

### Study Module 1: Sets

1. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Determine each of the following sets.

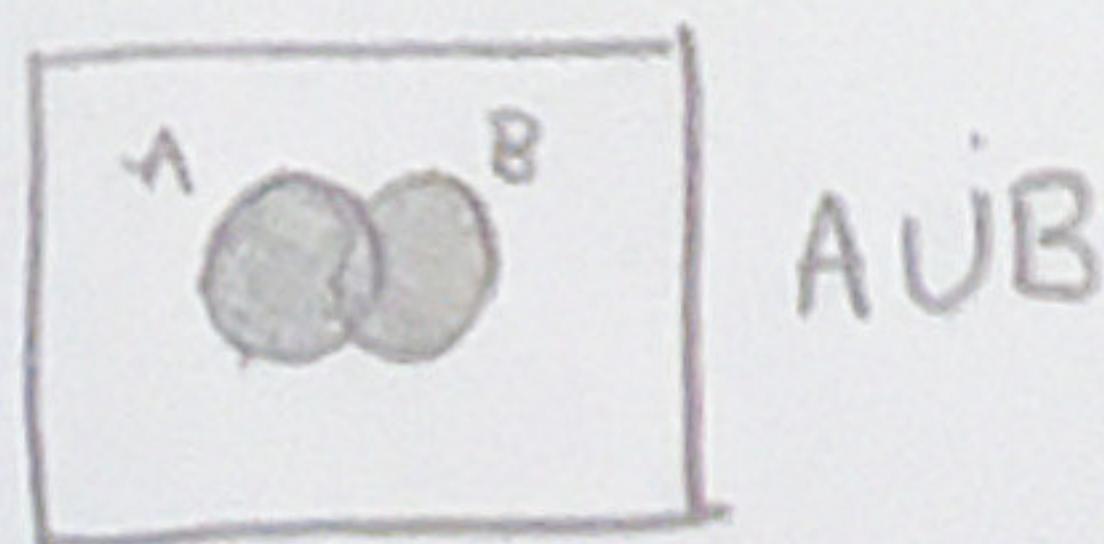
- $A \cup B \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $A \cap B \rightarrow \{3\}$
- $A - B \rightarrow \{1, 5\}$
- $B - A \rightarrow \{2, 4\}$
- $(A \cup B) - (A \cap B) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$
- $(A - B) \cup (B - A) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$

