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6.1 Set Theory

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## Theorem 6.2.2

### Set Identities

Let all sets below be subsets of a universal set  $U$ .

① **Commutative Laws** For all sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap B = B \cap A$$

② **Associative Laws** for all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad (A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad (A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

③ **Distributive Laws** for all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

④ **Identity Laws** for any set  $A$ ,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap U = A$$

⑤ **Complement Laws** for any set  $A$ ,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup A^c = U$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

⑥ **Double Complement Law** For any set  $A$ ,

$$(A^c)^c = A.$$

## Theorem 6.2.2 (continued)

Let all sets below be subsets of a universal set  $U$ .

### ⑦ Idempotent Laws for any set A,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup A = A$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap A = A$$

### ⑧ Universal Bound Laws for any set A,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup U = U$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

### ⑨ DeMorgan's Laws for any sets A and B,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad (A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

### ⑩ Absorptions Laws for any sets A and B,

$$\textcircled{a} \quad A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

### ⑪ Complements of $U$ and $\emptyset$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad U^c = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \emptyset^c = U$$

### ⑫ Set Difference Law for all sets A and B,

$$A - B = A \cap B^c$$

Theorem 6.2.2 ⑨⑥ Proof?

For all sets A and B,  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ .

Let A & B be sets.

(Goal: Show  $(A \cap B)^c \subseteq A^c \cup B^c$  and  $A^c \cup B^c \subseteq (A \cap B)^c$ )

Suppose  $x \in (A \cap B)^c$ . So  $x \notin A \cap B$  (by def. of set complement). Either  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ .

Suppose  $x \in A$ . Suppose  $x \in B$ . Then  $x \in A \cap B$ .

That's a contradiction since  $x \in A \cap B$  and  $x \notin A \cap B$ . So  $x \notin B$ . Then  $x \in B^c$ .

By generalization,  $x \in B^c$  or  $x \in A^c$ . So

$x \in A^c \cup B^c$ . Suppose  $x \notin A$ . So  $x \in A^c$ .

Then, again by generalization,  $x \in A^c$  or

$x \in B^c$ , hence  $x \in A^c \cup B^c$ . Thus

$(A \cap B)^c \subseteq A^c \cup B^c$ .

Suppose  $x \in A^c \cup B^c$ . Suppose  $x \in A^c$ .

So  $x \notin A$ . Suppose  $x \in A \cap B$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . By specialization,  
 $x \in A$ , so  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin A$  (contradiction).

Then  $x \notin A \cap B$  so  $x \in (A \cap B)^c$ .

Suppose  $x \in B^c$ . So  $x \notin B$ . Suppose  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .

By specialization,  $x \in B$ . Then  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin B$  (contradiction).

Thus  $x \notin A \cap B$  so  $x \in (A \cap B)^c$ .

So  $A^c \cup B^c \subseteq (A \cap B)^c$ .

Since  $(A \cap B)^c \subseteq A^c \cup B^c$ ,  $A^c \cup B^c \subseteq (A \cap B)^c$ ,  
 $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ .

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### Example 6.2.2 and Theorem 6.2.2③ⓐ

Proof of a Distributive Law for Sets

For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ .

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Theorem 6.2.2③ⓑ Proof?

For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Example 6.2.3 and Theorem 6.2.2 ⑨②

Proof a De Morgan's Law for Sets

for all sets A and B,  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ .

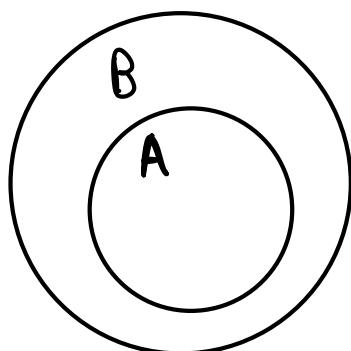
Theorem 6.2.3

Intersection and Union with a Subset

For any sets A and B, if  $A \subset B$ , then

a)  $A \cap B = A$

b)  $A \cup B = B$



Theorem 6.2.4

A Set with No Elements is a Subset of Any Set

If E is a set with no elements and A is any set, then  $E \subset A$ .

