

Ex 6 $A \cup B = (A - B) \cup (B - A) \cup (A \cap B)$

$$= (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \cup (x \in B \wedge x \notin A) \cup (x \in A \wedge x \in B)$$

$$= (x \in A) \cup (x \in B) \cup (x \in A \wedge x \in B)$$

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

$$= \underline{\underline{A \cup B}} \quad \text{from absorption law.}$$

Ex 7 $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

$$(\cancel{x \in A}) - (\cancel{x \in B} \wedge \cancel{x \in C}) = (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \cup (x \in A \wedge x \notin C)$$

$$= (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B \wedge x \notin C)$$

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

Ex 8 i) $U \Delta V := (U - V) \cup (V - U)$

Check if $U \Delta V = V \Delta U$

$$U \Delta V = (U - V) \cup (V - U)$$

$$= (V - U) \cup (U - V) \quad \text{commutativity law}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{V \Delta U}}$$

$$8 \text{ ii) } U \Delta (V \Delta W) = (U \Delta V) \Delta W$$

● Right: $(U \Delta V) \Delta W$

$$= ((U \cap \bar{V}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V)) \cap \bar{W} \cup ((U \cup V) \cap (\bar{U} \cup \bar{V})) \cap W \quad \text{def. of symmetric diff.}$$

$$= (U \cap \bar{V} \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup ((\bar{U} \cup V) \cap (\bar{U} \cup \bar{V})) \cap W \quad \text{distributive and de Morgan.}$$

$$= (U \cap \bar{V} \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup ((\bar{U} \cap \bar{V}) \cup (U \cap V)) \cap W \quad \text{de Morgan and double negation}$$

$$= (U \cap \bar{V} \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} \cap W) \cup (U \cap V \cap W) \quad \text{distributive}$$

● Left: $U \Delta (V \Delta W)$

$$= (U \cap ((V \cup W) \cap (\bar{V} \cup \bar{W}))) \cup (\bar{U} \cap ((V \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{V} \cap W))) \quad \text{def of symmetric diff.}$$

$$= (U \cap ((\bar{V} \cup \bar{W}) \cup (V \cup W))) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} \cap W) \quad \text{distributive and de Morgan}$$

$$= (U \cap ((\bar{V} \cap \bar{W}) \cup (V \cap W))) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} \cap W) \quad \text{de Morgan.}$$

$$= (U \cap \bar{V} \cap \bar{W}) \cup (U \cap V \cap W) \cup (\bar{U} \cap V \cap \bar{W}) \cup (\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} \cap W) \quad \text{distributive}$$

- Due to ~~dist~~ commutativity we can see left and right is equal and therefore the symmetric difference is associative.

Ex 9 For ~~the~~

$$x \in X \wedge x \in Y = X \cap Y$$

Therefore the largest set containing both x and Y , is X intersected with Y