



# CSCI 2824: Discrete Structures

## Lecture 14: Set Operations



# Reminders

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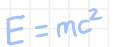
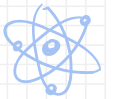
## Submissions:

- Homework 4: Fri 9/27 at noon – Gradescope
- Homework 5: **Mon 10/7 at noon** – 1 try on Moodle
- **Quizlet 4: Due Mon 9/30 at 8pm**

## Readings:

- This week Ch. 2 – SETS (2.1-2.2)
- Next week: cont. 2.3 - ...

**Midterm – Tue October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**



# Midterm I

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- **Midterm 1: 6:30-8 PM, Tuesday 1 October**

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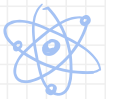
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**Conflict?** If you emailed, **Wed 2 October from 6:00-7:30PM**, ECOT 831

- **Review: TAs: Monday 9/30 @ 6:30pm – room TBD**

- Concept guide
- Written homework
- “All Moodle problems” set
- Workgroup worksheets
- Lecture slides and examples



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## What did we do last time?

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- how to cook up larger sets (unions, power sets) from smaller ones,
- and how to cook up smaller sets (intersections, subsets) from larger ones

### Today:

- doing stuff with sets (proofs and manipulations)



# Sets

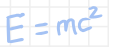
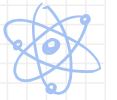
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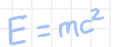
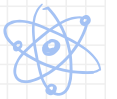
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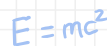
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3.  $x \in \bar{B} \Rightarrow x \notin B$
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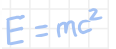
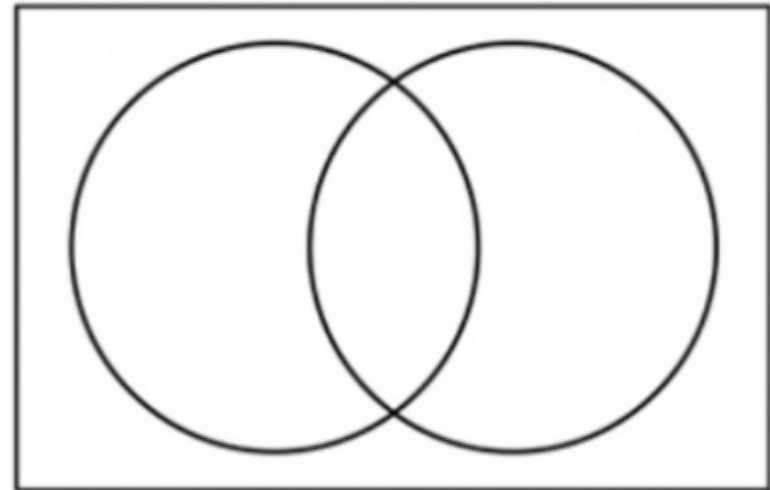
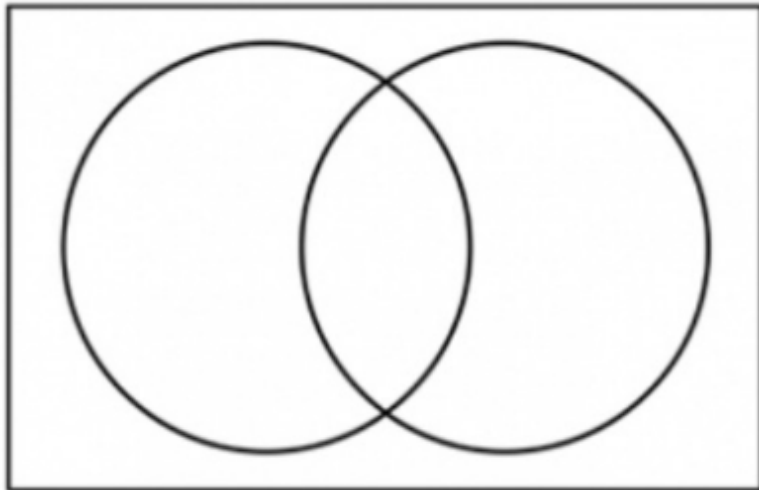
When sets are combined using only  $\cup, \cap$ , and complements, there is a set of **Set Identities** that completely mirrors the logical equivalences from last chapter.

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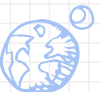
**notation**  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$  (remember, builder notation looked a lot like quantifiers, so this will look a lot like our old proofs from Ch 1)



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**Proof:**  $\overline{A \cap B} = \{x \mid x \notin A \cap B\}$  Definition of complement  
 $= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \cap B)\}$  Definition of not-in  
 $= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\}$  Definition of intersection  
 $= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)\}$  De Morgan's  
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 $= \{x \mid (x \in \overline{A}) \vee (x \in \overline{B})\}$  Definition of complement  
 $= \{x \mid x \in (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B})\}$  Definition of union  
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**Proof:** 1. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Prove that Lhs  $\subseteq$  Rhs

Suppose that  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \cup C$

$\Rightarrow (x \in A) \wedge ((x \in B) \vee (x \in C))$

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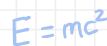
$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

**Proof:** using **Membership Tables** (1 – element is in, 0 – element is not in)

**TABLE 2** A Membership Table for the Distributive Property.

A	B	C	$B \cup C$	$A \cap (B \cup C)$	$A \cap B$	$A \cap C$	$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
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Because the columns for  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  and  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  are the same, the identity is valid.



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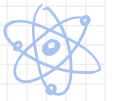
### Next time:

- More on *infinite* sets and ...
- doing stuff with sets of things to get other sets of things (we call the stuff we do *functions!*)

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FROM EACH SET IN A COLLECTION  
AND HAVE IT *EXECUTED* AS  
AN EXAMPLE TO THE OTHERS.

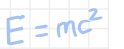


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## Extra Practice

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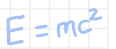




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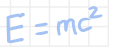
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## Set Operations

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**Example:** If  $P$  is the set of prime numbers, then what is  $\overline{P}$ ?



# Set Operations

**Example:** Suppose  $A = \{b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$ . Find:

(a)  $(A \times B) \cap (B \times B)$

(b)  $(A \times B) \cup (B \times B)$

(c)  $(A \times B) - (B \times B)$

(d)  $(A \cap B) \times A$

(e)  $(A \times B) \cap B$

(f)  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$

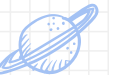
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(h)  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B)$

(i)  $\mathcal{P}(A) \times \mathcal{P}(B)$



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# Solutions

**Example 2:** Prove this identity using set builder notation

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A \cup B} &= \{x \mid x \notin A \cup B\} && \text{(def. complement)} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \cup B)\} && \text{(def. not in)} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)\} && \text{(def. intersection)} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)\} && \text{(DeMorgan's)} \\ &= \{x \mid x \notin A \wedge x \notin B\} && \text{(def. not in)} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in \bar{A} \wedge x \in \bar{B}\} && \text{(def. complement)} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}\} && \text{(def. union)} \\ &= \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}\end{aligned}$$

