Section 1.2: Cartesian product

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Theorem

If A and B are finite sets, then $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$.



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If A is a set, then
$$A^n = \underbrace{A \times \cdots \times A}_{n}$$
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Homework.

- Read Section 1.2.
- 2 Write up the following exercises. Section 1.2: 2.e, 2.f, 5, 8.

New LATEX commands

 $A \times B$ A \times B $A_{superscript}^{superscript}$ A^{superscript}_{subscript}