

The operations defined on sets satisfy the following properties:

- Commutative properties:

1. $A \cup B = B \cup A$;

2. $A \cap B = B \cap A$;

- Associative properties.

3. $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$

4. $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup C$

- Distributive properties.

5. $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

6. $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

• Idempotent properties:

$$7. A \cup A = A$$

$$8. A \cap A = A$$

• Properties of the complement.

$$9. \overline{(\bar{A})} = A$$

$$10. A \cup \bar{A} = U$$

$$11. A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$$

$$12. \overline{\emptyset} = U$$

$$13. \bar{U} = \emptyset$$

$$14. \overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

$$15. \overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

- Properties of a universal set

16. $A \cup U = U$

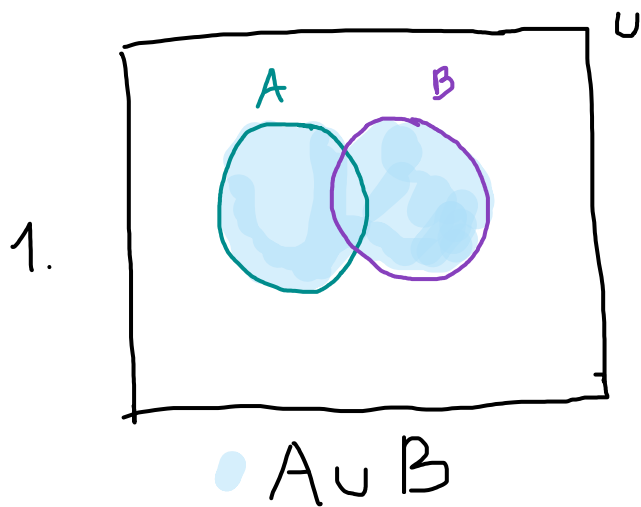
17. $A \cap U = A$

- Properties of the empty set

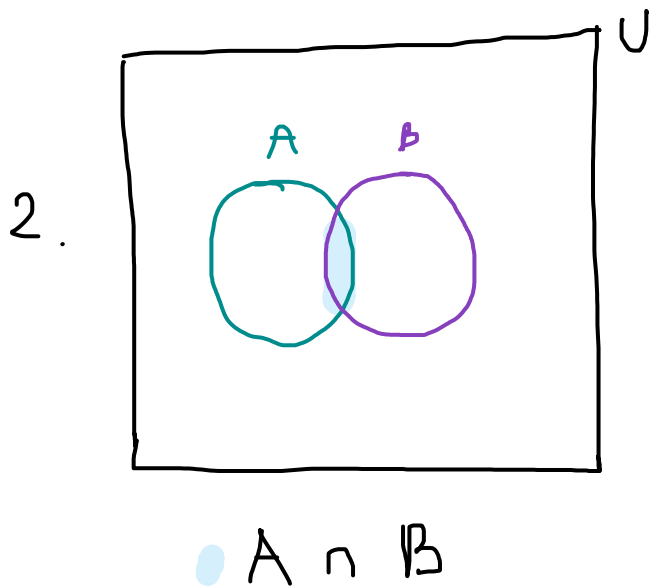
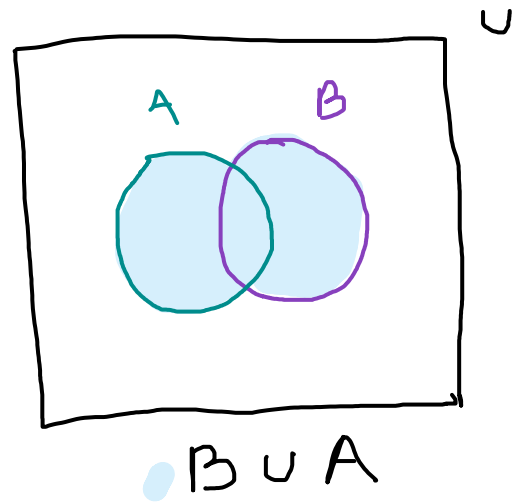
18. $A \cup \emptyset = A$

