

# Set Theory and Logic Exercise 2.3 New Concepts Cheatsheet

## New Concepts in Exercise 2.3

This cheatsheet summarizes new set theory and logic concepts introduced in Exercise 2.3, not covered in Exercises 2.1 and 2.2, with definitions and examples.

### 1. Associative Property of Intersection

- *Definition:*  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$ . The grouping of sets in an intersection does not affect the result.
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{3, 4, 5\}$ .  $(A \cap B) \cap C = \{2, 3\} \cap \{3, 4, 5\} = \{3\}$ .  $A \cap (B \cap C) = \{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{3, 4\} = \{3\}$ .

### 2. Idempotent Laws

- *Definition:*  $A \cup A = A$ ;  $A \cap A = A$ . The union or intersection of a set with itself is the set itself.
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2\}$ .  $A \cup A = \{1, 2\} \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .  $A \cap A = \{1, 2\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .

### 3. Identity Laws

- *Definition:*  $A \cup \emptyset = A$ ;  $A \cap U = A$ . The union with the empty set or intersection with the universal set leaves the set unchanged.
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .  $A \cup \emptyset = \{1, 2\} \cup \{\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .  $A \cap U = \{1, 2\} \cap \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .

### 4. Complement Laws

- *Definition:*  $A \cup A' = U$ ;  $A \cap A' = \emptyset$ . The union of a set and its complement is the universal set; their intersection is empty.
- *Example:*  $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A' = \{3\}$ .  $A \cup A' = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3\} = \{1, 2, 3\} = U$ .  $A \cap A' = \{1, 2\} \cap \{3\} = \emptyset$ .

### 5. Absorption Laws

- *Definition:*  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ ;  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ . A set absorbs the result of its union or intersection with another set.
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3\}$ .  $A \cap (A \cup B) = \{1, 2\} \cap \{1, 2, 3\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .  $A \cup (A \cap B) = \{1, 2\} \cup \{2\} = \{1, 2\} = A$ .

## 6. Set Difference Identities

- *Definition:*
  - $A \cap B' = A$  if and only if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
  - $(A - B) \cup B = A \cup B$ .
  - $(A - B) \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .
  - $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $B' = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A \cap B' = \{1, 2\} = A$ .
  - $(A - B) = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $(A - B) \cup B = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3, 4\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = A \cup B$ .
  - $(A - B) \cap B = \{1, 2\} \cap \{3, 4\} = \emptyset$ .

## 7. Union with Complement Intersection

- *Definition:*  $A \cup B = A \cup (A' \cap B)$ . The union of two sets equals the union of the first set with the intersection of its complement and the second set.
- *Example:*  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  $A' = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $A' \cap B = \{3\}$ ,  $A \cup (A' \cap B) = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

## 8. Logic Concepts

- *Definitions:*
  - *Inductive Logic:* Generalizing from specific observations.
  - *Deductive Logic:* Concluding specifics from general facts.
  - *Proposition:* A true or false statement.
  - *Aristotelian Logic:* Statements are strictly true or false.
  - *Non-Aristotelian Logic:* Allows additional possibilities.
  - *Symbolic Logic:*
    - \* Negation ( $\sim p$ ): Not p.
    - \* Conjunction ( $p \wedge q$ ): p and q.
    - \* Disjunction ( $p \vee q$ ): p or q.
    - \* Conditional ( $p \rightarrow q$ ): If p, then q.
    - \* Biconditional ( $p \leftrightarrow q$ ): p if and only if q.
- *Examples:*
  - *Inductive:* Sun rises daily, so it will rise tomorrow.
  - *Deductive:* All men are mortal; Socrates is a man; Socrates is mortal.
  - *Proposition:* “ $2 + 2 = 4$ ” (true).
  - *Aristotelian:* “It is raining” is true or false.
  - *Non-Aristotelian:* “This statement is false” may be undefined.

- *Symbolic Logic*:  $p$  = “It is sunny,”  $q$  = “It is warm.”  $\sim p$ : “It is not sunny.”  
 $p \wedge q$ : “It is sunny and warm.”  $p \vee q$ : “It is sunny or warm.”  $p \rightarrow q$ :  
“If it is sunny, then it is warm.”  $p \leftrightarrow q$ : “It is sunny if and only if it is  
warm.”

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