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# **UNIT 1: SET THEORY**

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Methods of describing a set
- 3) Types of Sets (Null Set, Singleton Set, Finite Set, Infinite Set, Equal Set, Equivalent Set, Subset, Proper Subset, Power Set, Universal Set)
- 4) Operation on Sets (Union, Intersection, Difference, Symmetric Difference, Complement of a set)
- 5) Algebra of Sets (Commutative Laws, Associative Laws, Distributive Laws)
- 6) De Morgan's Laws
- 7) Venn Diagrams
- 8) Cardinality of sets
- 9) Cartesian Product of two sets

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## $\triangleright$ A Set:

A set is a collection of elements without repetition. A set can be finite or infinite. Following are some examples of sets.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{a, b, c\}, C = \{-1, 0, 1\} \text{ etc.}$$

The above sets are all finite sets. We say that a member/element 'belongs to' that set, and this is denoted using the  $symbol \in$ .

Thus, mathematically we write

$$1, 2, 3 \in A$$
  
 $a, b, c \in B$   
 $-1, 0, 1 \in C$ 

SET :- A set is a any collection of distinct objects of our thoughts.

### **Some Standard Set Notations:**

• Natural numbers (Counting numbers):

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots \}$$

• Integers:

$$Z = \{\ldots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$$

• Rational numbers (Fractions):

The rational numbers cannot be listed as above, but are defined by their property.

Q = 
$$\left\{ x / x = \frac{p}{q}, \text{ where } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$$

-3, 0, 1/3, -5/2 etc. are some examples of rational numbers.

• Irrational numbers :

The irrational numbers are those which are not rational. That is,

$$I = \left\{ x / x \neq \frac{p}{q}, \text{ where } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \pi \text{ etc. are irrational numbers.}$$

#### Real numbers :

The union of the rational and the irrational numbers is called the set of real



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numbers, denoted by R. Thus mathematically,  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q} \cup \mathbf{I}$ 

#### > Methods to denote a set :

#### • Listing method:

In this method we simply list out all the members of the set separated by a comma enclosed within a pair of curly brackets.

As,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  Listing method :- In this method a set is described by listing elements seprated by comma within braces  $\{\}$ .

#### • Property method:

In this method, instead of Explicitly mentioning each member of the set, we use their mathematical property using some standard set notations and some algebraic conditions.

The above set A shown in 'Listing method' can be demonstrated using 'Property method' as,

$$A = \{ x / x \in \mathbb{N}, \ x \le 5 \}$$

Property method: In this method a set is described by characterizing property.

## Null Set or Empty Set:

A set which has no elements is called an empty set or a null set, and is denoted using  $\{\ \}$  or  $\phi(phi)$ . Thus, if A is an empty set, we write  $A=\{\ \}$  or  $A=\phi$ 

(Note that  $A = \{\phi\}$  is not a correct notation for a null set.)

Null set: - A set in which there is no element is called null set.

# **Singleton Set:**

A set having only one element is called singleton set.

### **Examples:**

$$A = \{2\}$$

 $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is an even prime number}\}\$ 

 $C = \{x \mid x \text{ is least positive integer}\} = \{1\}$ 

D =  $\{x / x \text{ is a perfect square of an integer } 60 < x < 70\}$ 

# Finite Set :

A set is called finite set if it is either null set or its elements can be counted by natural numbers or process of listing terminates at a certain natural number.

#### **Examples :** $A = \{x \in N / 1 < x < 100\}$

Finite set :- If total number of element in a set can be counted by natural number that it is called finite set.

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$$B = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$$

#### • Cardinality or Order of a Finite Set:

The total number of element in a finite set is called Cardinality or Order of a finite set. It is denoted by n(A) or |A|.

#### **Examples:**

$$A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$$

Here 
$$n(A) = 5$$

$$B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / -4 < x < 4\}$$

Thus, 
$$B = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

Here 
$$n(B) = 7$$

### **►** Infinite Set :

If the elements of a set cannot be counted in a finite number, then the set is called an infinite

set. Infinite set :- If total number of element in a set can not be counted by natural number that it is called infinite set.

### Examples:

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

 $B = \{x / x \text{ is an even natural number}\}\$ 

Also, N, Z, Q, R, Z<sup>+</sup>, Q<sup>+</sup>, R<sup>+</sup> all are infinite sets.