19. $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

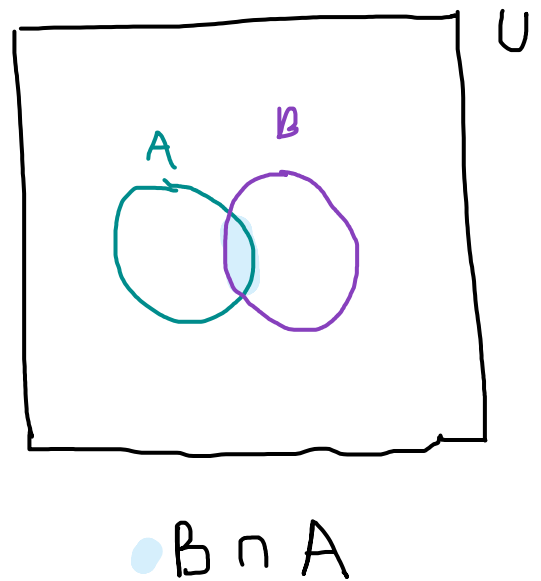
★ Venn diagrams of the properties:



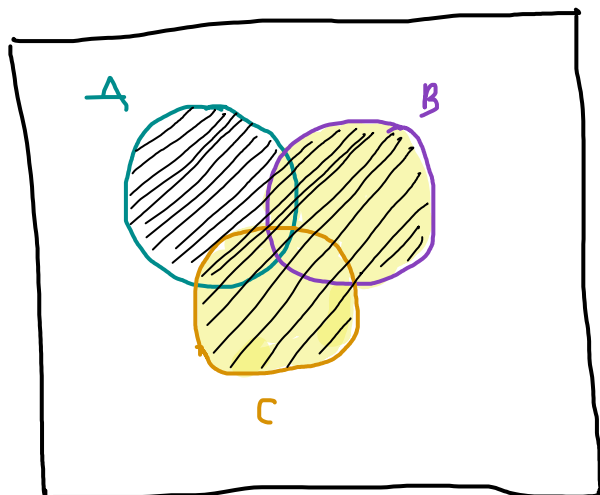
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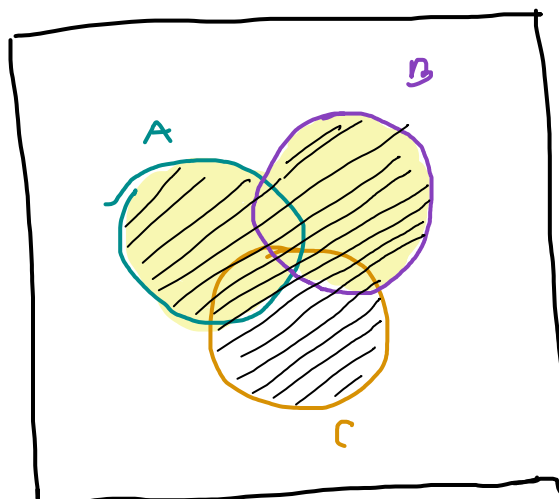


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$$\text{Yellow} \quad B \cup C$$

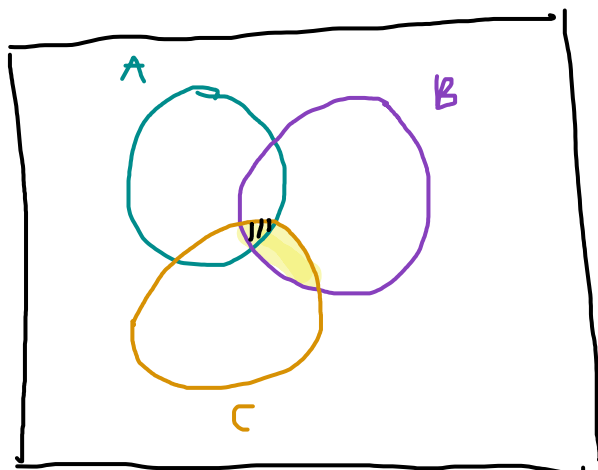
$$\text{Yellow} \quad A \cup (B \cup C) =$$



$$\text{Yellow} \quad A \cup B$$

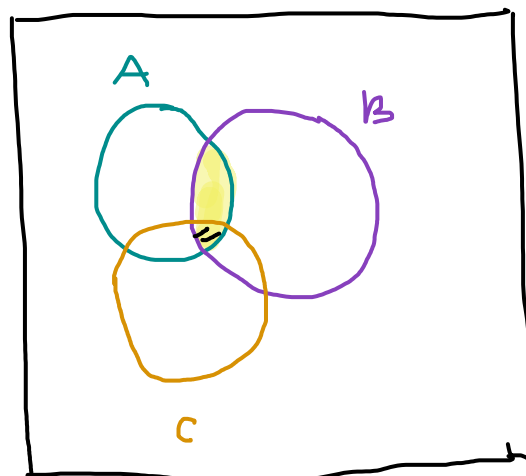
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$$\text{Yellow} \quad B \cap C$$

