

# Problem Set 3

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## Problem 1

a)

1,0,1,0

b)

$\bar{z}(z+x)(y+v)(z+\bar{x})$	
$(\bar{z}z + \bar{z}x)(y+v)(z+\bar{x})$	(Distributive Law)
$(0 + \bar{z}x)(y+v)(z+\bar{x})$	(Complement Law)
$\bar{z}x(y+v)(z+\bar{x})$	(Identity Law)
$(\bar{z}xz + \bar{z}x\bar{x})(y+v)$	(Distributive Law)
$(0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot \bar{z})(y+v)$	(Complement Law)
$(0+0)(y+v)$	(Domination Law)
$0(y+v)$	(Idempotent Law)
$0$	(Domination Law)

c)

1,0,0,1

d)

$(\bar{x} + \bar{y})(\bar{z} + v)(y+x)(xy)$	
$\overline{(xy)(\bar{z} + v)(y+x)(xy)}$	(DeMorgan's Law)
$0 \cdot \overline{(\bar{z} + v)(y+x)}$	(Complement Law)
$0$	(Domination Law)

## Problem 2

a)

Prove  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

We will start with  $x \in \overline{A \cap B}$  and show that it is equivalent to  $x \in (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})$ . By the definition of negation,  $x \in \overline{A \cap B}$  is equivalent to  $\neg(x \in (A \cap B))$ . We can then get  $\neg((x \in A) \wedge (x \in B))$  by the definition of intersect. Once again, by the definition of negation, we can get  $\neg((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B))$ . Now, using De Morgan's law, we get  $\neg(x \in A) \vee \neg\neg(x \in B)$ . With the double negation law,  $\neg(x \in A) \vee \neg\neg(x \in B)$  becomes  $\neg(x \in A) \vee (x \in B)$ . We can apply the definition of negation to get  $(x \in \overline{A}) \vee (x \in B)$ . Finally, by the definition of union,  $(x \in \overline{A}) \vee (x \in B)$  is equivalent to  $x \in (\overline{A} \cup B)$ , and therefore,  $x \in (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})$  is equivalent to  $x \in (\overline{A} \cup B)$ .  $\square$

b)

Prove  $A - (B \cap A) = A - B$  We will start with  $x \in (A - (B \cap A))$  and show that it is equivalent to  $x \in (A - B)$ . Starting with the definition of difference, we show that  $x \in (A - (B \cap A))$  is equivalent to  $(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in (B \cap A))$ . Then, by the definition of intersect, we get  $(x \in A) \wedge \neg((x \in B) \wedge (x \in A))$ . Using De Morgan's law, we get  $(x \in A) \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee \neg(x \in A))$ . Next, using the distributive law, we get  $((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in A))$ . With the complement law, we get  $((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee F$ , and with the idempotent law, we get  $((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B))$ . Finally, by the definition of difference,  $((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B))$  is equivalent to  $x \in (A - B)$ . Therefore,  $x \in (A - (B \cap A))$  is equivalent to  $x \in (A - B)$ .  $\square$

## Problem 3

a)

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 4\}, B = \{2, 3, 4\}, C = \{1, 3, 4\}$ .  $(A \oplus B \oplus C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) = \emptyset \cup \{4\} = \{4\}$ , but  $(A \cup B \cup C) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Therefore, the identity is false.

b)

Let  $A = U, B = \emptyset$ .  $A \cap (\overline{A} \cup B)$  becomes  $U \cap (\emptyset \cup \emptyset)$ , which yields  $\emptyset$ . However,  $A \cup (A \cap \overline{B})$  becomes  $U \cup (U \cap U)$ , which yields  $U$ . Therefore, the identity is false.