### Subset of a Set:

For any two sets A and B, if all the elements of set A are also present in set B, then we say that, set A is a subset of set B. And we denote this as  $A \subset B$ . Consider the following example.

If 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 and  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  then  $A \subset B$ .

#### • Notes:

#### A null set is a subset of every set.

Any set can be regarded as a subset of itself.

Thus, any non - empty set has atleast two subsets; the null set and the set itself.

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Also, if A is a subset of B, then B is called a 'superset' of A.

### **Union and intersection of sets:**

#### • Union of sets:

Consider two sets A and B. Then the union of sets A and B is a set which contains all the elements of set A and set B, and this is denoted as  $A \cup B$ .

#### • Intersection of sets:

Consider two sets A and B. Then the intersection of sets A and B is a set which contains only the elements which are common to both sets A and B, and this is denoted as  $A \cap B$ .

**Example:** Consider the following sets.

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, B = \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \text{ and } C = \{6, 7\}$$

Here, observe that

$$A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

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

$$B \cap C = \{ \}$$

#### **NOTE:**

For the above defined sets, observe the inclusion relation

$$N\subset Z\subset Q\subset R$$

$$I \subset R$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cap \mathbf{I} = \{ \}$$

# **Equal Sets**:

Two sets A and B are said to be equal sets if every element of set A is also an element of set B and every element of set B is an element of set A.

**Notation** : A = B

#### **Examples:**

(1) 
$$A = \{-1, 1\}, B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / x^2 - 1 = 0\}$$

Here A = B

(2) 
$$C = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, D = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 < x < 6\}$$

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Here C = D

### **Equivalent Sets:**

Two finite sets A and B are said to be equivalent sets if they have same number of elements. In other words, two finite sets A and B are said to be equivalent sets if n(A) = n(B).

Notation:  $A \equiv B$ 

### **Examples:**

(1) 
$$A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$$
 and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ 

Here n(A) = n(B) = 5.

Therefore  $A \equiv B$ 

(2)  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 4\}$  and  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 9\}$ 

Here  $A = \{1, 2, 4\}$  and  $B = \{1, 3, 9\}$ 

So, n(A) = n(B) = 3

Therefore  $A \equiv B$ 

**Note**: Two equal sets are always equivalent, but two equivalent sets may not be equal sets.

# **Power set of a set :**

The set of all subsets of a given set is known as the 'power set' of that set.

**Notation :** The power set of a set A is denoted as P(A).

Example: Write the power set of set  $A = \{a, b\}$ 

Subsets of  $A = \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}$ 

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}\$$

Example: Write power set of a set B =  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 9\}$ 

Here  $B = \{1, 3, 9\}$ 

$$P(B) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{9\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 9\}, \{3, 9\}, \{1, 3, 9\}\}\$$

Example: Write power set of a set  $C = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is a factor of } 8\}$ 

Here  $C = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ 

$$P(C) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{8\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 8\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 8\}, \{4, 8\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 8\}, \{1, 4, 8\}, \{2, 4, 8\}, \{1, 2, 4, 8\}\}$$

No. of	Set	Subsets	No. of
Elements			subsets = 2 <sup>n</sup>
( <b>n</b> )			
0	A = { }	{ }	$2^0 = 1$
1	$A = \{a\}$	{ }, {1}	$2^1 = 2$
2	$A = \{a, b\}$	{ }, {a}, {b}, {a, b}	$2^2 = 4$
3	$A = \{a, b, c\}$	{ }, {a}, {b}, {c}, {a, b}, {a, c}, {b, c}, {a, b, c}	$2^3 = 8$
4	$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$	{ }, {a}, {b}, {c}, {d}, {a, b}, {a, c}, {a, d},	2 <sup>4</sup> = 16
		{b, c}, {b, d}, {c, d},	
		{a, b, c}, {a, b, d}, {a, c, d}, {b, c, d}, {a, b, c, d}	

**Note:** Observe that, for a set with n members, its power set will have 2<sup>n</sup> members

i.e., if 
$$n(A) = n$$
, then  $n\{P(A)\} = 2^n$ 

### **Exercise:**

(1) Write power set of a set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 25\}$ 

(2) Write all proper subsets of set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 15\}$ 

Example: Find total number of subsets of a set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is a factor of } 4\}$ . Also write all subsets of set A.