2. Prove the following set-equality, first by Venn Diagram, and then by algebraic method.

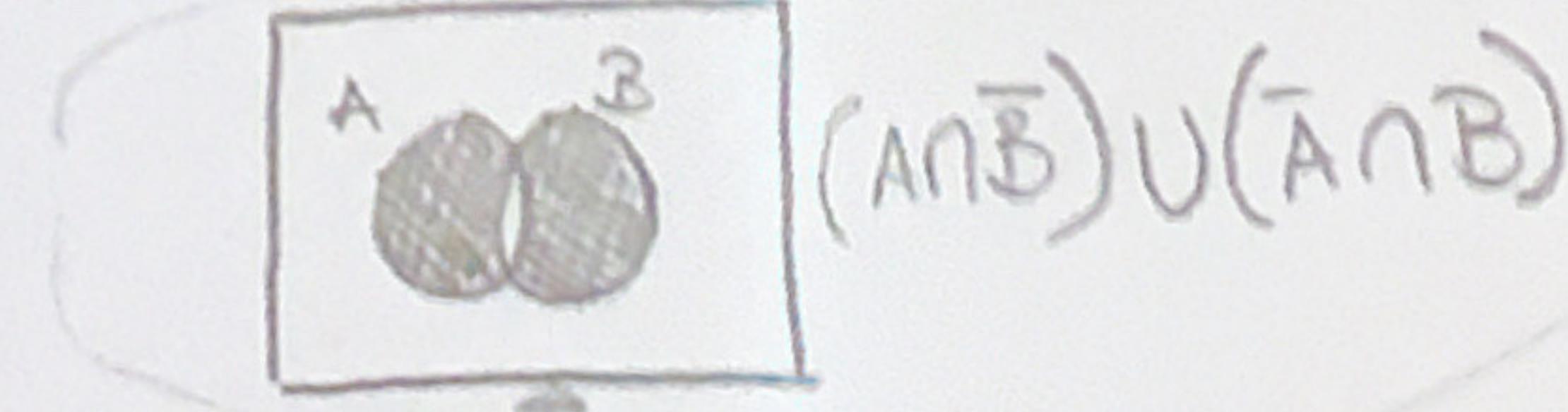
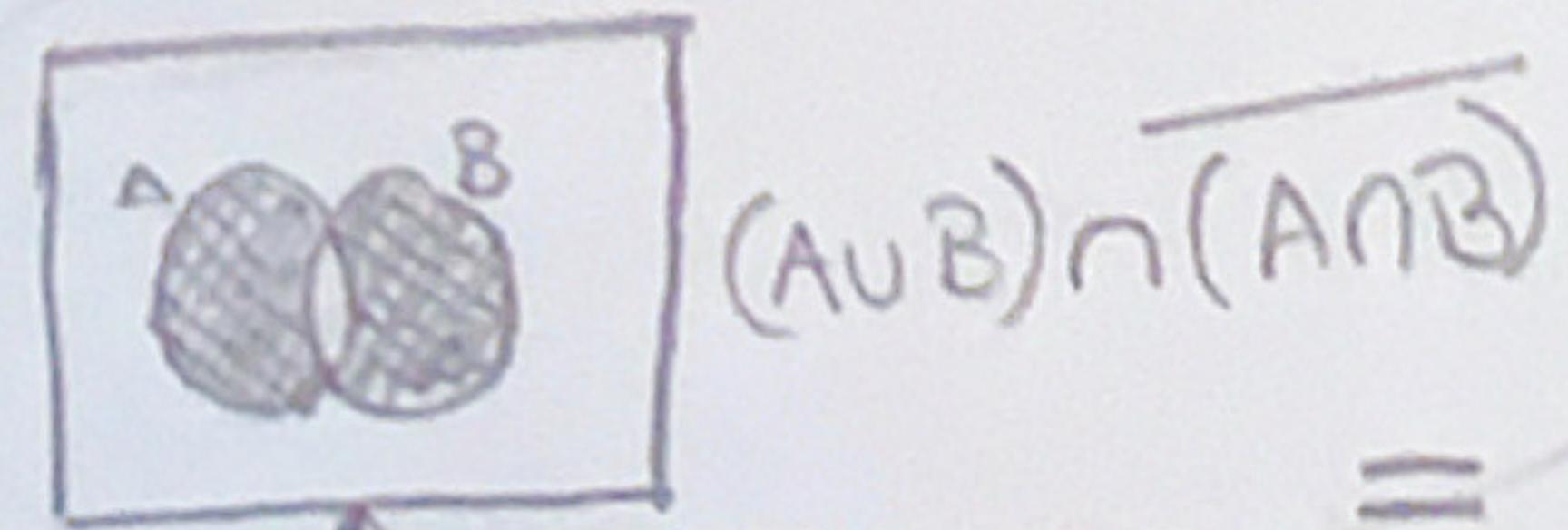
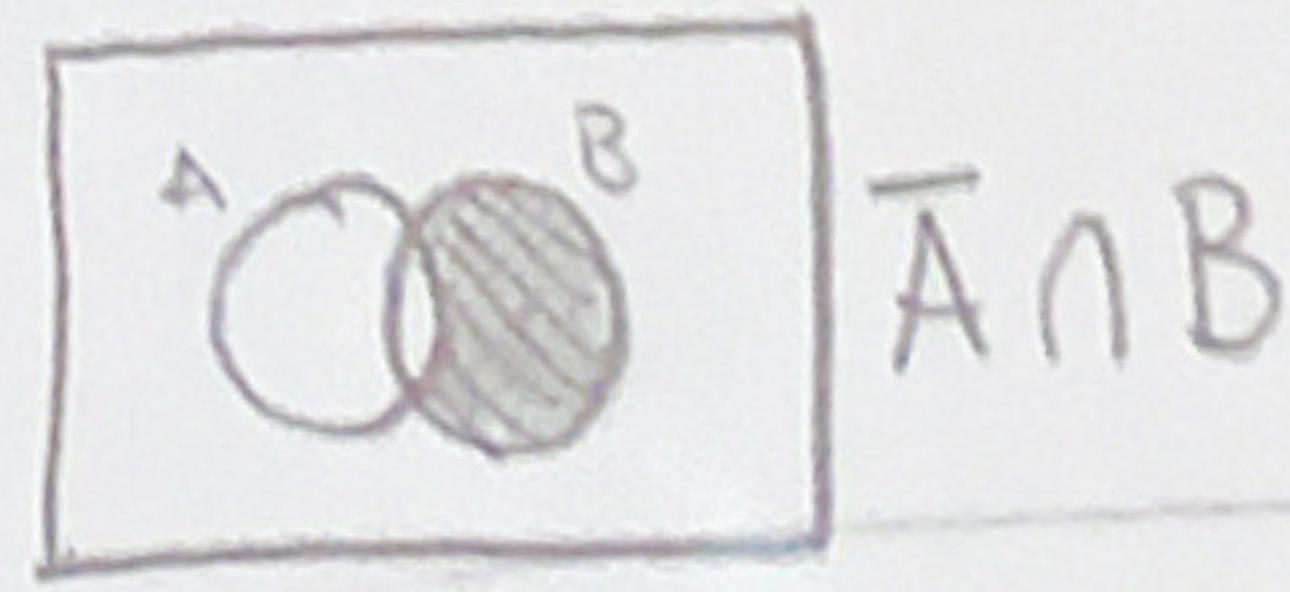
