D}(A)=\{X \mid X \subseteq A\}$

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## Properties of sets

1. $\varnothing \subseteq X$
2. If $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq Z$, then $X \subseteq Z$
3. $X \cap Y \subseteq X, X \cap Y \subseteq Y$
4. $X \subseteq X \cup Y, Y \subseteq X \cup Y$
5. If $X^{\prime} \subseteq Y^{\prime}$ and $X^{\prime \prime} \subseteq Y^{\prime \prime}$, then $X^{\prime} \cap X^{\prime \prime} \subseteq Y^{\prime} \cap Y^{\prime \prime}$
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7. $X \cap Y=X$ iff $X \subseteq Y$
8. $\mathrm{X} \cap \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{X}$ (idempotence)
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12. $X \cap Y=Y \cap X$ (commutativity)
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14. $X \cap(Y \cap Z)=(X \cap Y) \cap Z$ (associativity)
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16. $X \cap(X \cup Y)=X$ (absorption)
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18. $\mathrm{X} \cap(\mathrm{Y} \cup \mathrm{Z})=(\mathrm{X} \cap \mathrm{Y}) \cup(\mathrm{X} \cap \mathrm{Z}) \quad$ (distributivity)
19. $X \cup(Y \cap Z)=(X \cup Y) \cap(X \cup Z)$ (distributivity)
20. $X \backslash Y \subseteq X$

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\text { 27. } & (X)^{c}=X \\
\text { 28. } & (X \cap Y)^{c}=X^{c} \cup Y^{c} \quad \text { (De Morgan) } \\
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\text { 30. } & X X \varnothing=\varnothing \\
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\text { 32. } & \text { If } X \subseteq Y, \text { then } P(X) \subseteq P(Y)^{9} \\
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