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# Computational Logic

## Module II – Set theory and knowledge graphs

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## Set theory in a nutshell: defining sets

We can define sets in two ways

**Listing:** The set is described by listing all its elements (for instance,  $A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$ ).

**Abstraction:** The set is described through a property of its elements (for instance,  $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is a vowel of the Latin alphabet}\}$ ).

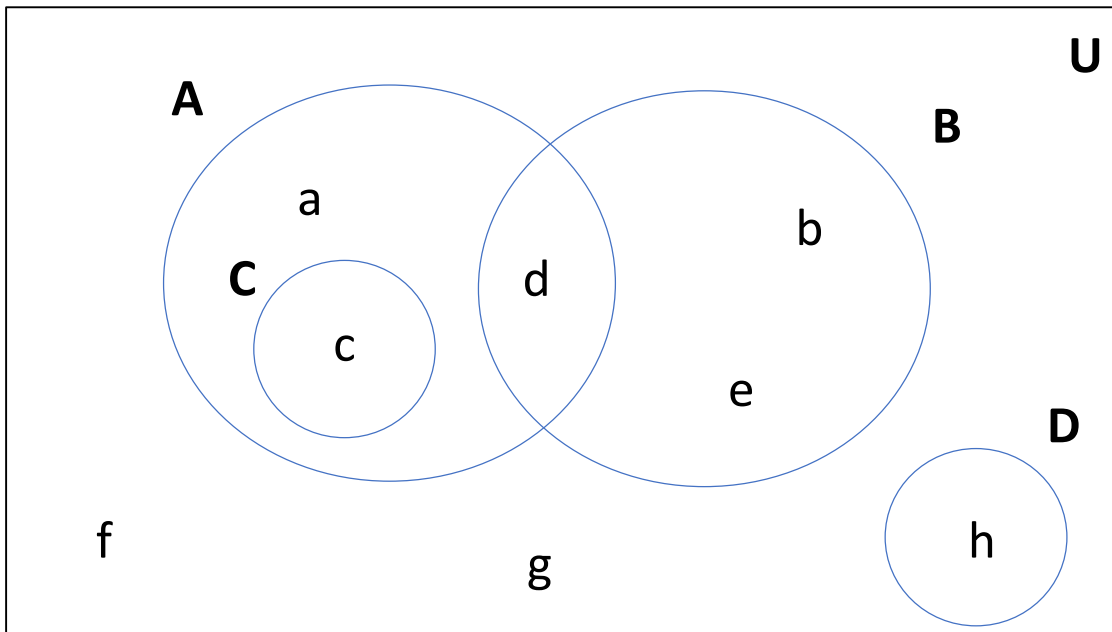
## Set theory in a nutshell: basic notions

- **Empty Set.**  $\emptyset$  is the set containing no elements.
- **Membership.**  $a \in A$ , element  $a$  belongs to the set  $A$ .
- **Non-membership.**  $a \notin A$ , element  $a$  doesn't belong to the set  $A$ .
- **Equality.**  $A = B$ , if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  contain the same elements.
- **Inequality.**  $A \neq B$ , if and only if it is not true that  $A = B$ .
- **Subset.**  $A \subseteq B$ , if and only if all elements in  $A$  also belong to  $B$ .
- **Proper Subset.**  $A \subset B$ , if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ .
- **Universal Set.** The universal set is the set of all elements or members of all related sets and is denoted by the letter  $U$ .