**Solution :** Here  $A = \{1, 2, 4\}$ 

So, n(A) = 3

Total number of subsets of  $A = 2^3 = 8$ 

Also, 
$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 4\}\}$$

Example: Find total number of subsets of the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is a factor of } 27\}$ .

**Solution :** Here  $A = \{1, 3, 9, 27\}$ 

So, 
$$n(A) = 4$$

Total number of subsets of set  $A = 2^4 = 16$ 

Also, 
$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1, 3, 9, 27\}, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{9\}, \{27\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 9\}, \{1, 27\}, \{3, 9\}, \{3, 27\}, \{9, 27\}, \{1, 3, 9\}, \{1, 3, 27\}, \{1, 9, 27\}, \{3, 9, 27\}\}$$

### **Universal Set**:

A set which is the superset of all the sets under consideration is known as Universal Set and is denoted as U.

### Disjoint Sets:

Two sets A and B are called disjoint sets if they have no elements in common, i.e., their intersection is an empty set. Mathematically, if  $A \cap B = \phi$ , then we say that A and B are disjoint sets.

**Example :** If  $A = \{-1, 0, 1\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ , then A and B are disjoint.

#### **Complement of a Set :**

The complement of a set is a set all the member of the Universal set, which are not present in the given set.

**Notation :** The complement of a set A is denoted as A' or A<sup>C</sup>.

Example: Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  and  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Then find A'.

Here  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  and  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ 

Therefore  $A' = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ 

### > Venn Diagrams:

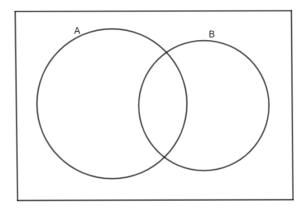


A Venn Diagram is a pictorial representation of sets where the Universal set is shown as the interior of a rectangle, and all other sets are demonstrated as the interiors of circles within the rectangle.

Let us consider the following cases for two sets A and B. And then represent them in Venn diagrams.

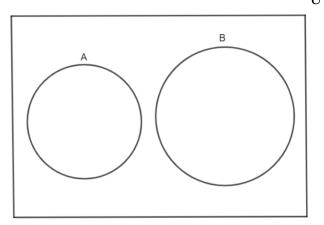
# (i) Intersecting Sets ( $A \cap B \neq \phi$ ) :

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# (ii) Disjoint Sets ( $A \cap B = \phi$ ):

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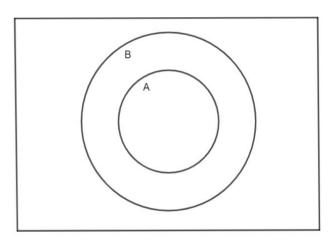


### (iii) A is a subset of B ( $A \subset B$ ):



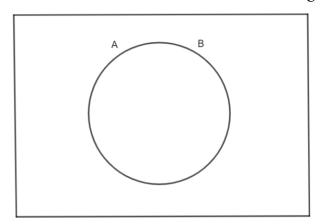
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# (iv) A and B are equal (A = B):

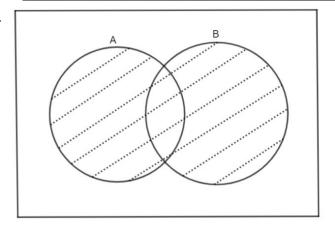
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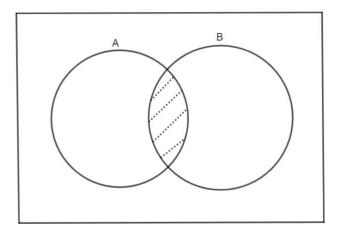
# > Demonstrating set operations using Venn Diagrams :

# (i) Union of sets A and B (A $\cup$ B) :

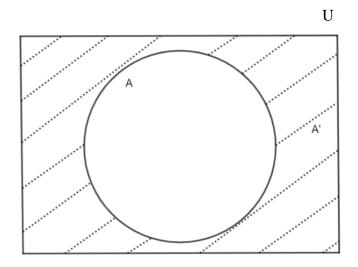




# (ii) Intersection of A and B (A $\cap$ B) :



# (iii) Complement of a set A (i.e. A'):



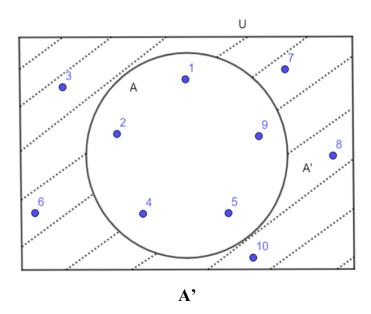
Example : Let  $\mathbb{U}=\{1,2,3,...,8,9,10\}$  and  $A=\{1,2,4,5,9\}$ . Then, find A' and represent it using a Venn Diagram.