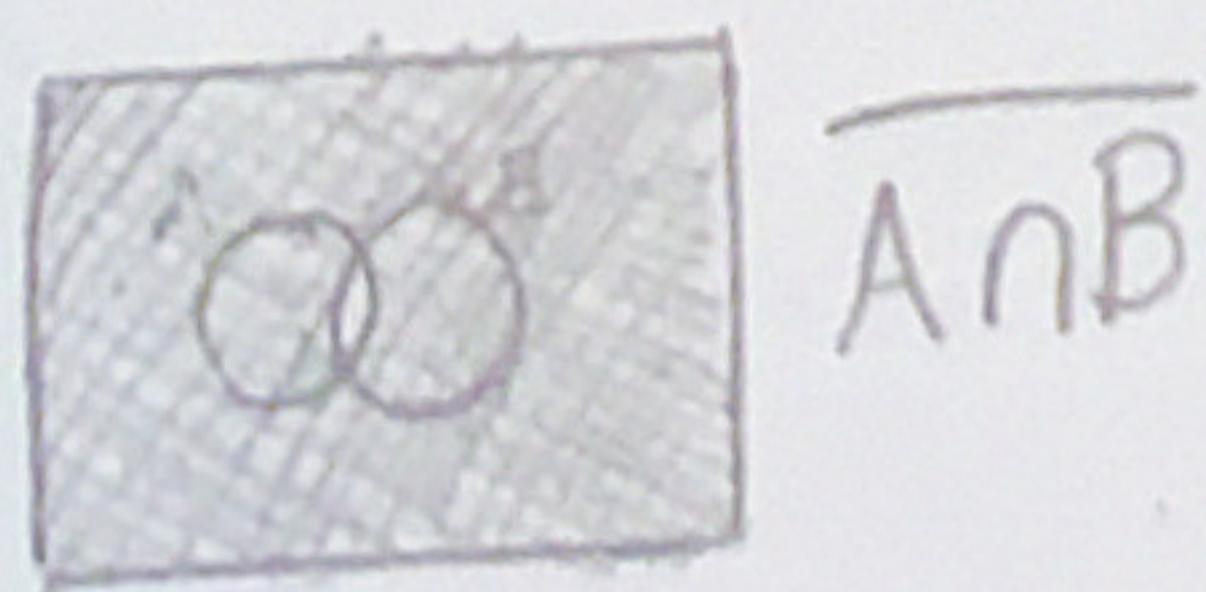
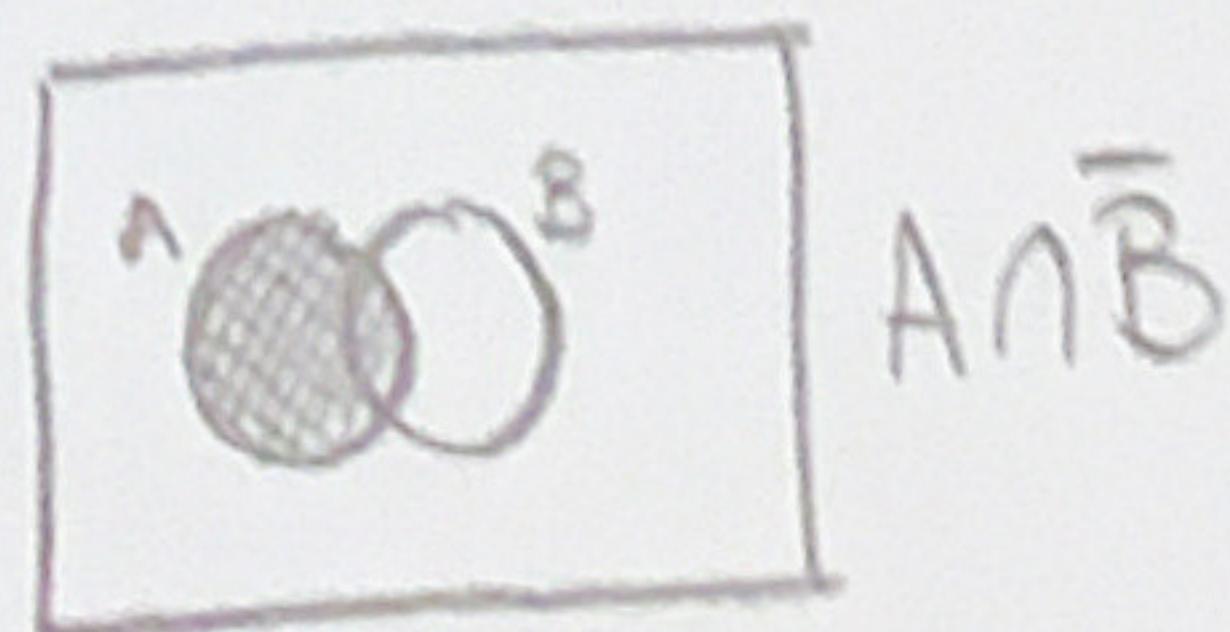
$$(A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A} \cap B) = (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)$$