## Set theory in a nutshell: Venn Diagrams

Sets are typically represented with **Venn Diagrams**

### EXAMPLE:



$$a \in A,$$

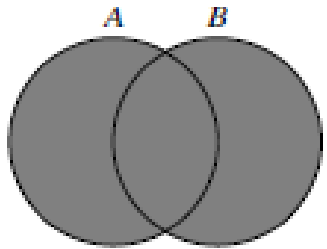
$$a \notin B$$

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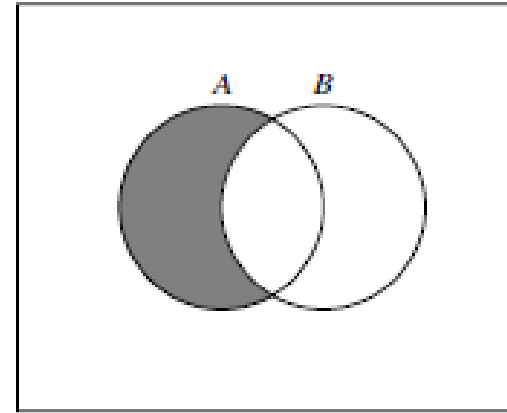
$$C \subseteq A,$$

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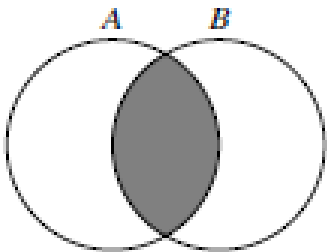
## Set theory in a nutshell: operations



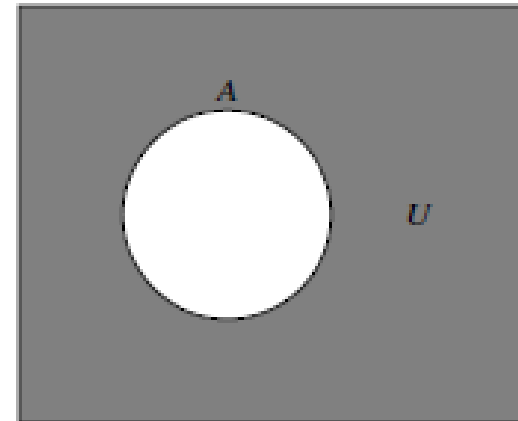
**Union.** Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the union of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set containing the elements belonging to  $A$  or to  $B$  or to both, and is denoted with  $A \cup B$ .



**Difference.** Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set containing all the elements which are members of  $A$ , but not members of  $B$ , and is denoted with  $A \setminus B$ .



**Intersection.** Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set containing the elements that belong both to  $A$  and  $B$ , and is denoted with  $A \cap B$ .



**Complement.** Given a universal set  $U$  and a set  $A$ , the complement of  $A$  in  $U$  is the set containing all the elements in  $U$  that do not belong to  $A$ , and is denoted with  $U \setminus A$ .

## Set theory in a nutshell: cartesian product and relations

**Cartesian product.** Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of ordered couples  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , formally:

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

**Relation.** A relation  $R$  from the set  $A$  to the set  $B$  is a subset of the Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$ , formally:

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

If  $(x, y) \in R$ , then we will write  $xRy$  and we say 'x is R-related to y'.

## Set theory in a nutshell: properties of relations

Let  $R$  be a binary relation.  $R$  is:

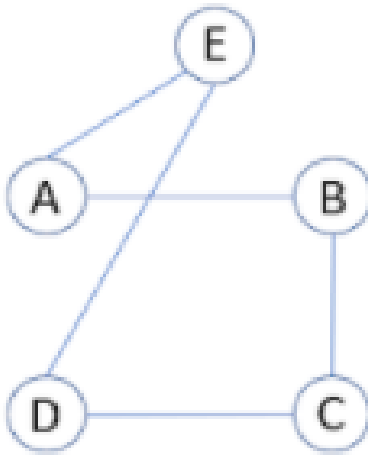
- **reflexive** iff  $aRa$  for all  $a \in A$
- **symmetric** iff  $aRb$  implies  $bRa$  for all  $a, b \in A$
- **transitive** iff  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  imply  $aRc$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$
- **anti-symmetric** iff  $aRb$  and  $bRa$  imply  $a = b$  for all  $a, b \in A$