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**Solution :** Here  $A = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 9\}$ 

Thus,  $A' = \{3, 6, 7, 8, 10\}$ 

Venn Diagram for A' is shown below.



Example : Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and

 $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ . Then find  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$ . And represent their Venn diagrams.

**Solution :** Here  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ 

Therefore,  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9\}$ 

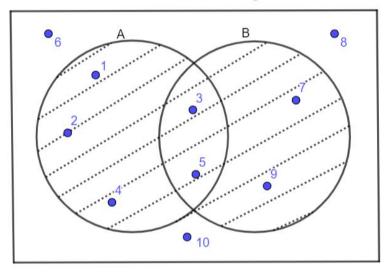
Venn diagram for A U B is shown below.



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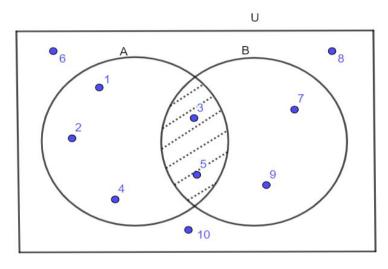
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Again,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ 

Therefore  $A \cap B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \cap \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ 

$$= \{3, 5\}$$

Venn diagram for  $A \cap B$  is shown below.



 $A \cap B$ 

Example: Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 10\}$  and

**B** =  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of 8}\}$ . Then, find  $A \cup B$  and represent its Venn Diagram:

**Solution :**  $A = \{1, 2, 5, 10\}, B = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ 



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Thus,  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10\}$ 

Venn Diagram: Try yourself.

#### **Exercise:**

- (1) Let  $\mathbb{U}=\{1,2,3,...,9,10,11\}$ ,  $A=\{1,2,4,5,10\}$  and  $B=\{2,6,9,11\}$ . Then determine the following.
- (i) A' and its Venn Diagram
- (ii) B' and its Venn Diagram
- (iii) A ∪ B and its Venn Diagram
- (iv)  $A \cap B$  and its Venn Diagram
- (2) Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, ..., 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ ,  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is factor of } 12\}$  and

 $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is factor of } 10\}$ . Then, determine the following:

- (i) A' and its Venn Diagram
- (ii) B' and its Venn Diagram
- (iii) A ∪ B and its Venn Diagram
- (iv) A ∩ B and its Venn Diagram

#### Notes:

- (i) (A')' = A
- (ii)  $\phi' = \mathbb{U}$  and  $\mathbb{U}' = \phi$
- (iii) For any set A, A  $\cup$  A' =  $\mathbb{U}$  and A  $\cap$  A' =  $\phi$
- (iv) For any set A, A  $\cup \phi = A$  and A  $\cap \phi = \phi$
- (v) For any set A, A  $\cup$  U = U and A  $\cap$  U = A
- (vi) For sets A and B, if  $A \subset B$ , then  $A \cup B = B$  and  $A \cap B = A$ Example :  $N \cup Z = Z$ ,  $N \cap Q = N$  etc.

## **Difference of two sets:**

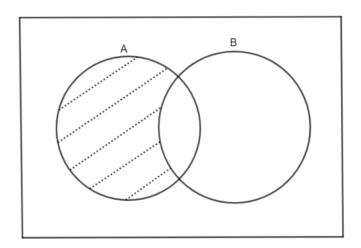


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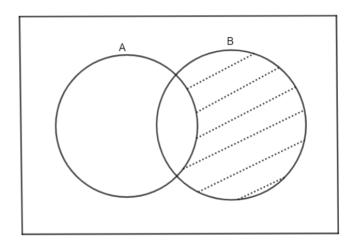
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Let A and B be two sets. Then the 'Difference set' A – B is a set of all elements which belong to A but do not belong to B.