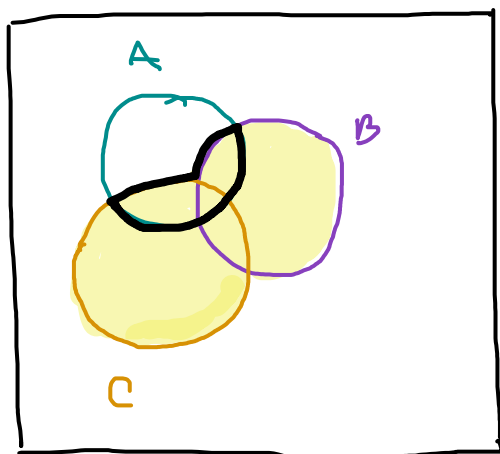
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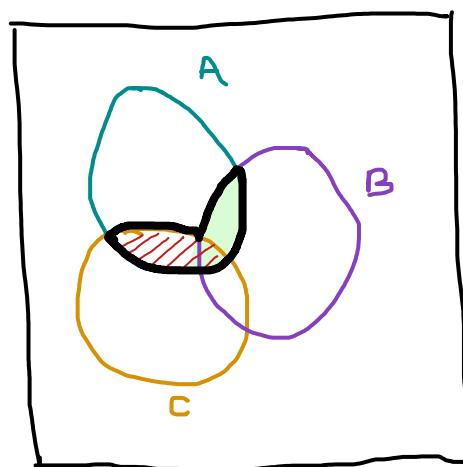
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5.



● $B \cup C$

○ $A \cap (B \cup C)$

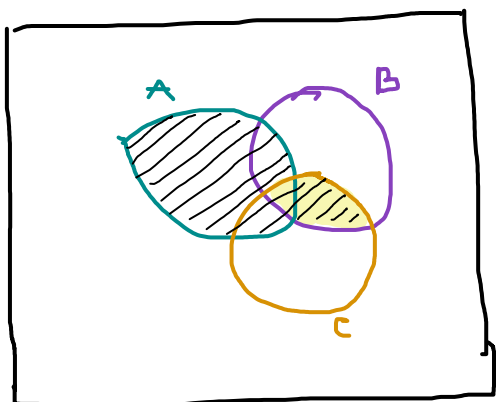


● $A \cap B$

~~///~~ $A \cap C$

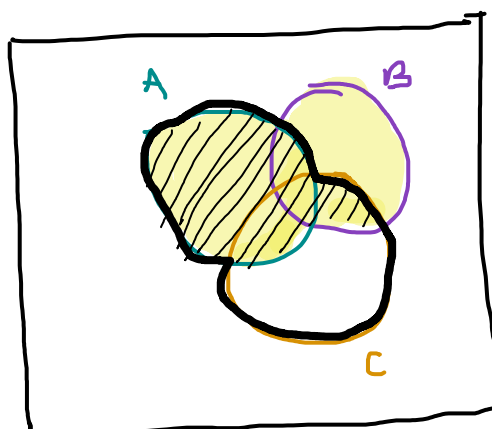
○ $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

6.



● $B \cap C$

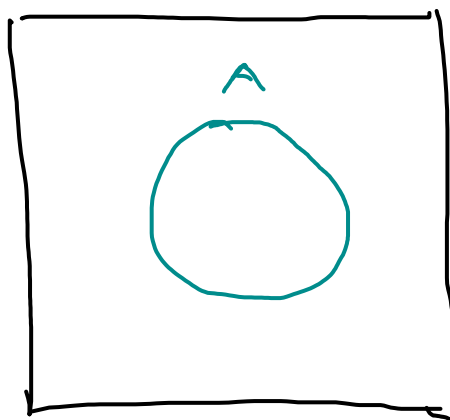
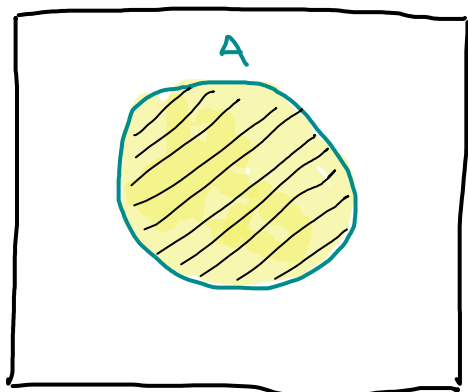
~~///~~ $A \cup (B \cap C)$