### EXAMPLES

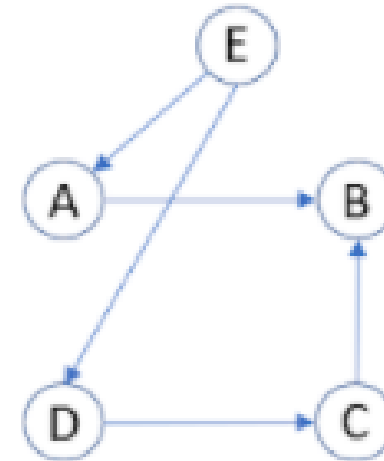
- reflexive: `equalTo`
- symmetric: `friendOf`, `roommateOf`, `siblingsOf`
- transitive: `ancestorOf`, `kindOf`, `partOf`
- anti-symmetric: `isDivisibleBy`, `subsetOf`

## Graph theory in a nutshell: defining graphs (I)

A **graph**  $G$  is an ordered pair  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ , where  $V$  is the set of vertices (or nodes) and  $E$  is the set of edges (or links). Edges are pairs of vertices.



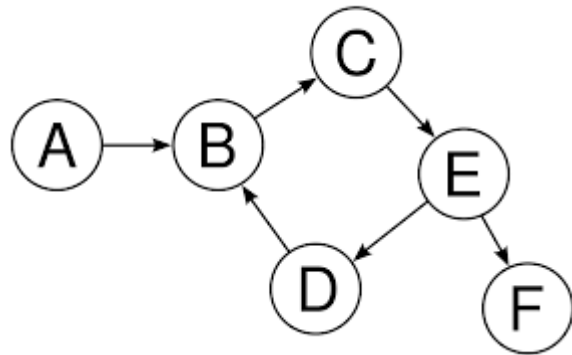
A **directed graph** is a graph where edges are ordered pairs of distinct vertices  $(x, y)$ .  $x$  and  $y$  are called the end points, where  $x$  is the tail and  $y$  is the head.



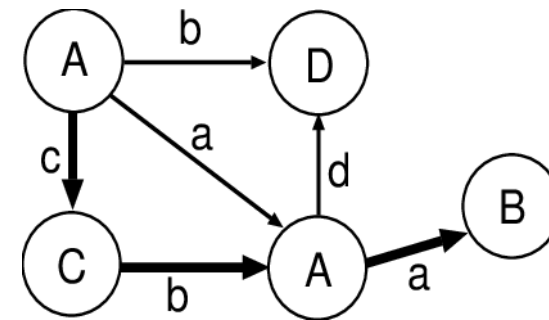


## Graph theory in a nutshell: defining graphs (II)

A **cycle** is a path in which only the first and last vertices are equal. A **cyclic graph** is a graph which contains a cycle.



