

Sets

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Definition: A set is a collection of objects

The objects in the set are called elements

The symbol \in is used for element

The symbol \notin is used to show: not an element of the set.

Eg) $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ 4 elements in the set

Chain brackets

Q1) Is 2 an element of $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

$2 \notin \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

$\{1, 3, 5, 7\} = \{7, 5, 3, 1\}$

The order of the elements can be changed but its still the same

Equal Sets

Two sets are equal if they contain exactly the same elements.

$$A = \{4, 5, 6\} \text{ and } B = \{5, 4, 6\}$$

$$\therefore A = B$$

(therefore)

Cardinal number (#)

The number of elements in a set

Eg) Find the #A if $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$$\#A = 4$$

The null set - a set with no elements
empty set

Symbols \emptyset or $\{\}$ for the null set.