

## Chapter 2. Basic Structures: Sets, Functions, Sequences, Sums

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(in math:  $\mathbf{W}$  – set of whole numbers)

$\mathbf{Z} = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$  set of integers

$\mathbf{Z}^+ = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \}$  set of positive integers

$\mathbf{R}$  – the set of real numbers (rational and irrational numbers)

$\mathbf{Q} = \{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in \mathbf{Z}, q \neq 0 \}$  set of fractions (quotients)

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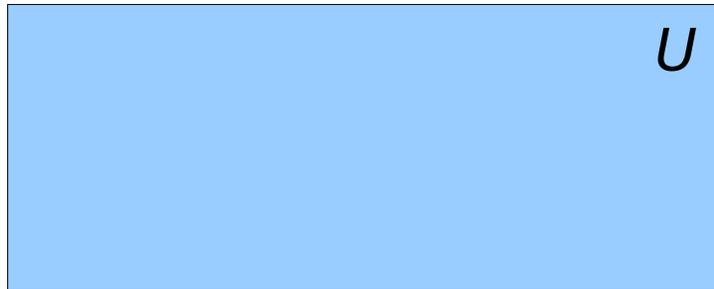
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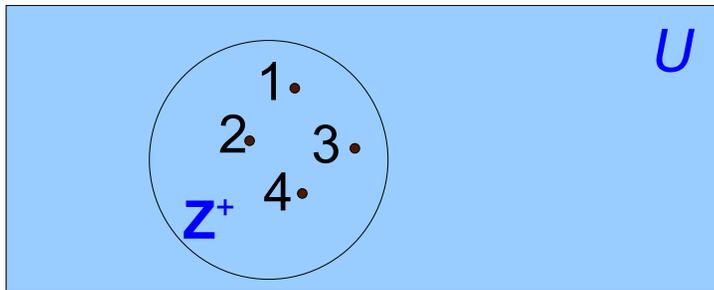


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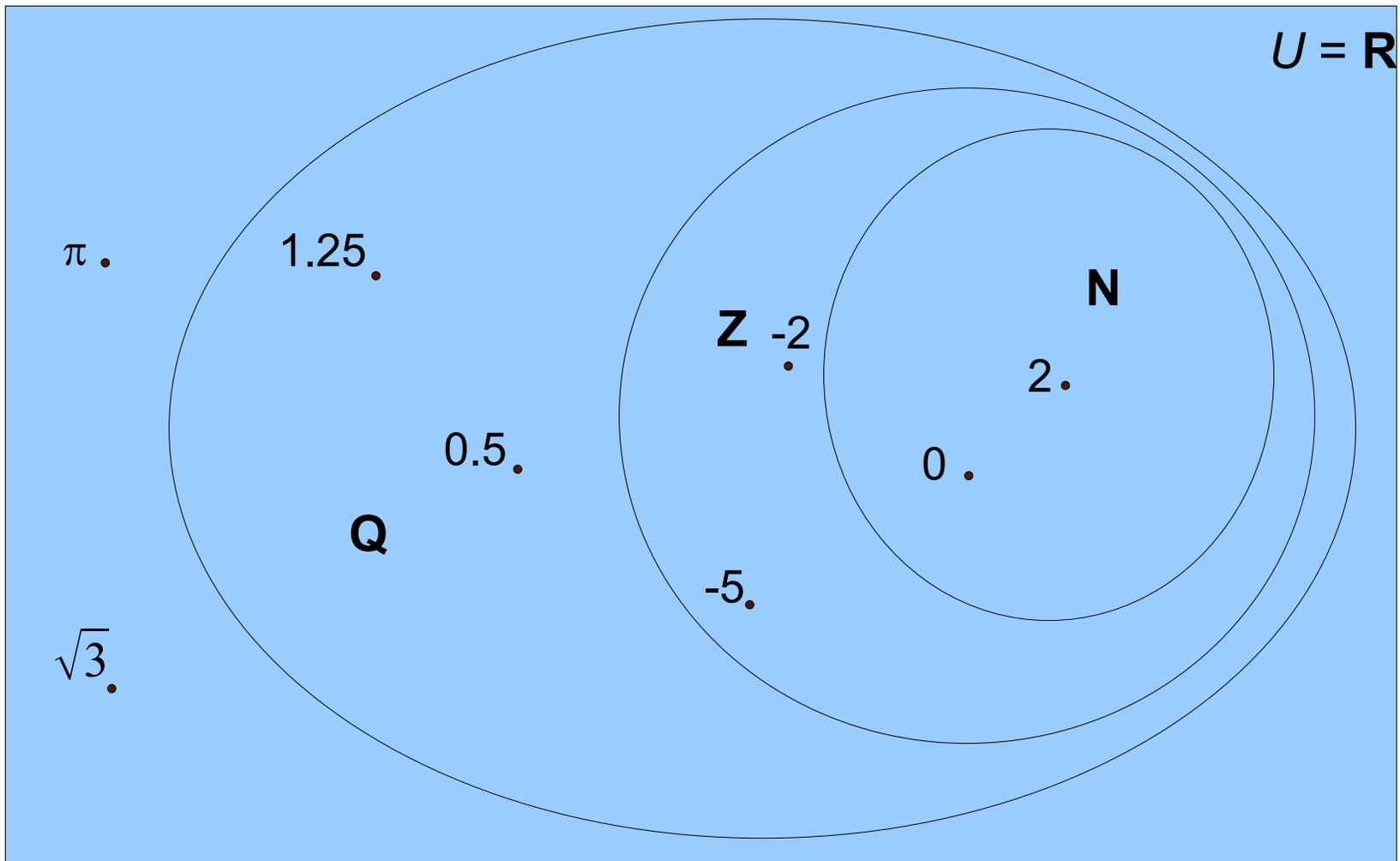
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Inside the rectangle, circles and other geometrical figures are used to represent sets.