$\forall x \in \emptyset (x \in E \rightarrow x \in A)$  (vacuously true)

Corollary 6.2.5 Uniqueness of the Empty Set

There is only one set with no elements.

recall we showed  $\emptyset \subseteq S$  for any set  $S$ .

Proposition 6.2.6

for all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C^c$ , then  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ .

Proof: Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. Suppose  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C^c$ . Suppose  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$ .

So there exists  $x \in A \cap C$ . By def. of intersection  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$ . \*

Since  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $x \in A \implies x \in B$ . \*

But since,  $B \subseteq C^c$   $x \in B \implies x \in C^c$ . △

Since  $x \in A$  by specialization,  
 $x \in B$  by  $\star$ . Since  $x \in B$ ,  $x \in C^c$   
by  $\Delta$ . Since  $x \in C^c$ ,  $x \notin C$ . But,  
by  $\star$ ,  $x \in C$ , so  $x \in C$  and  $x \notin C$   
(contradiction). Therefore  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

### Element Method for Proving a Set

#### Equals the Empty Set

To prove that a set  $X$  is equal to the empty set  $\emptyset$ , prove that  $X$  has no elements.

To accomplish this, suppose  $X$  has an element and derive a contradiction.

#22 for all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C).$$

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Definition (Cartesian product)

Let  $A, B$  be sets.

Define  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x,y) : x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

## 6.3 Disproofs and Algebraic Proofs

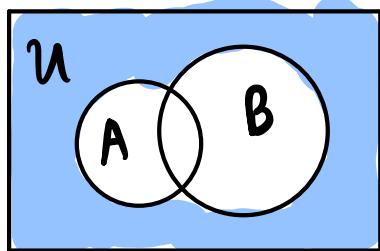
Disproving an Alleged Set Property

example

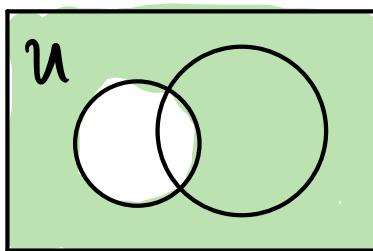
Finding a Counterexample for a Set Identity

Assume all sets are subsets of a universal set  $\mathcal{U}$ .

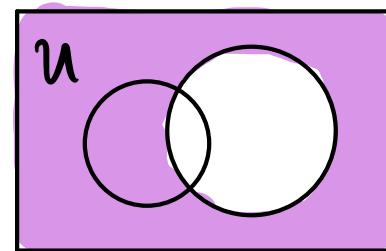
#2 For all sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ .



$$(A \cup B)^c$$



$$A^c$$



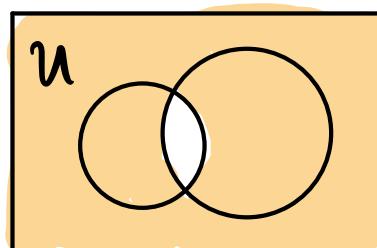
$$B^c$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$A = \{1, 2\}$$

