## Notations and symbols

A := B A is defined by B (B =: A as well).

 $\forall \cdots$ , For any  $\cdots$ ,

 $\exists \cdots$ , There exists  $\cdots$ ,

 $P \Longrightarrow Q$  P implies Q (logical inclusion).

$$\iff Q$$
  $P$  and  $Q$  are equivalent.

s.t. such that

- $\Box$  end of proof.
- $\mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}, 0 \text{ and natural numbers.}$
- $\mathbb{N}^+$  := {1, 2, ...}, the set of all positive integers.
  - $\mathbb{Z} := \{\ldots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ , the set of all integers.
- $\mathbb{R} \hspace{.1in}:= \hspace{.1in} \text{the set of all real numbers.}$
- $\mathbb{C}$  := the set of all complex numbers.
- $\lfloor t \rfloor$  := the largest integer not exceeding real number *t* (rounding down).
- $\lceil t \rceil$  := the smallest integer no less than real number *t* (rounding up).

$$\mathbf{1}_{B}(x) := \text{ the indicator function of set } B = \begin{cases} 1 & (x \in B), \\ 0 & (x \notin B). \end{cases}$$

- #B := the number of elements of set *B*.
- $2^B$  := the set of all subsets of *B*.
- $B^c$  := the complementary set to B.
- $A \setminus B := A \cap B^c$ .
  - $\emptyset$  := the empty set.
  - Pr := probability (when no probability space is explicitly specified).
- $\mathbf{E}[X]$  := the mean (expectation) of random variable X.
- $\mathbf{E}[X;B] := \mathbf{E}[X\mathbf{1}_B].$ 
  - V[X] := the variance of random variable X.

$$\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$$
 := the normal (Gaussian) distribution with mean *m* and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

$$O(f(n))$$
 := Landau's symbol,

$$g(n) = O(f(n)) \iff \exists c > 0 \text{ s.t. } |g(n)| \le cf(n).$$

- zero. This is used mainly in Chapter 6 to distinguish the number "0" from the letter "O".
- $a \mod N := a \mod N$ , the remainder, on division of a by N. When N = 1, it means the fractional part of a.

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