● $A \cup B$

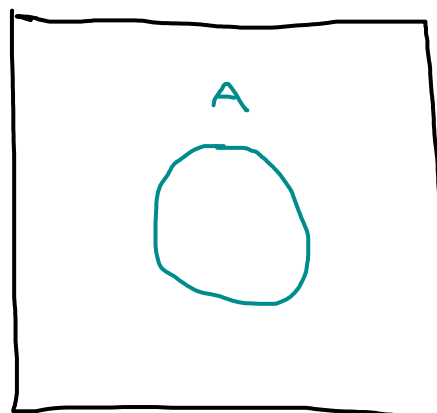
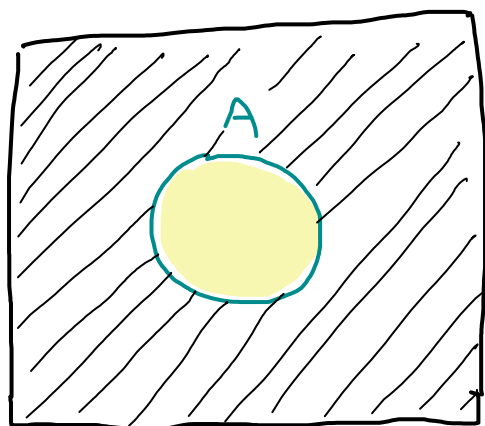
○ $A \cup C$

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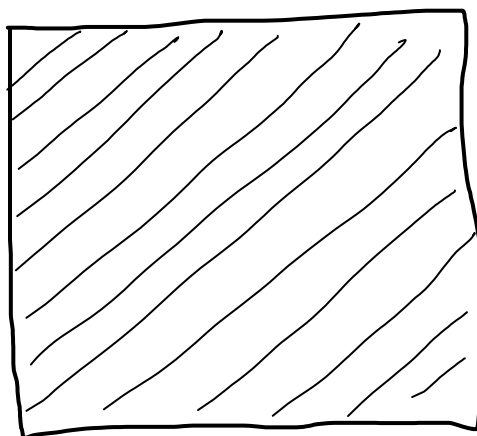
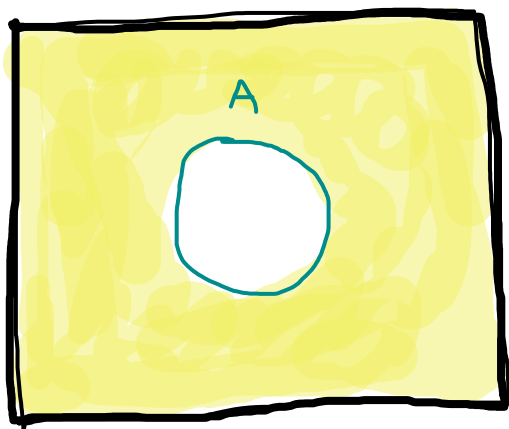
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Yellow circle} \quad A \cup A \\ \text{Hatched circle} \quad A \cap A \end{array} \quad \Bigg\} = \text{Empty circle} \quad A$$



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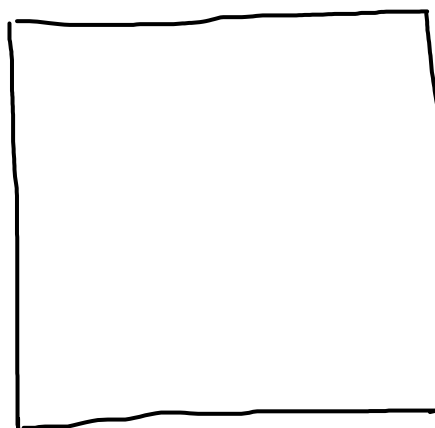
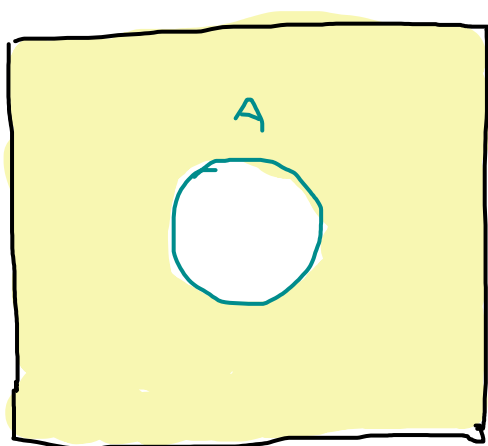
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Hatched square} \quad \bar{A} \\ \text{Yellow circle} \quad \overline{(A)} \end{array} = \text{Empty circle} \quad A$$

10.



