

2. Suppose that A is the set of sophomores at your school and B is the set of students in discrete mathematics at your school. Express each of these sets in terms of A and B.

a) the set of sophomores taking discrete mathematics in your school

$$A \cap B$$

b) the set of sophomores at your school who are not taking discrete mathematics

$$A - B$$

c) the set of students at your school who either are sophomores or are taking discrete mathematics

$$A \cup B$$

d) the set of students at your school who either are not sophomores or are not taking discrete mathematics

$$\overline{A \cup B}$$

4. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ .

Find

a)  $A \cup B$ .

$$\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$$

b)  $A \cap B$ .

$$\{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

c)  $A - B$ .

$$\text{none } \emptyset$$

d)  $B - A$ .

$$\{f, g, h\}$$

12. Prove the first absorption law from Table 1 by showing that if A and B are sets, then  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ .

Show each side is a subset of the other.

-In a union,  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A \cap B$ .

-Intersection states that either  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , so  $x \in A$ .

-We can then say that  $A \cup (A \cap B) \subseteq A$

-if  $x \in A$  then  $x$  by the definition of union,  $\in A \cup (A \cap B)$ , because  $x \in A$  can also be  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , which also means that  $A \subseteq A \cup (A \cap B)$

- We can therefore conclude that  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$

16. Let A and B be sets. Show that

a)  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$ .

Show  $x \in (A \cap B)$

-  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  by intersection

-because  $x \in A$ , we can then conclude  $(A \cap B) \subseteq A$ , proving the statement

b)  $A \subseteq (A \cup B)$

Show  $x \in A$

- $x \in A$  or  $x \in$

-by union we know that  $x \in A \cup B$ ,

- because  $x \in A \cup B$  we can thus conclude that  $A \subseteq (A \cup B)$

c)  $A - B \subseteq A$ .

-  $x \in A - B$

- $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$  because of their difference, so  $x \in A$

because  $x \in A$ , we can conclude  $A - B \subseteq A$ .

d)  $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

Show contradiction

-  $A \cap (B - A)$  does not =  $\emptyset$

- $x \in A$  and  $x \in (B-A)$  by union

- through difference, we can find that  $x \in A$ ,  $x \in B$ , but also  $x \notin A$ .

-This contradiction proves that  $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

e)  $A \cup (B - A) = A \cup B$ .

A	B	B - A	$A \cup (B - A)$	$A \cup B$
1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0

Because  $A \cup (B - A)$  and  $A \cup B$  have the same values, we can conclude that they are equal.

18. Let A, B, and C be sets. Show that

a)  $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$ .

-if  $x \in (A \cup B)$ , then by union  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .

- $x$  then is also  $\in C$

-Again using union, we can conclude then that because  $x \in (A \cup B \cup C)$  that

$(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B \cup C)$ .

b)  $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B)$ .

- by intersection,  $x \in A$ ,  $x \in B$ ,  $x \in C$ , which would also give that  $x \in (A \cap B)$

-We can then conclude that  $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B)$ .

c)  $(A - B) - C \subseteq A - C$ .

- To show the left, we can assume  $x \in (A-B)-C$ .

-Through difference, this returns  $x \in A$ , while  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin C$ .

-Intersection then gives us  $x \in (A \cap B)$ .

-We can thus conclude that  $(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B)$ .

d)  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) = \emptyset$ .

Show the contradiction to prove. (That there is a value that exists so that  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) \neq \emptyset$ .)

-By intersection, we can show  $x \in (A - C)$  and  $x \in (C - B)$ .

-By difference,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$

-By difference,  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin B$

-Because  $x \notin C$  and  $x \in C$  contradict each other, we can conclude that  $(A - C) \cap (C - B) = \emptyset$ .

e)  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$ .

A	B	C	B - A	C - A	$B \cup C$	$(B - A) \cup (C - A)$	$(B \cup C) - A$
1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Because the values for  $(B - A) \cup (C - A)$  are equal to  $(B \cup C) - A$ , we can conclude that  $(B - A) \cup (C - A) = (B \cup C) - A$ .

20. Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are sets with  $A \subseteq B$ , then

a)  $A \cup B = B$ .

-Assume that  $A \subseteq B$

-if  $x \in A \cup B$  then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$

-Assume  $x \in A$

-if  $x \in A$ , then because  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $x$  must also be  $\in B$

- This shows  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ , and thus that  $B = A \cup B$ .

-Together, this proves  $B = A \cup B$

b)  $A \cap B = A$ .

-Assume that  $A \subseteq B$

- If  $x \in A \cap B$ , then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  by intersection, so  $x \in A$ .

-This shows  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ .

-if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$ , too, so  $x \in A \cap B$ .

-This shows  $A \subseteq A \cap B$ , and thus that  $A = A \cap B$ .

- If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ , so  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .

- This proves  $A \subseteq B$ , so we can conclude that if  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $A \cap B = A$ .