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**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A, B$  be sets. Prove that if  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c$  then  $A \setminus B = \phi$ .*

*Proof.* We can prove this by contradiction.

We know that  $A \setminus B = \phi$  iff  $A \setminus B \subseteq \phi$  and  $\phi \subseteq A \setminus B$ .

Since  $\phi \subseteq A \setminus B$  by its own definition, we only need to prove that  $A \setminus B \subseteq \phi$ .

For the sake of contradiction, we assume that  $A \setminus B \not\subseteq \phi$ . This results in the implication:

$$\exists x \text{ s.t. } x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \quad (1)$$

This implies  $x \notin A^c$ . Assuming  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c$  as given, we can rewrite this as:

$$x \notin (A \cap B)^c \implies x \in (A \cap B)$$

Which implies that  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . However, this is not possible as it contradicts the earlier statement  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .

Therefore,  $A \setminus B \subseteq \phi$ , which combined with  $\phi \subseteq A \setminus B$ , allows us to conclude that  $A \setminus B = \phi$ . ■