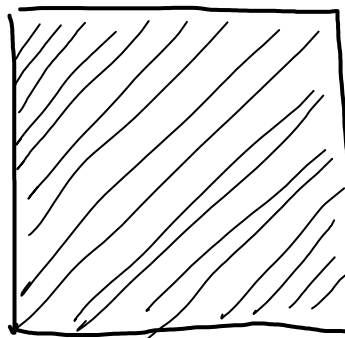
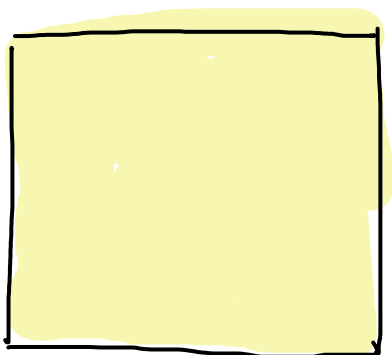
 \bar{A}
 $A \cup \bar{A} \rightarrow = \text{diagonal lines} \cup$

11.

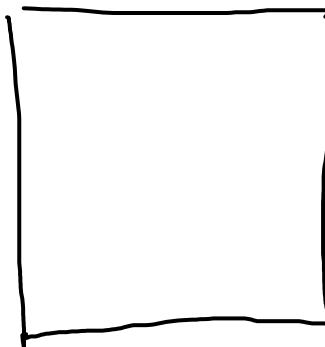
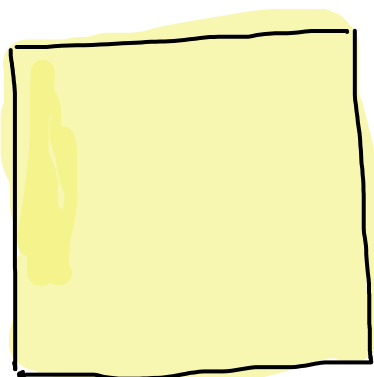


 \bar{A}
 $A \cap \bar{A} \rightarrow = \text{pink shape} \emptyset$

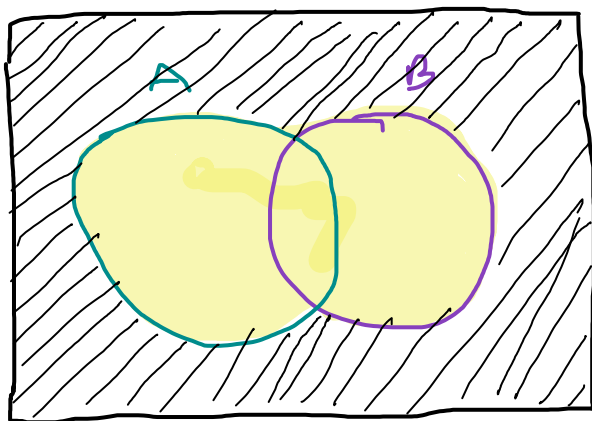
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 \emptyset  $\overline{\emptyset}$ ~~U~~

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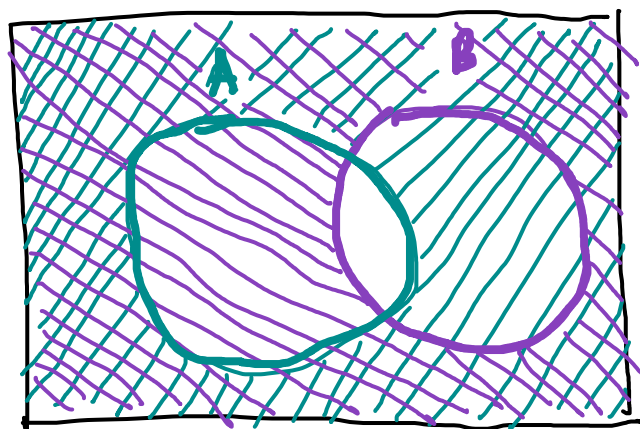
 U \overline{U}  \emptyset

14.



