



Discrete Mathematics: An Open Introduction, 3rd edition

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Appendix C List of Symbols

Symbol	Description	Location
P, Q, R, S, \dots	propositional (sentential) variables	Paragraph
\wedge	logical “and” (conjunction)	Item
\vee	logical “or” (disjunction)	Item
\neg	logical negation	Item
\exists	existential quantifier	Summary
\forall	universal quantifier	Summary
\emptyset	the empty set	Item
\mathcal{U}	universe set (domain of discourse)	Item
\mathbb{N}	the set of natural numbers	Item
\mathbb{Z}	the set of integers	Item
\mathbb{Q}	the set of rational numbers	Item
\mathbb{R}	the set of real numbers	Item
$\mathcal{P}(A)$	the power set of A	Item
$\{, \}$	braces, to contain set elements.	Item
$:$	“such that”	Item
\in	“is an element of”	Item
\subseteq	“is a subset of”	Item
\subset	“is a proper subset of”	Item
\cap	set intersection	Item
\cup	set union	Item
\times	Cartesian product	Item
\setminus	set difference	Item
\overline{A}	the complement of A	Item
$ A $	cardinality (size) of A	Item
$A \times B$	the Cartesian product of A and B	Paragraph
$f(A)$	the image of A under f .	Paragraph
$f^{-1}(B)$	the inverse image of B under f .	Paragraph
\mathbf{B}^n	the set of length n bit strings	Item
\mathbf{B}_k^n	the set of length n bit strings with weight k .	Item
$(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$	the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots	Paragraph
T_n	the n th triangular number	Item
F_n	the n th Fibonacci number	Exercise 2.1.5
Δ^k	the k th differences of a sequence	Paragraph
$P(n)$	the n th case we are trying to prove by induction	Paragraph
42	the ultimate answer to life, etc.	Paragraph

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\therefore	“therefore”	Paragraph
K_n	the complete graph on n vertices	Paragraph
K_n	the complete graph on n vertices.	Item
$K_{m,n}$	the complete bipartite graph of m and n vertices.	Item
C_n	the cycle on n vertices	Item
P_n	the path on $n + 1$ vertices	Item
$\chi(G)$	the chromatic number of G	Paragraph
$\Delta(G)$	the maximum degree in G	Paragraph
$\chi'(G)$	the chromatic index of G	Paragraph
$N(S)$	the set of neighbors of S .	Paragraph