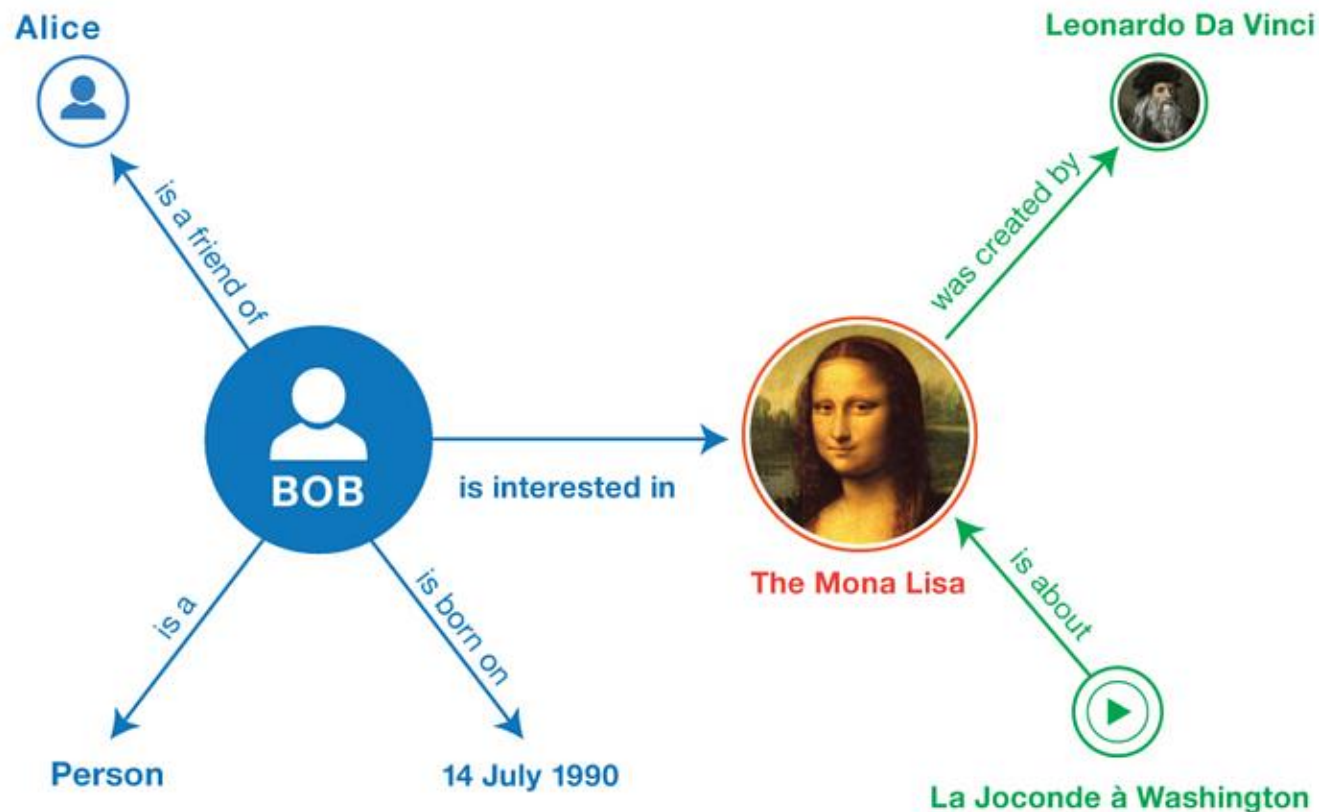
A **labeled graph** is a graph where each vertex and edge is assigned a label.



A **directed acyclic graph** (DAG) is a directed graph that does not contain any cycles.

# Knowledge graphs

A **knowledge graph** is a labelled graph representing real world knowledge.



