

# Algebra of sets (Set identities)

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## ① Idempotent law

$$(i) A \cup A = A \quad (ii) A \cap A = A$$

## (ii) Associative law

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

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

## ③ Commutative law

$$(i) A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$(ii) A \cap B = B \cap A$$

## ④ Distributive law

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

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

## ⑤ Identity laws

$$(i) A \cup \phi = A \quad (i) A \cap U = A$$

$$(ii) A \cup \phi = \phi \quad (ii) A \cap U = A$$

## ⑥ $(A')' = A$ Involution law

## ⑦ Complement laws

$$(i) A \cup A' = U$$

$$(ii) U' = \phi$$

$$(i) A \cap A' = \phi$$

$$(ii) \phi' = U$$

## De Morgan's laws

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

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

Proof  $A \cup B = B \cup A$

Let  $x$  be an element of  $A \cup B$

$$x \in A \cup B \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \text{ or } x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \cup A$$

$$A \cup B \subseteq B \cup A \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$x \in B \cup A \Rightarrow x \in B \text{ or } x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$$

$$B \cup A \subseteq A \cup B \text{ --- (2)}$$

from (1) & (2)

$$\boxed{A \cup B = B \cup A}$$

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

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$$x \in A \cup (B \cap C) \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \text{ or } B) \text{ and } x \in (A \text{ or } C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \text{ --- ①}$$

$$x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &(x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ and } \\ &(x \in A \text{ or } x \in C) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C) \text{ --- ②}$$

from ① & ②

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

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$$

(4)

$$x \in (A \cap B)' \Rightarrow x \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \text{ or } x \in B'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \cup B'$$

$$(A \cap B)' \subseteq A' \cup B' \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

R.h.s

$$A' \cup B'$$

$$x \in A' \cup B' \Rightarrow x \in A' \text{ or } x \in B'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and } x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cap B)' \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$A' \cup B' \subseteq (A \cap B)' \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) & (2)

$$\boxed{(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'} \quad \text{proved}$$