

Please see the back of this handout for set notations and equivalences. A printable document will be provided on Canvas as for our logical equivalences.

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1. Consider  $A = \{1, 3, 6, 8, 10\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 7, 10\}$ .
  - (a) Determine the following sets:  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cup B$ , and  $A - B$ .
  - (b) Compute the cardinalities:  $|A|$ ,  $|B|$ ,  $|A \cap B|$ ,  $|A \cup B|$ ,  $|A - B|$ .
  
2. Let  $U = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq x \leq 100\}$ . Consider  $A = \{x \in U \mid x \text{ is divisible by } 3\}$  and  $B = \{x \in U \mid x \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ .
  - (a) Describe the following sets in set-builder notation:  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cup B$ , and  $A - B$ .
  - (b) Compute the cardinalities:  $|A|$ ,  $|B|$ ,  $|A \cap B|$ ,  $|A \cup B|$ ,  $|A - B|$ .
  
3. Prove or disprove the following about any sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .
  - (a)  $A \setminus B \subseteq A$
  - (b)  $(A \cap C) \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cap C$
  - (c)  $(A \cup C) \setminus (B \cup C) = (A \setminus B) \cup C$
  
4. The *symmetric difference* of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \Delta B$  and defined as

$$A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A).$$

Prove the following:

- (a)  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$
- (b)  $\overline{A \cup B}$  is disjoint from  $A \Delta B$
- (c)  $A \cap B$  is disjoint from  $A \Delta B$

## Set Notation

$x \in A \Leftrightarrow x$  is an element of  $A$

$x \notin A \Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A)$

$\emptyset \Leftrightarrow \{\}$ , the empty set

$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \cup B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \vee x \in B\}$

$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \cap B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$

$\overline{A} = \{x \mid x \in \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \notin A\}$

$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \setminus B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$

$A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow \forall x. x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

## Set Equivalences

$A \cap B = B \cap A$  (commutativity of  $\cap$ )

$A \cup B = B \cup A$  (commutativity of  $\cup$ )

$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$  (associativity of  $\cap$ )

$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$  (associativity of  $\cup$ )

$A \cap A = A$  (idempotence for  $\cap$ )

$A \cup A = A$  (idempotence for  $\cup$ )

$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (distributivity of  $\cap$  over  $\cup$ )

$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  (distributivity of  $\cup$  over  $\cap$ )

$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$  (double complement)

$A \setminus B = A \cap \overline{B}$  (subtraction in terms of  $\cap$ )

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

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

$A \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$

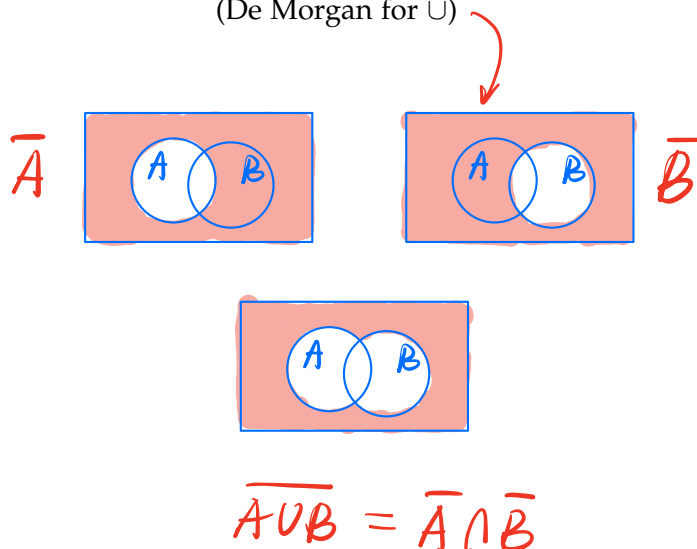
$A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$

$A \cup \overline{A} = \mathcal{U}$

$A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$

$A \cup \emptyset = A$

$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$



## Set Theory

\* Set: an unordered collection of distinct objects

\* Classical sets:  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}$

\* Define sets by properties:  $S = \{x \in A \mid P(x)\}$

\* Membership:

Element & Sets:  $x \in A, x \notin A \rightarrow \neg(x \in A)$

Sets & Sets: 
$$\begin{cases} A \subseteq B: & \forall x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B \\ A = B: & A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow B \subseteq A \\ A \subset B: & A \subseteq B, A \neq B \end{cases}$$

\* Set Operations:

$$\textcircled{1} A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \bar{A} = A^c = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$

$$\textcircled{4} A \setminus B = A - B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\} = A \cap \bar{B}$$

Other useful facts:

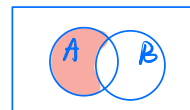
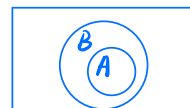
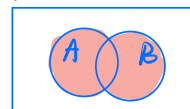
$$\textcircled{1} |A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

$$\textcircled{2} A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \bar{B} \subseteq \bar{A}$$

$$\textcircled{3} |A - B| = |A| - |A \cap B|$$

Prove?

