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## Discrete Structures (MA5.101)

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**Assignment 1 Solutions**  
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**Problem 1** We first define

$$\begin{aligned}(A\Delta B)' &= ((A \cup B) \cap (A' \cup B'))' && \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\ &= ((A \cup B)' \cup (A' \cup B'))' && \dots \{\text{by De-Morgan's Laws}\} \\ &= ((A' \cap B') \cup (A \cap B)) && \dots \{\text{by De-Morgan's Laws}\}\end{aligned}$$

We simplify LHS first -

$$\begin{aligned}(A\Delta B)\Delta C &= [(A\Delta B) \cap C] \cup [(A\Delta B)' \cap C] && \dots \{\text{by definition.}\} \\ &= [((A \cap B') \cup (A' \cap B)) \cap C] \cup [((A' \cap B') \cup (A \cap B)) \cap C] && \dots \{\text{by definition.}\} \\ &= [(A \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A' \cap B \cap C)] \cup [(A' \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C)] && \dots \{\text{distributive property}\} \\ &= (A \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A' \cap B \cap C) \cup (A' \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) && \dots \{\text{associative property}\}\end{aligned}$$

We simplify RHS next -

$$\begin{aligned}A\Delta(B\Delta C) &= [A \cap (B\Delta C)'] \cup [A' \cap (B\Delta C)] && \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\ &= [A \cap ((B' \cap C') \cup (B \cap C))] \cup [A' \cap ((A' \cap B) \cup (A \cap B'))] && \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\ &= [((A \cap (B' \cap C')) \cup (A \cap (B \cap C))) \cup [(A' \cap (B' \cap C)) \cup (A' \cap (B \cap C'))]] && \dots \{\text{by distributive property}\} \\ &= [((A \cap B' \cap C') \cup (A \cap B \cap C)) \cup [(A' \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A' \cap B \cap C')]] && \dots \{\text{by associative property}\} \\ &= (A \cap B' \cap C') \cup (A' \cap B \cap C') \cup (A' \cap B' \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) && \dots \{\text{by commutative property}\}\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

**Problem 2** Given:

$$A = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 12\}$$

$$B = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 18\}$$

1.  $A \cup B = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 12 \text{ or } 18\}$
2.  $A \cap B = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 12 \text{ and } 18\} = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 36\}$
3.  $(A - B) \cup (B - A) = A\Delta B$   $\dots \{\text{Using Property}\}$   
 $A\Delta B = \{n | n \text{ is a multiple of } 12 \text{ or } n \text{ is a multiple of } 18 \text{ but not both}\}$
4.  $A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \text{ is a multiple of } 12 \text{ and } b \text{ is a multiple of } 18\}$

5. Multiple answers accepted here — either listing out the answer in roster form, or providing a proper set builder definition.

$$P(A \cup B) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \phi & \dots (\text{Null/Empty Set}) \\ \{12\}, \{18\}, \{24\}, \{36\}, & \dots (\text{Taken one at a time}) \\ \{12, 24\}, \{18, 36\}, \{12, 18\}, & \dots (\text{Taken two at a time}) \\ \{12, 18, 24\}, \{12, 18, 36\}, & \dots (\text{Taken three at a time}) \\ \vdots & \\ \} \end{array} \right.$$

**Problem 3** The Venn Diagram for the problem is:

- $U$  = Set of all quadrilaterals
- $T$  = Set of rectangles
- $R$  = Set of rhombuses
- $S$  = Set of squares

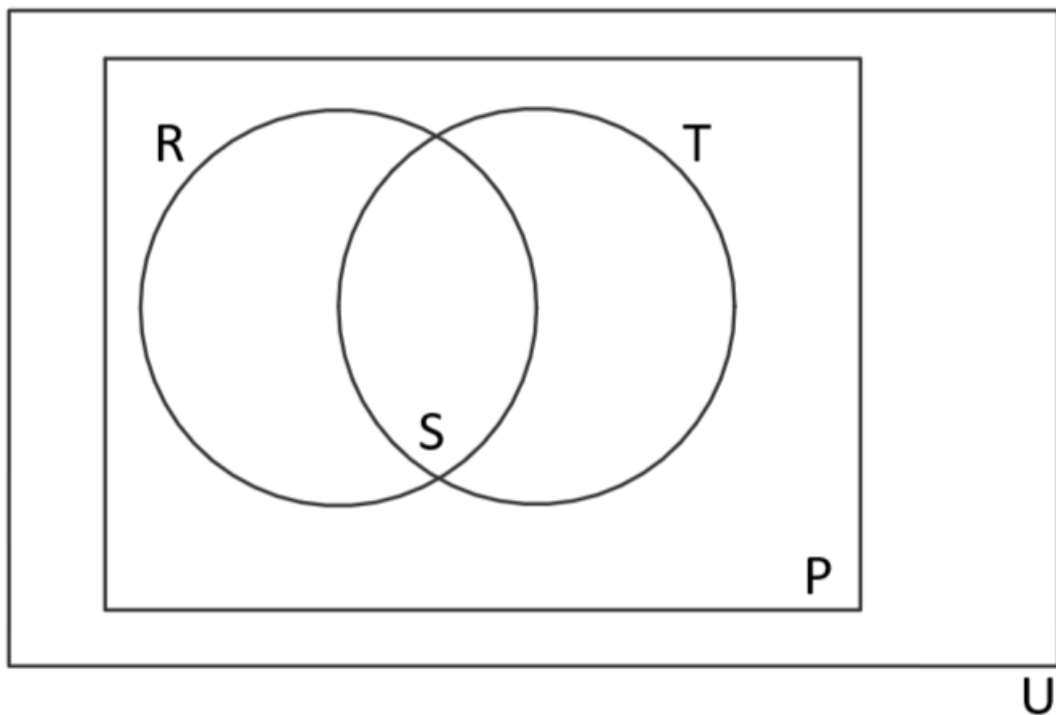


Figure 1: Venn Diagram of the problem

$P$  is defined as a quadrilateral having opposite sides parallel to each other

$T$  is defined as a quadrilateral having opposite sides parallel and each interior angle  $= 90^\circ$