Venn Diagram Proof:

LHS:



RHS:



Algebraic Proof:

LHS

- $(A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})$  - De Morgan's
- $((A \cup B) \cap \overline{A}) \cup ((A \cup B) \cap \overline{B})$  - Distributive
- $((\overline{A} \cap A) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)) \cup ((\overline{B} \cap A) \cup (\overline{B} \cap B))$  - Distributive
- $(\emptyset \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)) \cup ((\overline{B} \cap A) \cup \emptyset)$  - Complement
- $(\overline{A} \cap B) \cup (\overline{B} \cap A)$  - Identity
- $(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)$  - Commutative

$$(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B) = (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B) \checkmark$$

3. Prove each of the following set equalities by algebraic method. In the proofs, you may use the basic rules listed in the table above.

(a) Combination Rule:

$$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) = A$$

- a.  $A \cap (B \cup \bar{B}) = A$  - Distributive Reverse  
 b.  $A \cap U = A$  - Complement  
 c.  $A = A$  - Identity ✓

(b) Absorption Rule:

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

- a.  $(A \cap U) \cup (A \cap B) = A$  - Replace A with  $A \cap U$   
 b.  $A \cap (B \cup U) = A$  - Distributive Reverse  
 c.  $A \cap U = A$  - Bound  
 d.  $A = A$  - Identity ✓

(c)

$$A \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) = A \cup B$$

- a.  $(A \cup \bar{A}) \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup B$  - Distributive  
 b.  $U \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup B$  - Complement  
 c.  $A \cup B = A \cup B$  - Identity ✓

$$A \cap (\bar{A} \cup B) = A \cap B$$

- a.  $(A \cap \bar{A}) \cup (A \cap B) = A \cap B$  - Distributive  
 b.  $\emptyset \cup (A \cap B) = A \cap B$  - Complement  
 c.  $A \cap B = A \cap B$  - Identity ✓

(d)

$$(A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap B) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) = A \cup B$$

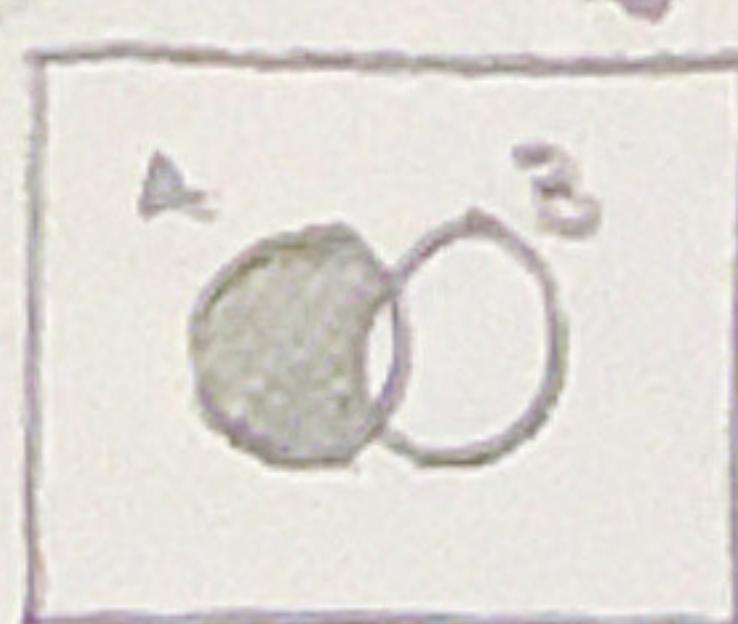
- a.  $A \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) = A \cup B$  - Combination Rule  
 b.  $(A \cup \bar{A}) \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup B$  - Distributive  
 c.  $U \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup B$  - Complement  
 d.  $A \cup B = A \cup B$  - Identity ✓

4. (a) Use Venn Diagrams to prove each of the following.

i.

$$A - B = A \cap \bar{B}$$

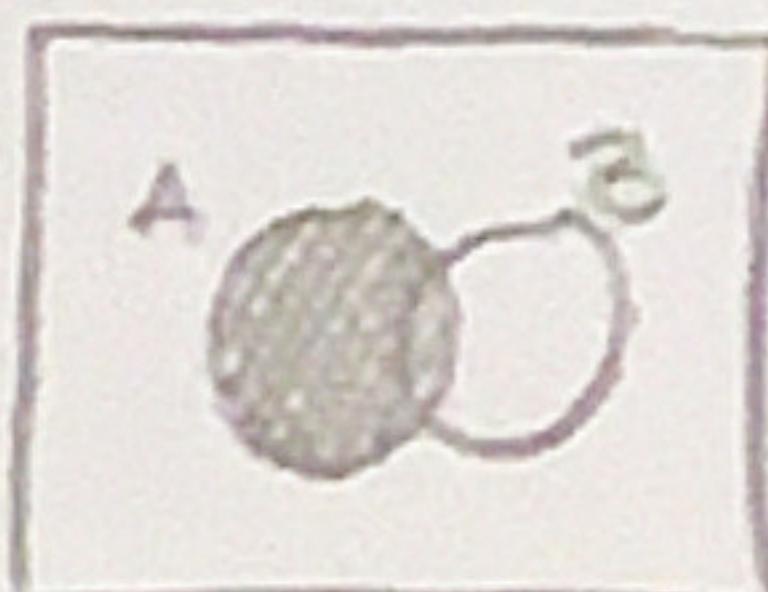
LHS:



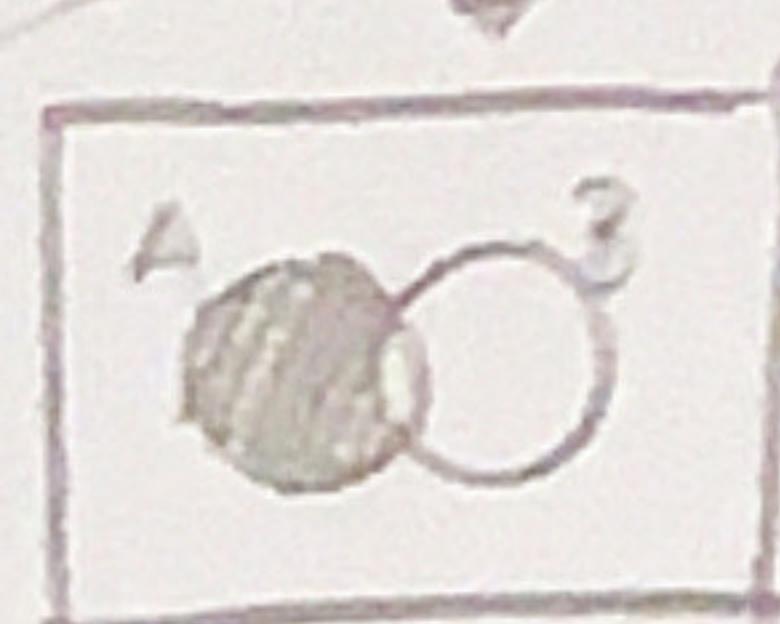
$$A - B$$

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RHS:



