

## Set Theory Symbols

$\in$  “is an element of”

$\notin$  “is not an element of”

$\subset$  “is a *proper* subset of”

$\subseteq$  “is a subset of”

$\not\subset$  “is not a subset of”

$\emptyset$  the empty set; a set with no elements

$\cap$  intersection

$\cup$  union

$\overline{A}$  or  $A'$  “the compliment of  $A$ ”; all elements not in  $A$

$A - B$  all elements in  $A$  but not in  $B$

$n(A)$  “the number of elements in  $A$ ”

$A = B$  “ $A$  is equal to  $B$ ”;  $A$  and  $B$  contain the same elements

$A \cong B$  “ $A$  is equivalent to  $B$ ”;  $A$  and  $B$  contain the same number of elements

Examples:  $U = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$   $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$   $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Statements 1 through 5 are all true.

1)  $2 \in A$       2 is an element of  $A$

2)  $3 \notin A$       3 is not an element of  $A$

3)  $A \subset U$        $A$  is a proper subset of  $U$

4)  $A \not\subset B$        $A$  is not a subset of  $B$

5)  $A \cong B$        $A$  is equivalent to  $B$ , both sets contain 5 elements

$A \cap B = \{0, 2, 4\}$       all elements in  $A$  and  $B$ ; what the sets have in common

$A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$       all elements in  $A$  or  $B$ ; combine the sets, don't list anything twice