$$\text{Yellow} \quad A \cup B$$

$$\text{Hatched} \quad \overline{(A \cup B)}$$

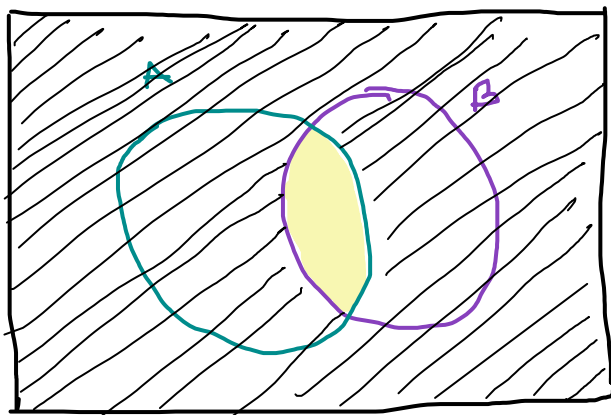


$$\text{Green Hatched} \quad \bar{A}$$

$$\text{Purple Hatched} \quad \bar{B}$$

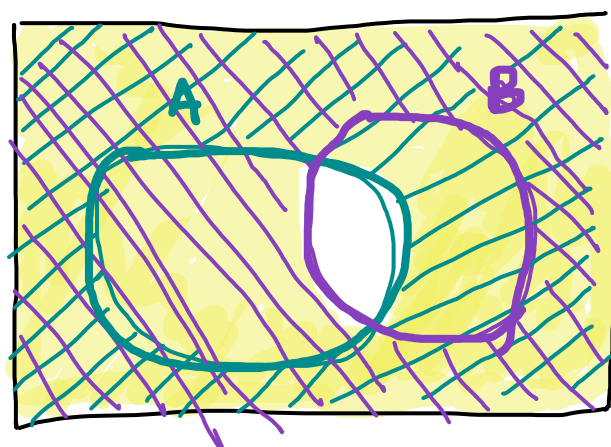
$$\text{Cross-hatched} \quad \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

15.



$$\text{Yellow} \quad A \cap B$$

$$\text{Hatched} \quad \overline{(A \cap B)}$$

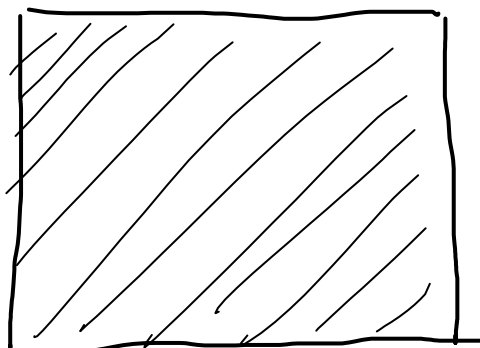
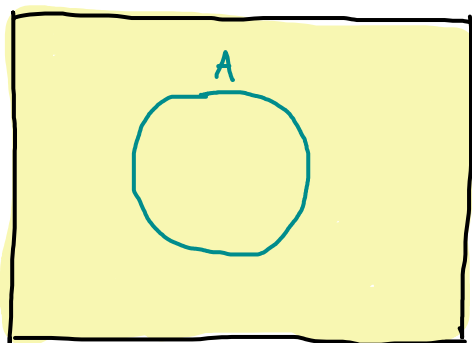


$$\text{Green Hatched} \quad \bar{A}$$

$$\text{Purple Hatched} \quad \bar{B}$$

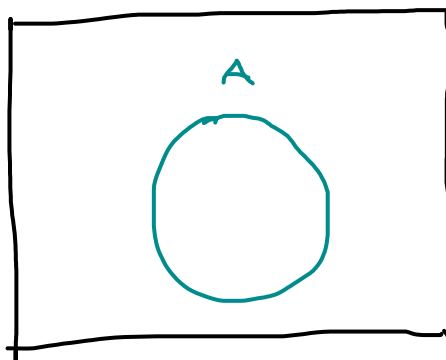
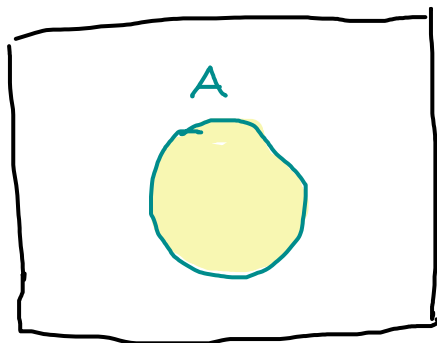
$$\text{Yellow} \quad \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

16.