$$A$$



$$A \cap \bar{B}$$



$$\bar{B}$$

ii.

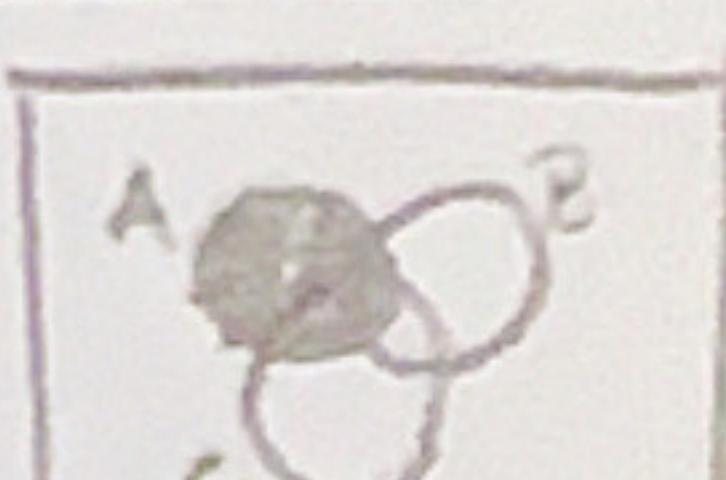
$$(A - B) - C = A \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}$$

LHS:

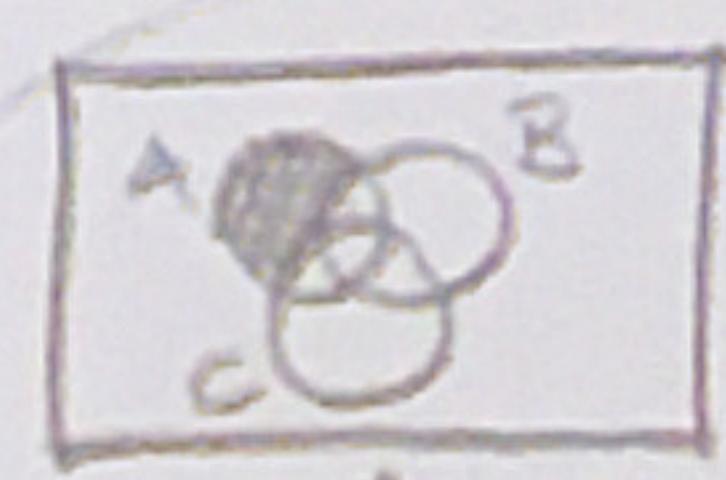


$$A - B$$

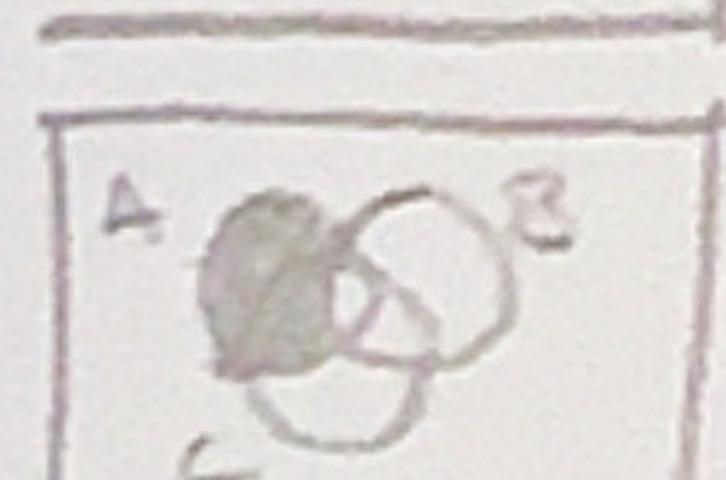
RHS:



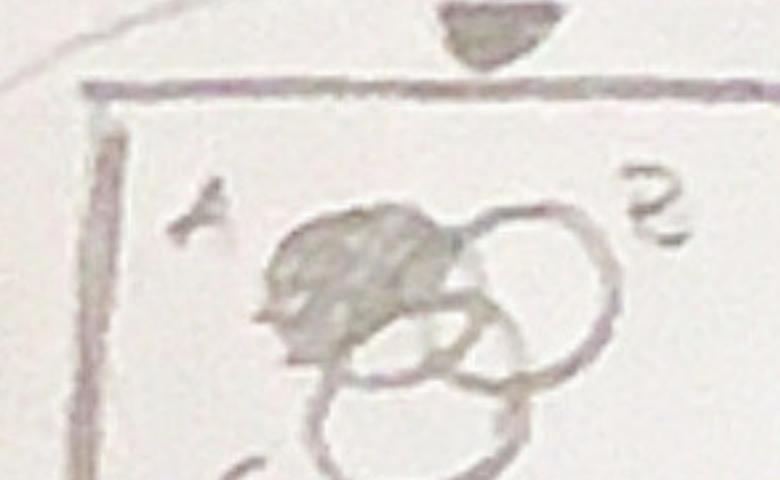
$$A$$



$$(A - B) - C$$



$$A \cap \bar{B}$$



$$A \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}$$

(b) Use the algebraic method to prove each of the following set equalities.

