

Symbol	Symbol Name	Meaning / definition	Example
$\{ \}$	set	a collection of elements	$A = \{3, 7, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{9, 14, 28\}$
$A \cap B$	intersection	objects that belong to set A and set B	$A \cap B = \{9, 14\}$
$A \cup B$	union	objects that belong to set A or set B	$A \cup B = \{3, 7, 9, 14, 28\}$
$A \subseteq B$	subset	subset has less elements or equal to the set	$\{9, 14, 28\} \subseteq \{9, 14, 28\}$
$A \subset B$	proper subset / strict subset	subset has less elements than the set	$\{9, 14\} \subset \{9, 14, 28\}$
$A \not\subset B$	not subset	left set not a subset of right set	$\{9, 66\} \not\subset \{9, 14, 28\}$
$A \supseteq B$	superset	set A has more elements or equal to the set B	$\{9, 14, 28\} \supseteq \{9, 14, 28\}$
$A \supset B$	proper superset / strict superset	set A has more elements than set B	$\{9, 14, 28\} \supset \{9, 14\}$
$A \not\supset B$	not superset	set A is not a superset of set B	$\{9, 14, 28\} \not\supset \{9, 66\}$
$2^A$	power set	all subsets of A	
$P(A)$	power set	all subsets of A	
$A = B$	equality	both sets have the same members	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $A = B$
$A^c$	complement	all the objects that do not belong to set A	
$A \setminus B$	relative complement	objects that belong to A and not to B	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , $A \setminus B = \{9, 14\}$
$A - B$	relative complement	objects that belong to A and not to B	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , $A - B = \{9, 14\}$
$A \Delta B$	symmetric difference	objects that belong to A or B but not to their intersection	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , $A \Delta B = \{1, 2, 9, 14\}$
$A \oplus B$	symmetric difference	objects that belong to A or B but not to their intersection	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , $A \oplus B = \{1, 2, 9, 14\}$
$x \in A$	element of	set membership	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $3 \in A$
$x \notin A$	not element of	no set membership	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $1 \notin A$
$(a, b)$	ordered pair	collection of 2 elements	
$A \times B$	cartesian product	set of all ordered pairs from A and B	
$ A $	cardinality	the number of elements of set A	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $ A  = 3$
$\#A$	cardinality	the number of elements of set A	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$ , $\#A = 3$
$\aleph$	aleph	infinite cardinality	
$\emptyset$	empty set	$\emptyset = \{ \}$	$C = \{\emptyset\}$
$U$	universal set	set of all possible values	
$N_0$	natural numbers set (with zero)	$N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$	$0 \in N_0$
$N_+$	natural numbers set (without zero)	$N_+ = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$	$6 \in N_+$
$Z$	integer numbers set	$Z = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$	$-6 \in Z$
$Q$	rational numbers set	$Q = \{x \mid x = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in N\}$	$\frac{2}{6} \in Q$
$R$	real numbers set	$R = \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\}$	$6.343434 \in R$
$C$	complex numbers set	$C = \{x \mid z = a + bi, -\infty < a < \infty, -\infty < b < \infty\}$	$6 - 2i \in C$