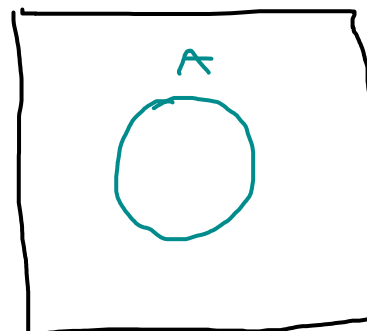
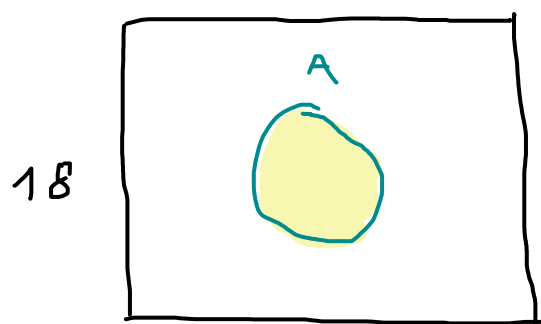


$$\text{Yellow } A \cup U \quad \text{---} = \text{---} \quad \text{Hatched } U$$

17.



$$\text{Yellow } A \cap U \quad \text{---} = \text{---} \quad \text{Empty } A$$

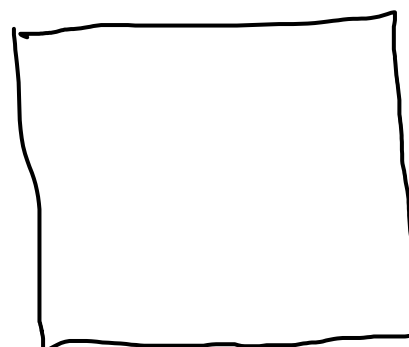
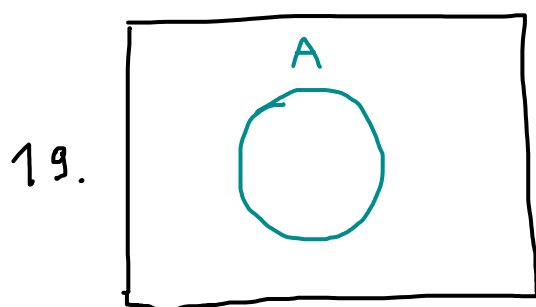


$A \cup \emptyset$

=



A



\emptyset




$A \cap \emptyset$


=



\emptyset

★ Proofs.

14. Suppose $x \in \overline{A \cup B} \Rightarrow x \notin A$ and $x \notin B \Leftrightarrow x \in \bar{A}$ and $x \in \bar{B} \Leftrightarrow x \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \Rightarrow \overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$. In other order, if $x \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \Rightarrow x \notin A$ and $x \notin B \Rightarrow x \notin A \cup B \Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{A \cup B} \Rightarrow \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$. And because the sets includes each other $\Rightarrow \overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ 

15. Suppose $x \in \overline{A \cap B} \Rightarrow (x \notin A \text{ and } x \in (B \cup U)) \text{ or } (x \notin B \text{ and } x \in (A \cup U)) \Leftrightarrow (x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A) \text{ or } (x \in U \text{ and } x \notin B) \Leftrightarrow (x \in \bar{A} \text{ and } x \in U) \text{ or } (x \in \bar{B} \text{ and } x \in U) \Leftrightarrow x \in \bar{A} \cap U \text{ or } x \in \bar{B} \cap U \Leftrightarrow x \in \bar{A} \text{ or } x \in \bar{B} \Leftrightarrow x \in \bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \Rightarrow \overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$. In other order, if $x \in \bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \cap B \Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{A \cap B} \Rightarrow \bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cap B}$, and because $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \Rightarrow \overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$. 

$$1. A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\} = \{x \mid x \in B \text{ or } x \in A\} = B \cup A \quad \square$$

$$2. A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} = \{x \mid x \in B \text{ and } x \in A\} = B \cap A \quad \square$$

$$3. X = B \cup C$$

$$X' = A \cup X$$


$$Y = A \cup B$$

$$Y' = Y \cup C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } x \in X' &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in A \\ &\text{or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ or } x \in C \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in Y' \Rightarrow X' \subseteq Y' \quad (1). \text{ If } x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ or } \\ &x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C \Leftrightarrow \\ &x \in A \text{ or } x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in X' \Rightarrow Y' \subseteq X' \quad (2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1) and (2)} &\Rightarrow X' = Y' \Leftrightarrow A \cup X = Y \cup C \\ &\Leftrightarrow A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad X &= B \cap C \\
 X' &= A \cap X \\
 Y &= A \cap B \\
 Y' &= Y \cap C
 \end{aligned}$$