i.

$$A - (B - C) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$$

a.  $A - (B - C) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$  - Reduce Set Subtraction

b.  $A \cap (B - C) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$  - Replace Set Subtract, or

c.  $A \cap (\bar{B} \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$  - DeMorgan

d.  $A \cap (\bar{B} \cup C) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$  - Complement

e.  $(A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C) = (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap C)$  - Distributive

ii.

$$\overline{(A - B)} = \bar{A} \cup B$$

a.  $\overline{(A - B)} = \bar{A} \cup B$  - Replace Set Subtract

b.  $\bar{A} \cup B = \bar{A} \cup B$  - DeMorgan's

c.  $\bar{A} \cup B = \bar{A} \cup B$  - Complement

iii.

$$A \cap \overline{(A \cap B)} = A - B$$

a.  $A \cap (\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = A - B$  - DeMorgan's

b.  $(A \cap \bar{A}) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) = A - B$  - Distributive

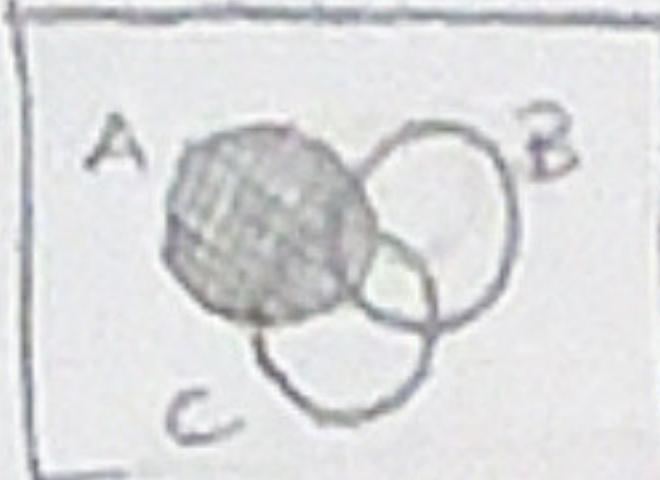
c.  $\emptyset \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) = A - B$  - Complement

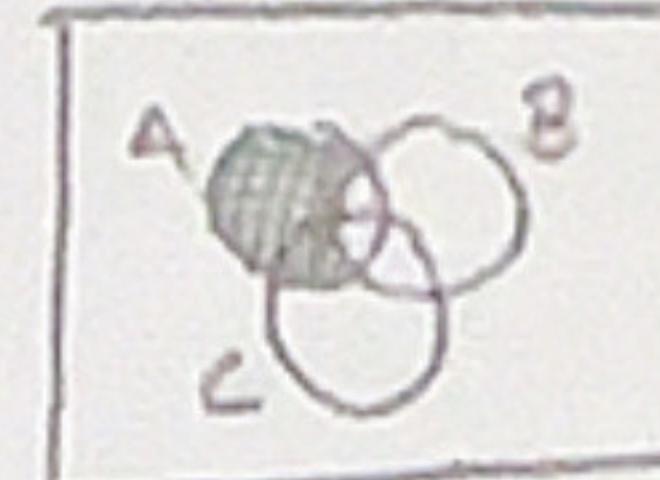
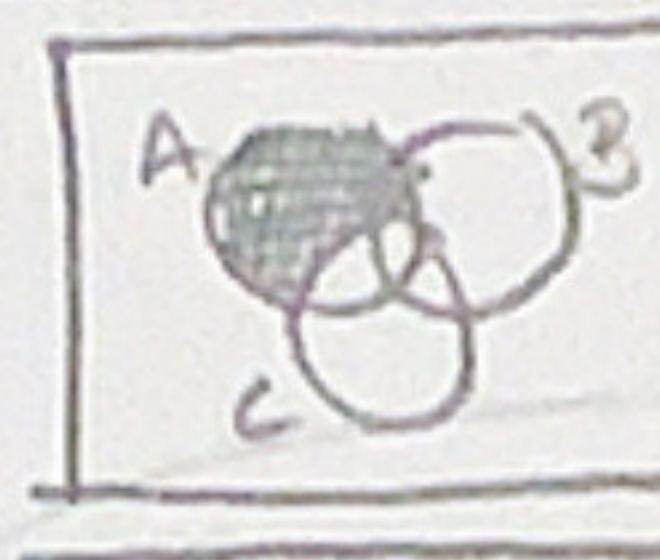
d.  $A - B = A - B$  - Replace Set Subtract Reverse.

