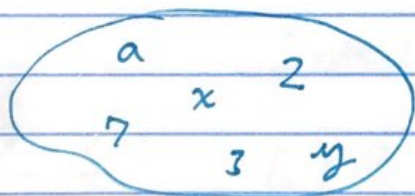


# Ch. 6

A finite set  $S$  is a collection of items called elements (the elements)

They<sup>^</sup> can be numbers, letters, shapes, points, anything describable!

Ex:  $S = \{a, 2, x, 7, 3, y\}$



$$S = \{2, 7, x, a, 3, y\}$$

No specific order!

→ " $\in$ " means element of;  $7 \in S$ .

Operations on Sets

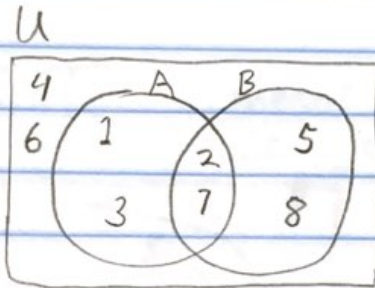
$A \cup B$  = the set of all elements in A OR in B

Ex:

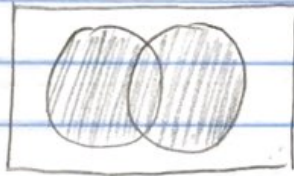
$$A = \{1, 2, 7, 3\} \quad B = \{5, 2, 7, 8\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 5, 2, 7, 3, 8\}$$

Picture: Let  $U = \{1, \dots, 8\}$



$A \cup B$

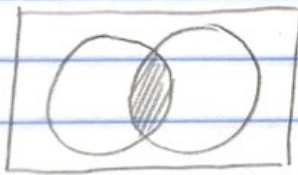


Union



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

$A \cap B$



Intersection



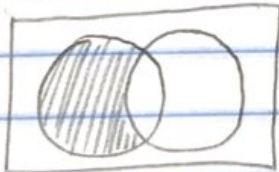
\* elements in A AND B

$A \cap B = \{2, 7\}$



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

$A - B$



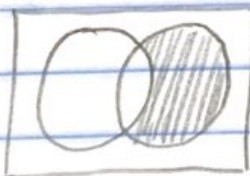
Subtraction

$A - B = \{1, 3\}$



\* elements in A AND NOT in B

$B - A$

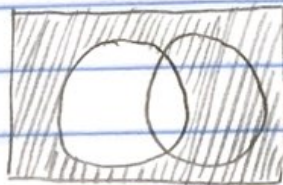


$B - A = \{5, 8\}$



\* elements in B AND NOT in A.

$A^c = \bar{A}$



Complement of A, relative to U

$A^c = \{4, 6, 5, 8\}$