$R$  is defined as a quadrilateral having opposite sides parallel to each other and all sides equal  
 $S$  is defined as a quadrilateral having opposite sides parallel, each sides equal and each interior angle =  $90^\circ$

The required relations are:

1.  $P \subseteq U, T \subseteq U, R \subseteq U, S \subseteq U$
2.  $T \subseteq P, R \subseteq P$
3.  $S = R \cap T \implies (S \subseteq R) \wedge (S \subseteq T)$

**Problem 4** Let

$E$  = Set of all people who speak English

$F$  = Set of all people who speak French

$G$  = Set of all people who speak German

$U$  = Set of all people who attended the conference

Given:

$$|E| = 28, |F| = 30, |G| = 42, |U| = 100$$

$$|E \cap F| = 8, |F \cap G| = 5, |E \cap G| = 10$$

$$|E \cap F \cap G| = 3$$

1. We have to calculate  $|\overline{E \cup F \cup G}|$  which is given by:

$$|\overline{E \cup F \cup G}| = |U| - |E \cup F \cup G|$$

Now using PIE (Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} |E \cup F \cup G| &= |E| + |F| + |G| - |E \cap F| - |E \cap G| - |F \cap G| + |E \cap F \cap G| \\ &= 28 + 30 + 42 - 8 - 5 - 10 + 3 \\ &= 80 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the answer is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{E \cup F \cup G}| &= |U| - |E \cup F \cup G| \\ &= 100 - 80 \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

2. We have to find the number of people who only speak German. The answer here is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ans} &= |G| - |E \cap G| - |F \cap G| + |E \cap F \cap G| \\ &= 42 - 10 - 5 + 3 \\ &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 5

1. We first prove that  $(A - B) \times C \subseteq (A \times C) - (B \times C)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x, y) &\in (A - B) \times C \\
 \implies (x \in (A - B)) \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies ((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by definition of } A - B\}. \\
 \implies ((x \in A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \notin B) \wedge (y \in C)) &\dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \wedge\} \\
 \implies ((x, y) \in (A \times C)) \wedge ((x, y) \notin (B \times C)) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies (x, y) \in (A \times C) - (B \times C) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that  $(A \times C) - (B \times C) \subseteq (A - B) \times C$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x, y) &\in (A \times C) - (B \times C) \\
 \implies ((x, y) \in (A \times C)) \wedge ((x, y) \notin (B \times C)) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies ((x \in A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \notin B) \wedge (y \in C)) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies ((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \wedge\}. \\
 \implies (x \in (A - B)) \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies (x, y) \in (A - B) \times C &\dots \{\text{by definition}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. We first prove that  $(A \Delta B) \times C \subseteq (A \times C) \Delta (B \times C)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x, y) &\in (A \Delta B) \times C \\
 \implies (x \in (A \Delta B)) \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies [((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \vee ((x \notin A) \wedge (x \in B))] \wedge (y \in C) &\dots \{\text{by definition of } A \Delta B\}. \\
 \implies [((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B) \wedge (y \in C)) \vee ((x \notin A) \wedge (x \in B) \wedge (y \in C))] &\dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \vee\}. \\
 \implies [(((x \in A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \notin B) \wedge (y \in C))) &\dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \wedge\}. \\
 \quad \vee (((x \notin A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \in B) \wedge (y \in C)))] &\dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \vee\}. \\
 \implies [((x, y) \in (A \times C) - (B \times C)) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \quad \vee ((x, y) \in (B \times C) - (A \times C))] &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies (x, y) \in [(A \times C) - (B \times C)] \cup [(B \times C) - (A \times C)] &\dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
 \implies (x, y) \in (A \times C) \Delta (B \times C) &\dots \{\text{by definition}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that  $(A \times C) \Delta (B \times C) \subseteq (A \Delta B) \times C$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x, y) \in (A \times C) \Delta (B \times C) \\
& \implies (x, y) \in [(A \times C) - (B \times C)] \cup [(B \times C) - (A \times C)] \quad \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
& \implies [(x, y) \in (A \times C) - (B \times C)] \\
& \quad \vee [(x, y) \in (B \times C) - (A \times C)] \quad \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
& \implies [((x \in A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \notin B) \wedge (y \in C))] \\
& \quad \vee [((x \notin A) \wedge (y \in C)) \wedge ((x \in B) \wedge (y \in C))] \quad \dots \{\text{by definition}\}. \\
& \implies [((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)) \wedge (y \in C)] \vee [((x \notin A) \wedge (x \in B)) \wedge (y \in C)] \quad \dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \vee\}. \\
& \implies [(x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)] \vee [(x \notin A) \wedge (x \in B)] \wedge (y \in C) \quad \dots \{\text{by distributivity of } \vee\}. \\
& \implies [(x \in (A - B)) \vee (x \in (B - A))] \wedge (y \in C) \quad \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
& \implies [(x \in (A - B) \cup (B - A))] \wedge (y \in C) \quad \dots \{\text{by definition}\} \\
& \implies (x \in (A \Delta B)) \wedge (y \in C) \quad \dots \{\text{by definition of } A \Delta B\} \\
& \implies (x, y) \in (A \Delta B) \times C \quad \{\text{by definition}\}
\end{aligned}$$