5. Prove each of the following set equalities both by Venn Diagram and by algebraic method.

(a)

$$A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$$

LHS:  A

RHS:  A - B     A - C

$A - (B \cap C)$      $(A - B) \cup (A - C)$

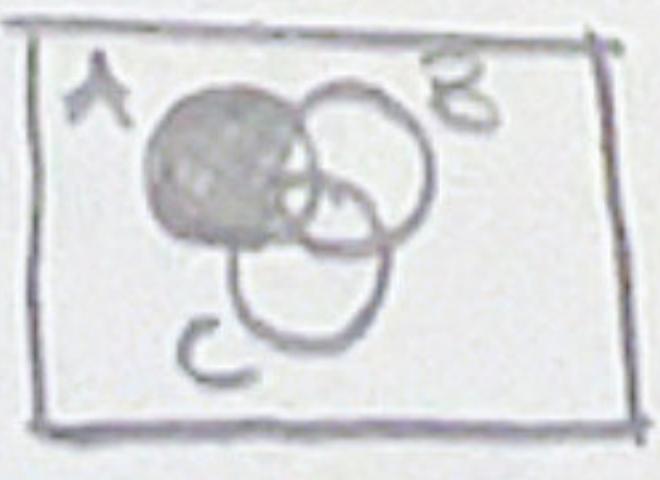
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- a.  $A \cap (\overline{B \cap C}) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$   
└ Replace Set Subtraction
- b.  $A \cap (\overline{B} \cup \overline{C}) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$   
└ DeMorgan's
- c.  $(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap \overline{C}) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$   
└ Distributive
- d.  $(A - B) \cup (A - C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$   
└ Reverse Replace Set Subtraction ✓

(b)

$$A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$$

LHS:  A

RHS:  A - B     A - C

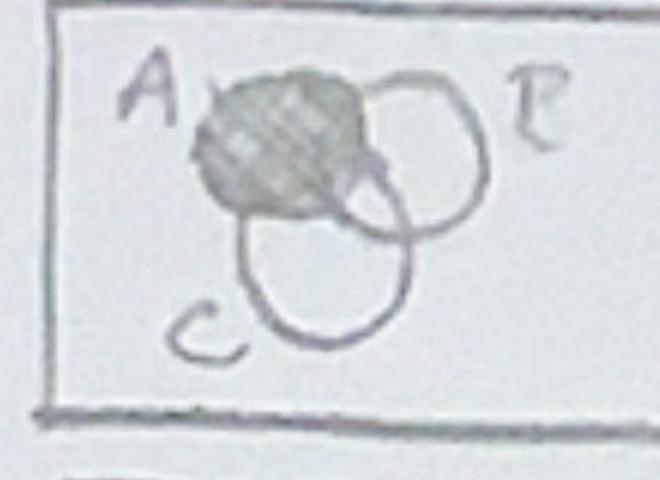
$A - (B \cup C)$      $(A - B) \cap (A - C)$

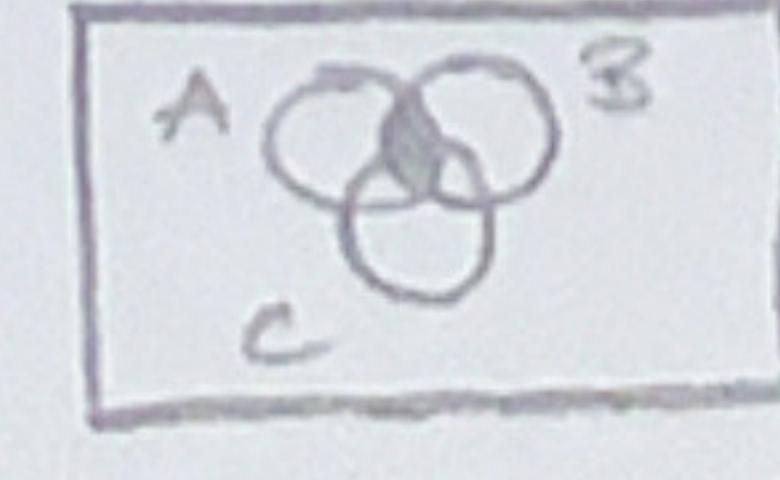
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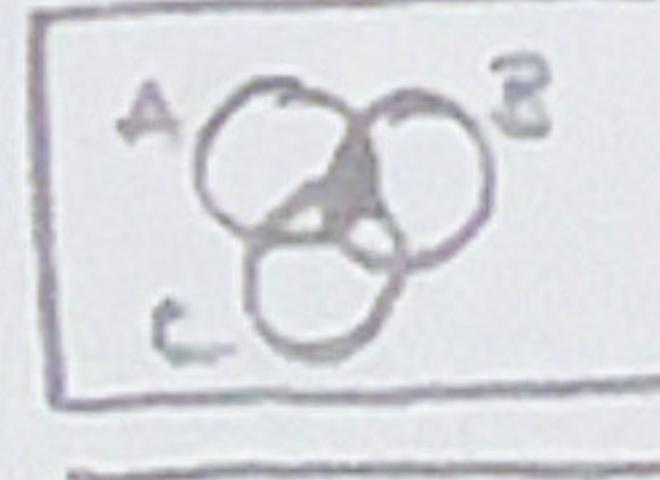
- a.  $A \cap (\overline{B \cup C}) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$   
└ Replace Set Subtraction
- b.  $A \cap (\overline{B} \cap \overline{C}) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$   
└ DeMorgan's
- c.  $(A \cap \overline{B}) \cap (A \cap \overline{C}) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$   
└ Distributive
- d.  $(A - B) \cap (A - C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$   
└ Reverse Replace Set Subtraction ✓