If $x \in X' \Leftrightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B$ and $x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in Y$ and $x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in Y' \Rightarrow X' \subseteq Y'$ (1). If $x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow x \in Y$ and $x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B$ and $x \in C \Leftrightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in X' \Rightarrow Y' \subseteq X'$ (2). From (1) and (2) $\Rightarrow X' = Y' \Leftrightarrow A \cap X = Y \cap C \Leftrightarrow A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 5 \quad X &= B \cup C \\
 Z &= A \cap X \\
 Y &= A \cap B \\
 Y' &= A \cap C \\
 Z' &= Y \cup Y'
 \end{aligned}$$

If $x \in Z \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in X \Leftrightarrow$
 $x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ or}$
 $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ or } x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow$
 $x \in Z' \Rightarrow Z \subseteq Z' \text{ (1). If } x \in Z' \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ or}$
 $x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)$
 $\Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ and}$
 $x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in Z \Rightarrow Z' \subseteq Z \text{ (2). From (1) and}$
 $(2) \Rightarrow Z = Z' \Leftrightarrow A \cap X = Y \cup Y' \Leftrightarrow$
 $\Leftrightarrow A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad \square$

$$6 \quad X = B \cap C$$

$$Z = A \cup X$$

$$Y = A \cup B$$


$$Y' = A \cup C$$


$$Z' = Y \cap Y'$$

If $x \in Z \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ or } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ and } x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow x \in Z' \Rightarrow Z \subseteq Z' \text{ (1).}$
 If $x \in Z' \Leftrightarrow x \in Y \text{ and } x \in Y' \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ or } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in Z \Rightarrow Z' \subseteq Z \text{ (2).}$
 From (1) and (2) $\Rightarrow Z = Z' \Leftrightarrow A \cup X = Y \cap Y' \Leftrightarrow A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$




$$7. \quad X = A \cup A$$

If $x \in X \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A$ (1). If $x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \text{ or } \dots \Leftrightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in X \Rightarrow A \subseteq X$ (2). From (1) and (2) $\Rightarrow X = A \Leftrightarrow A \cup A = A$ 

$$8. \quad A \cap A = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in A\} = \{x \mid x \in A\} = A$$
 

$$9. \quad \overline{(\overline{A})} = \overline{\{x \mid x \notin A\}} = \{x \mid x \in A\} = A$$
 

$$10. \quad A \cup \overline{A} = A \cup (U - A) = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } (x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A)\} = \{x \mid (x \in A \text{ or } x \in U) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ or } x \notin A)\} = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in U\} = A \cup U, \text{ and because } A \subseteq U \Rightarrow A \cup U = U$$
 

$$11. A \cap \bar{A} = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin A\} = \emptyset \quad \square$$

$$12. \overline{\emptyset} = U - \emptyset = \{x \mid x \in U \text{ and } x \notin \emptyset\},$$

and because $|\emptyset| = 0 \Rightarrow (\forall) x \in U, x \notin \emptyset \Rightarrow$

$$\{x \mid x \in U \text{ and } x \notin \emptyset\} = \{x \mid x \in U\} = U \quad \square$$

$$13. \bar{U} = U - U = \{x \mid x \in U \text{ and } x \notin U\} = \emptyset \quad \square$$

$$16. A \cup U = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in U\}, \text{ and because } A \subseteq U \Rightarrow (\forall) x \in A, x \in U \Rightarrow \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in U\} = \{x \mid x \in U\} = U \quad \square$$

$$17. A \cap U = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in U\}, \text{ and because } A \subseteq U \Rightarrow (\forall) x \in A, x \in U \Rightarrow \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in U\} \subseteq \{x \mid x \in A\} = A \quad \square$$

$$18. A \cup \emptyset = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in \emptyset\}, \text{ and because } |\emptyset| = 0 \Rightarrow \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in \emptyset\} = \{x \mid x \in A\} = A \quad \square$$

$$19. A \cap \emptyset = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in \emptyset\}, \text{ and because } |\emptyset| = 0 \Rightarrow (\nexists) x \in A \mid x \in \emptyset \Rightarrow \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in \emptyset\} =$$

$$\emptyset \quad \square$$