Sometimes points are used to represent particular elements of the set.

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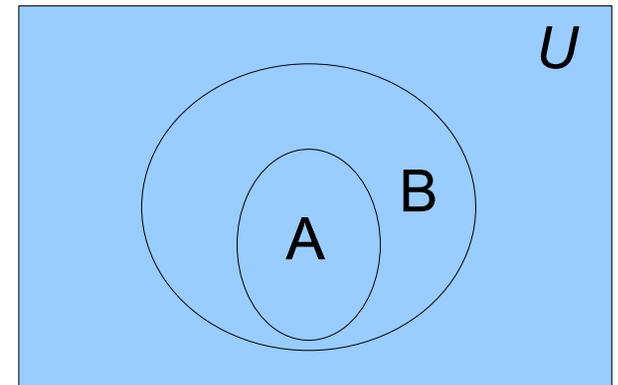
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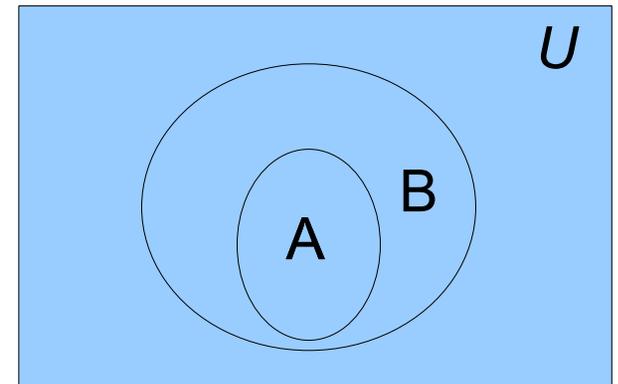
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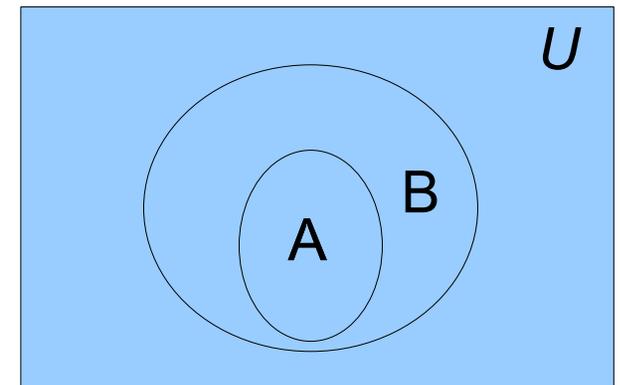
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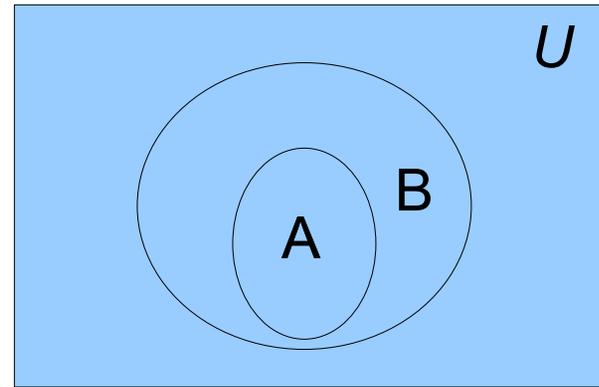
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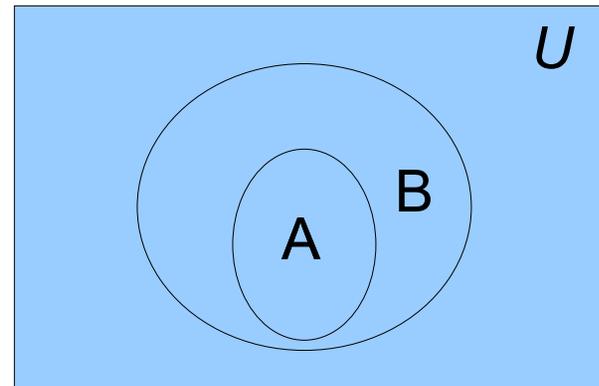
