

Set Notation Summary

Symbol	Meaning	Definition
\in	is an element of	Example: $\pi \in \mathbb{R}$
\notin	is not an element of	Example: $\pi \notin \mathbb{Q}$
\subset	is a subset of	$A \subset B \Leftrightarrow (a \in A \Rightarrow a \in B)$
\cap	intersection	$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$
\cup	union	$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$
\setminus	complement	$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$
\times	cartesian product	$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

Table 4: Set Operations

Set	Name	Definition
\mathbb{N}	Natural Numbers	$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
\mathbb{Z}	Integers	$\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
\mathbb{Q}	Rational Numbers	$\{p/q \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
\mathbb{R}	Real Numbers	{“Dedekind Cuts”}
\mathbb{C}	Complex Numbers	$\{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } i^2 = -1\}$
\mathbb{R}^2	Euclidean Plane	$\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$
\mathbb{R}^3	Euclidean Space	$\{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Table 5: Standard Sets