Venn diagram:



$$\text{Also, } A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n \Leftrightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n \Leftrightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

\*  $A, B$  disjoint:  $\forall x, x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, \neg(x \in A \cap B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, x \notin A \cap B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \cap B = \phi$$

Def using set operator:  $A \cap B = \phi$

\* Set Equivalences ( $A \cap B = A \cap \bar{B}$ , d.m., distributivity)

\*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{proof: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} " \leq ": \text{ By definition} \\ " = ": \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{By definition } (\leq, \geq) \\ \text{Set equivalences} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \\ \text{Disproof: Counter-example (Venn diagram)} \end{array} \right.$

3. Prove or disprove the following about any sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

(a)  $A \setminus B \subseteq A$

(b)  $(A \cap C) \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cap C$

(c)  $(A \cup C) \setminus (B \cup C) = (A \setminus B) \cup C$

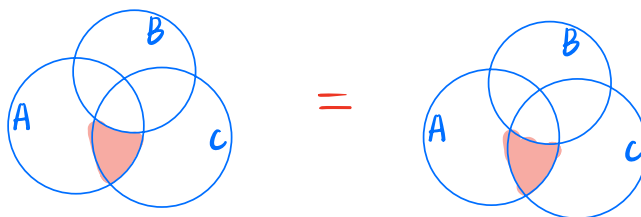
Pf: (a) By def. wts:  $\forall x, x \in A \setminus B \Rightarrow x \in A$

Consider any  $x \in A \setminus B$ .

By def of " $\setminus$ ".  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \Rightarrow$   $x \in A$

Thus,  $A \setminus B \subseteq A$

(b)



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

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

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

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

$$= \dots \cup ((A \cap C) \cap \overline{C})$$

$$= \dots \cup (A \cap \emptyset)$$

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

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

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

(subtraction in terms of  $\cap$ )

(d.m)

(distribution of  $\cap$  over  $\cup$ )

(associativity of  $\cap$ )

$$(x \cap \overline{x} = \emptyset)$$

$$(x \cap \emptyset = \emptyset)$$

$$(x \cup \emptyset = x)$$

(associativity of  $\cap$ )

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

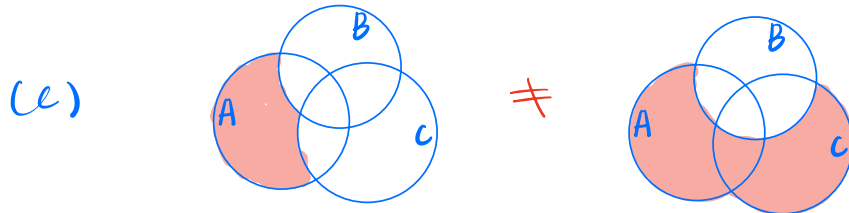
$$= (A \cap \bar{B}) \cap C$$

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

(commutativity of  $\cap$ )

(associativity of  $\cap$ )

(subtraction in terms of  $\cap$ )



Counter-example:

Suppose  $A = \{a\}$ ,  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $C = \{c\}$

$$(A \setminus B) \cup C = \{a\} \cup \{c\} = \{a, c\}$$

$$(A \cup C) \setminus (B \cup C) = \{a, c\} \setminus \{b, c\} = \{a\}$$

Thus,  $(A \setminus B) \cup C \neq (A \cup C) \setminus (B \cup C)$

4. The *symmetric difference* of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \Delta B$  and defined as

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Prove the following:

(a)  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$

(b)  $\overline{A \cup B}$  is disjoint from  $A \Delta B$

(c)  $A \cap B$  is disjoint from  $A \Delta B$

}  $\Rightarrow$  can also use pf by def.

Pf: (a)  $A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$  (def of  $\Delta$ )

$$= (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (B \cap \bar{A})$$
 (subtraction in terms of  $\cap$ )
$$= ((A \cap \bar{B}) \cup B) \cap ((A \cap \bar{B}) \cup \bar{A})$$
 (distribution of  $\cup$  over  $\cap$ )
$$= ((A \cup B) \cap (\bar{B} \cup B)) \cap ((A \cup \bar{A}) \cap (\bar{B} \cup \bar{A}))$$
 (distribution of  $\cup$  over  $\cap$ )
$$= (A \cup B) \cap U \cap (U \cap (\bar{B} \cup \bar{A}))$$
 (law of complement)
$$= (A \cup B) \cap (\bar{B} \cup \bar{A})$$
 (identity of  $\cap$ )
$$= (A \cup B) \cap (\overline{B \cap A})$$
 (dm)
$$= (A \cup B) \setminus (B \cap A)$$
 (def of set difference)
$$= (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$
 (commutativity of  $\cap$ )

(b) WTS:  $(A \Delta B) \cap (\overline{A \cup B}) = \emptyset$

From (a),  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \cap (\overline{B \cap A})$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= ((A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A \cap B})) \cap (\overline{A \cup B}) \quad (\text{def of } \Delta) \\
&= ((\overline{A \cap B}) \cap (A \cup B)) \cap (\overline{A \cup B}) \quad (\text{commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= (\overline{A \cap B}) \cap ((A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A \cup B})) \quad (\text{assoc. of } \cap) \\
&= (\overline{A \cap B}) \cap \phi \quad (x \cap \bar{x} = \phi) \\
&= \phi
\end{aligned}$$

By def,  $A \Delta B$  and  $\overline{A \cup B}$  are disjoint.

(C) WTS:  $(A \Delta B) \cap (A \cap B) = \phi$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{From (a), } A \Delta B &= (A \cup B) \cap (\overline{B \cap A}) \\
&= (A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A \cap B}) \quad (\text{commutativity of } \cap)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \Delta B) \cap (A \cap B)$$

$$= ((A \cup B) \cap (\overline{A \cap B})) \cap (A \cap B) \quad (\text{def of } \Delta)$$

$$= (A \cup B) \cap ((\overline{A \cap B}) \cap (A \cap B)) \quad (\text{assoc. of } \cap)$$

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

$$= \phi$$

By def,  $A \Delta B$  and  $A \cap B$  are disjoint.

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