

§ 6.2: Properties of Sets

Theorem 6.2.1: For all sets A , B , and C :

Inclusion of Intersection: $A \cap B \subseteq A$ and $A \cap B \subseteq B$.

Inclusion in Union: $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B$.

Transitive Property of Subsets: If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$.

Procedural Versions of Set Definitions: Let $X, Y \subseteq U$ and $x, y \in U$.

$$x \in X \cup Y \iff x \in X \text{ or } x \in Y$$

$$x \in X \cap Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } x \in Y$$

$$x \in X - Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } x \notin Y$$

$$x \in X^c \iff x \notin X$$

$$(x, y) \in X \times Y \iff x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y$$

Example A: Prove that for all sets A and B , $A \subseteq A \cup B$.

Theorem 6.2.2: Set Identities. For all sets A , B , and C , subsets of a universal set U :

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| 1. Commutative laws: | $A \cup B = B \cup A$ | $A \cap B = B \cap A$ |
| 2. Associative laws: | $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ | $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$ |
| 3. Distributive laws: | $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ | $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ |
| 4. Identity laws: | $A \cup \emptyset = A$ | $A \cap U = A$ |
| 5. Complement laws: | $A \cup A^c = U$ | $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$ |
| 6. Double complement law: | $(A^c)^c = A$ | |
| 7. Idempotent laws: | $A \cup A = A$ | $A \cap A = A$ |
| 8. Universal bound laws: | $A \cup U = U$ | $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ |
| 9. De Morgan's laws: | $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ | $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ |
| 10. Absorption laws: | $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ | $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ |
| 11. Complements of U and \emptyset : | $U^c = \emptyset$ | $\emptyset^c = U$ |
| 12. Set difference law: | $A - B = A \cap B^c$ | |

Theorem 6.2.4: If E is a set with no elements and A is any set, then $E \subseteq A$.

Corollary 6.2.5: There is only one set with no elements.

Example B: (#32) For all sets A , B , and C , if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \cap C = \emptyset$, then $A \cap C = \emptyset$.