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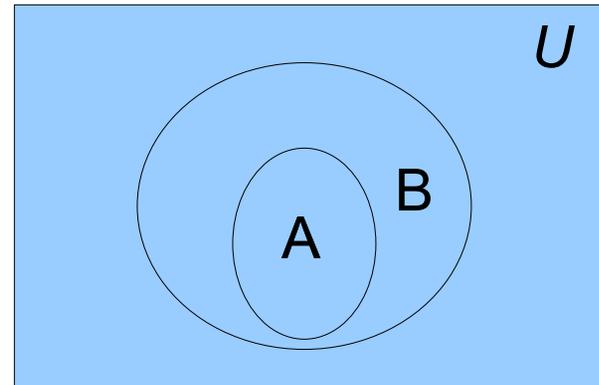
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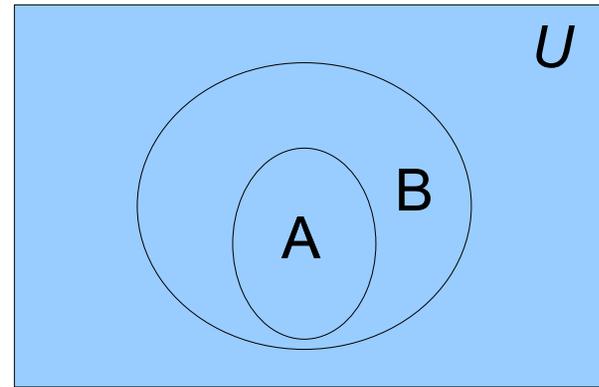
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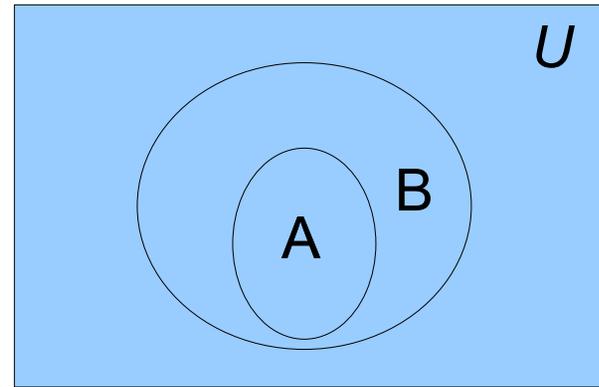
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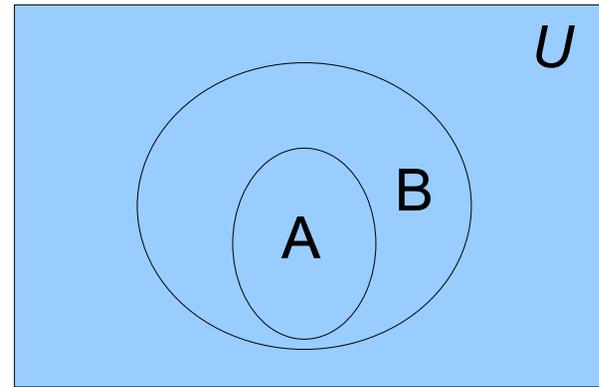
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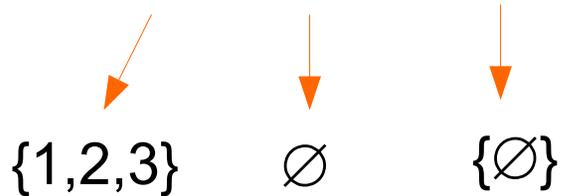
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