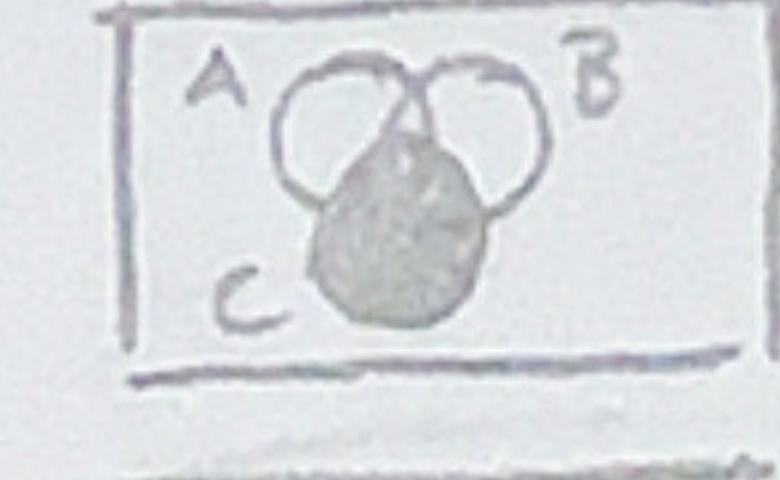
(c)

$$A \cap (B - C) = (A \cap B) - C = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C)$$

LHS:  A

Mid:  A  $\cap$  B

RHS:  A  $\cap$  B

$B - C$      C

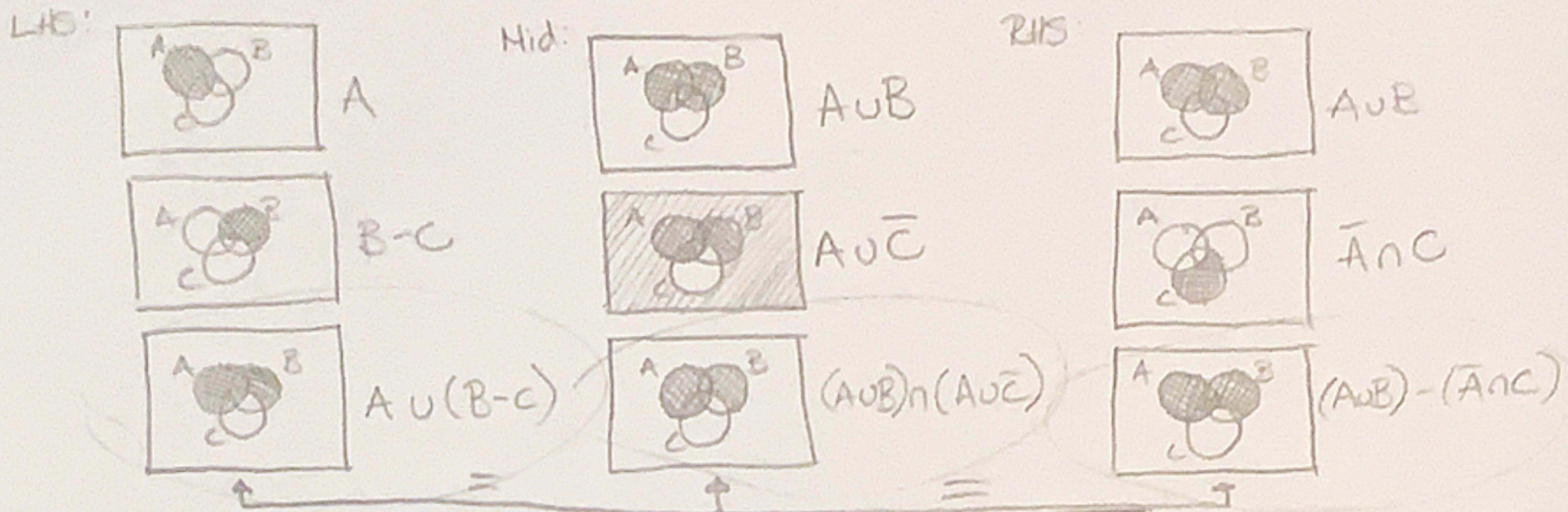
$A \cap (B - C)$      $(A \cap B) - C$      $(A \cap B) - (A \cap C)$

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- a.  $(A \cap B) - (A \cap C) = (A \cap B) - C = ((A \cap B) - (A \cap C)) - (A \cap C)$  - Distributive
- b.  $(A \cap B) - (A \cap C) = A \cap (B - C) - (A \cap B) = (A \cap C) - (A \cap B)$  - Associative
- c.  $(A \cap B) - (A \cap C) = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C) = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C)$  - Distributive ✓

(d)

$$A \cup (B - C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) - (\bar{A} \cap C)$$



- a.  $A \cup (B - C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (\bar{A} \cup C)$  - Replace Set Subtraction.
- b.  $A \cup (B - C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (\bar{A} \cup \bar{C})$  - DeMORGAN'S
- c.  $A \cup (B - C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C})$  - Complement
- d.  $A \cup (B - C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C})$  - Replace Set Subtraction
- e.  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C}) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup \bar{C})$  - Distributive ✓