


## Announcements

- Title: Randomness  
Speaker: Avi Wigderson  
Time and Place: **TODAY** 4:00PM Lecture Center C, Room C4
- Recursion tutoring system  
**instead of labs** Monday October 20, 2-5 pm  
in **2254 SEL** (right across from 2249/2249F SEL)  
1-2pm lab will meet in regular place
- Grace Hopper Celebration Panel  
Tuesday October 21 @ 4:30pm in 1047 ERF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Women in CS meeting  
Wednesday October 22nd @ 5 PM in SEO 1000

THE AXIOM OF CHOICE ALLOWS YOU TO SELECT ONE ELEMENT FROM EACH SET IN A COLLECTION AND HAVE IT EXECUTED AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE OTHERS.



MY MATH TEACHER WAS A BIG BELIEVER IN PROOF BY INTIMIDATION.

http://xkcd.com/982/

CS151 Fall 2014  
Lecture 15 – 10/16  
Set Theory  
Prof. Tanya Berger-Wolf  
http://www.cs.uc.edu/~CS151

Adapted from Lap Chi Lau – The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## Power Sets

power set:  $\text{pow}(A) ::= \{S \mid S \subseteq A\}$

$$\text{pow}(\{a,b\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$$

$$\text{pow}(\{a,b,c\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pow}(\{a,b,c,d\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \\ \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,d\}, \{b,d\}, \{c,d\}, \\ \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}, \{a,c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}, \{a,b,c,d\}\} \end{aligned}$$

If  $A$  has  $n$  elements, then the  $\text{pow}(A)$  has  $2^n$  elements.

**Claim:** If  $A$  has  $n$  elements, then the  $\text{pow}(A)$  has  $2^n$  elements.

Proof:

**Set Identities**

Distributive Law:  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  (1)  
 $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (2)

(1)                      (2)

**Set Identities**

Distributive Law:  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

If you insist on proving this law more formally...

$$A = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_4 \cup S_5$$

$$B \cap C = S_4 \cup S_6$$

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_4 \cup S_5 \cup S_6$$

$$(A \cup B) = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \cup S_4 \cup S_5 \cup S_6$$

$$(A \cup C) = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_4 \cup S_5 \cup S_6 \cup S_7$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_4 \cup S_5 \cup S_6$$

There are even more formal proofs in the textbook...

**Set Identities**

De Morgan's Law:  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

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**Exercises**

$$A - (A \cap B) = A - B?$$

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

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

**Russell's Paradox**

Let  $W ::= \{S \in \text{Sets} \mid S \notin S\}$

so  $S \in W \leftrightarrow S \notin S$

Is  $W$  in  $W$ ?