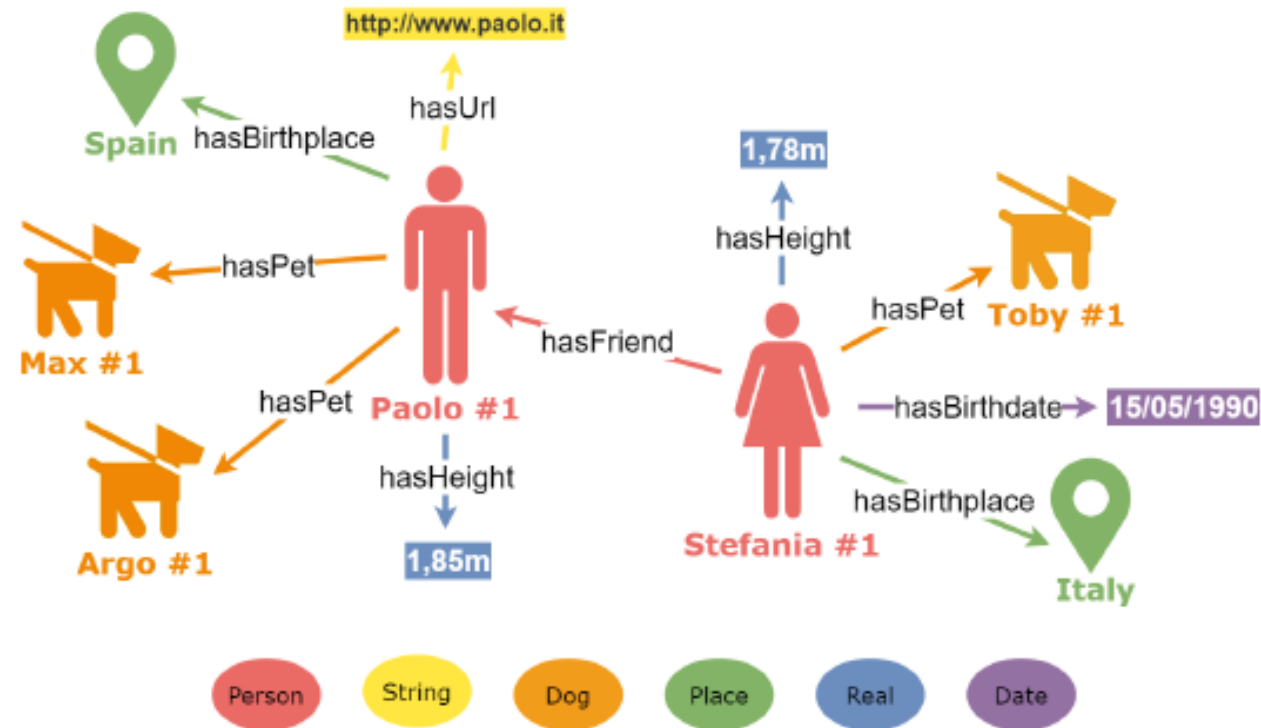
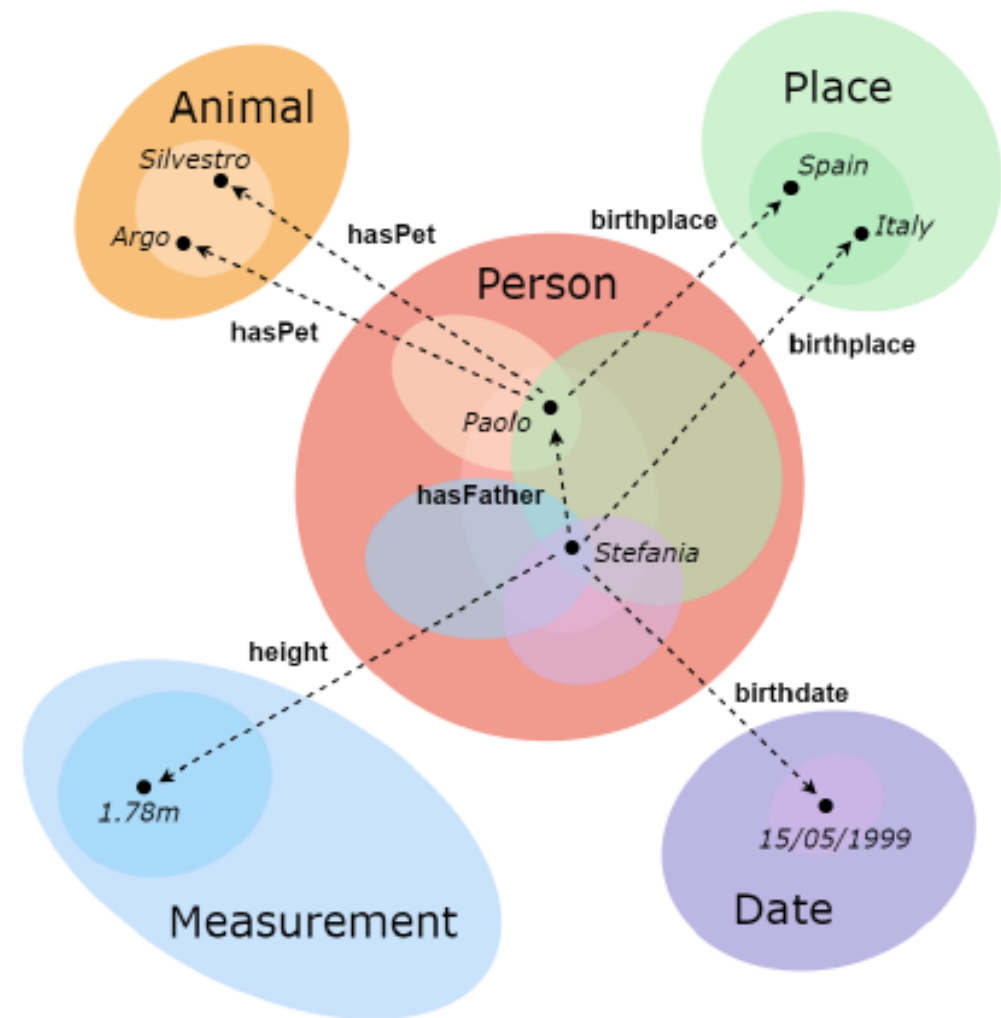
**Vertexes** belong to two disjoint sets:

