

Let A, B, and C be sets. Use the definition of set equality to prove that

$$(A-C) \cap (C-B) = \emptyset$$

PROOF

1. Let $x \in (A-C) \cap (C-B)$
 - a. Using the definition of intersection, x is in the intersection when it is in both sets (duh)
 - i. $x \in (A-C) \wedge x \in (C-B)$
 - b. Using the definition of the difference A-C we know that x is in A and x is not in C
 - i. $x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in C) \wedge x \in C \wedge \neg(x \in B)$
 - c. Negation law for propositions
 - i. $x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in C) \wedge x \in C \wedge \neg(x \in B)$
 - d. Domination law
 - i. $\neg(x \in C) \wedge x \in C$
 - e. Empty set doesn't contain elements, so statement $x \in \emptyset$ is false always.
 - f. By definition of subset, we show that $(A-C) \cap (C-B) \subseteq \emptyset$
2. Empty set is a subset of every set
 - a. $\emptyset \subseteq (A-C)$
3. Conclusion:
 - a. Since $(A-C) \cap (C-B) \subseteq \emptyset$ and $\emptyset \subseteq (A-C)$, the two sets have to be the same

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