$$B = \{2, 3\}$$

$$(A \cup B)^c = \{4\}$$



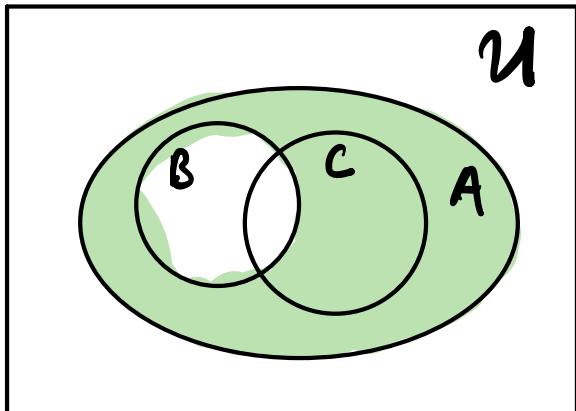
$$A^c \cup B^c$$

$$A^c = \{3, 4\}$$

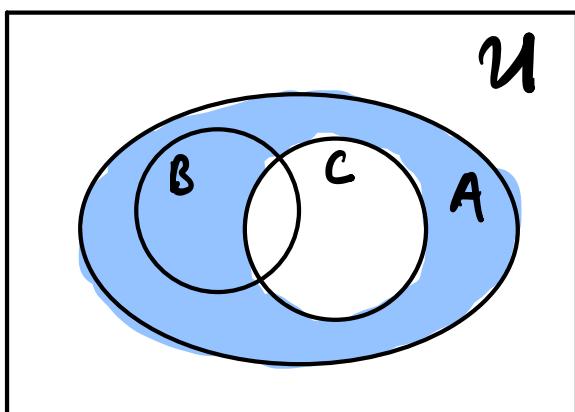
$$B^c = \{1, 4\}$$

$$\text{So } (A \cup B)^c \neq A^c \cup B^c \quad A^c \cup B^c = \{1, 3, 4\}$$

#4 For all sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , if  $B \cup C \subseteq A$   
then  $(A - B) \cap (A - C) = \emptyset$ .



$A - B$



$A - C$

Let  $A, B, C$  be sets.

Suppose  $B \cup C \subseteq A$ .

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$B = \{1, 2\}$$

$$C = \{2, 3\}$$

$$B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$A - B = \{3, 4\}$$

$$A - C = \{1, 4\}$$

$$(A - B) \cap (A - C) = \{4\} \neq \emptyset$$

### Theorem 6.3.1

For every integer  $n \geq 0$ , if a set  $X$  has  $n$  elements, then  $\wp(X)$  has  $2^n$  elements.

#43 Simplify the expression

$$((A \cap (B \cup C)) \cap (A - B)) \cap (B \cup C^c)$$

$$= ((A \cap (B \cup C)) \cap (A \cap B^c)) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{set difference law}$$

$$= (A \cap (B \cup C) \cap A \cap B^c) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{associative law}$$

$$= ((B \cup C) \cap A \cap A \cap B^c) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{commutative law}$$

$$= ((B \cup C) \cap A \cap B^c) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{idempotent law}$$

$$= ((B \cup C) \cap B^c \cap A) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{commutative law}$$

$$= (B^c \cap (B \cup C) \cap A) \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{commutative law}$$

$$= ((B^c \cap B) \cup (B^c \cap C)) \cap A \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{distributivity}$$

$$= ((B \cap B^c) \cup (B^c \cap C)) \cap A \cap (B \cup C^c) \quad \text{commutative law}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\emptyset \cup (B^c \cap C)) \cap A \cap (B \cup C^c) && \text{complement law} \\
 &= (B^c \cap C) \cap A \cap (B \cup C^c) && \text{identity law} \\
 &= B^c \cap C \cap A \cap (B \cup C^c) && \text{associative law} \\
 &= B^c \cap A \cap C \cap (B \cup C^c) && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= B^c \cap A \cap ((C \cap B) \cup (C \cap C^c)) && \text{distributive law} \\
 &= B^c \cap A \cap ((C \cap B) \cup \emptyset) && \text{complement law} \\
 &= B^c \cap A \cap (C \cap B) && \text{identity law} \\
 &= B^c \cap A \cap C \cap B && \text{associative law} \\
 &= A \cap B^c \cap C \cap B && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= A \cap C \cap B^c \cap B && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= A \cap C \cap B \cap B^c && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= A \cap C \cap \emptyset && \text{complement law} \\
 &= A \cap \emptyset && \text{universal bound law} \\
 &= \emptyset && \text{universal bound law}
 \end{aligned}$$