- **Entity types:** the set of (named) entities in the world, such as a person, location, artifact...
- **Data types:** the set of values of the data properties of the entities, such as dates, numbers, texts...

**Edges** are relations of two types:

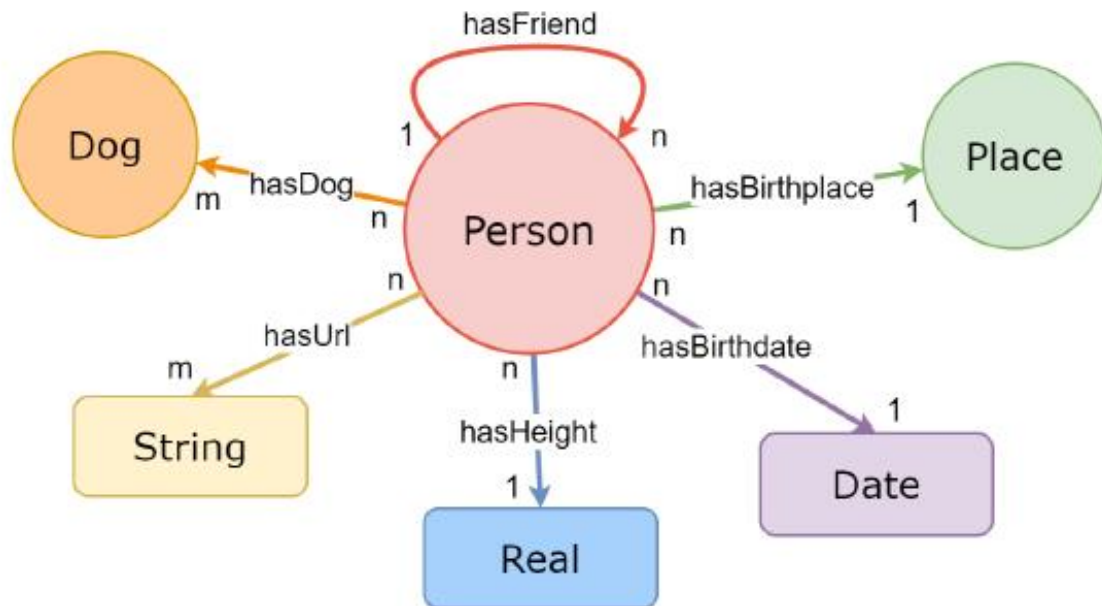
- **Object properties:** relations between two entities, such as createdBy, friendOf
- **Data properties:** relations between an entity and a value, such as bornOn

# Examples of a knowledge graph and corresponding sets



## Etype graphs

An **Etype Graph**, or **schema**, is a knowledge graph that focuses only on Entity types, Data types, Object properties and Data properties. It provides constraints on knowledge graphs with corresponding instances.



NOTICE: an ER diagram is a schema