### Venn Diagram for Difference set A – B:



### Venn Diagram for Difference set B - A:



Example :  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 7\}$ . Then, find A - B and B - A.

$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} - \{2, 4, 6, 7\} = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$B - A = \{2, 4, 6, 7\} - \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} = \{6, 7\}$$

#### **Exercise:**

For  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$ . Then find A - B and B - A.

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#### > Note:

If A and B are disjoint sets, then A - B = A and B - A = B

**Example :**  $A = \{1, 2, 3\} B = \{4, 5\}$ 

$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3\} - \{4, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3\} = A$$

$$B - A = \{4, 5\} - \{1, 2, 3\} = \{4, 5\} = B$$

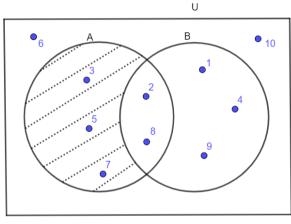
Example: Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\}.$ 

Then find A - B and B - A and draw their Venn Diagrams.

**Solution :** Here  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} \text{ and } B = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\}$ 

Now 
$$A - B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} - \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\} = \{3, 5, 7\}$$

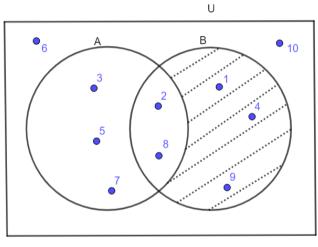
### Venn diagram for A – B:



A - E

And 
$$B - A = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\} - \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} = \{1, 4, 9\}$$

#### Venn diagram for B - A:



B - A



### **Symmetric Difference of Two Sets:**

Let A and B are two sets. A set containing all those element which belongs to set A but do not belongs to set B or all those elements which belongs to set B but do not belongs to set A is called symmetric difference of two sets.

#### **Notation :** A \Delta B (A delta B)

$$A \Delta B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$$

OR 
$$A \triangle B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

Consider A =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and B =  $\{2, 5, 6\}$  then find A  $\Delta$  B.

$$A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

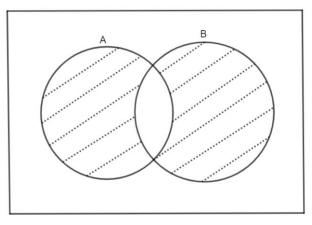
So, 
$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} - \{2, 5, 6\} = \{1, 3, 4\}$$

And 
$$B - A = \{ 2, 5, 6 \} - \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \} = \{ 6 \}$$

Therefore, A  $\triangle$  B = { 1, 3, 4}  $\cup$  { 6} = {1, 3, 4, 6}

### Venn diagram for Symmetric Differen+ce Set A $\Delta$ B:

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Example : Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}, A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\}$  and

 $B = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\}$ . Then find A  $\triangle$  B and draw its Venn Diagram.

**Solution :**  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ 

$$A \cup B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} \cup \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} \cap \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\} = \{2, 8\}$$

Therefore,  $A \triangle B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ 

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$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\} - \{2, 8\}$$
$$= \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9\}$$

**OR**: 
$$A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

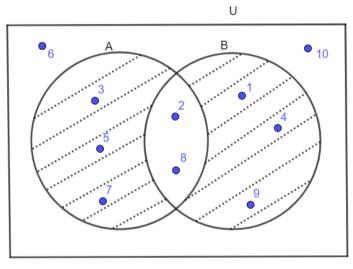
Now 
$$A - B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} - \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\}$$

$$A - B = \{3, 5, 7\}$$
 and

$$B - A = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 9\} - \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\}$$
$$= \{1, 4, 9\}$$

Therefore A 
$$\triangle$$
 B = (A – B)  $\cup$  (B – A)  
= {3, 5, 7}  $\cup$  {1, 4, 9}  
= {1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9}

### Venn Diagram for A $\triangle$ B:



 $A \Delta B$ 

Exercise : Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $B = \{3, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9\}$ , then determine  $A \triangle B$ .

(**Solution :** A  $\triangle$  B = {1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9})

**Examples:** 

Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is a factor of } 48\}, A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is a factor of } 24\},\$ 

B =  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 12\}$  and C =  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} / x \text{ is a factor of } 8\}$ .

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### Then find the following:

- (1) A'(2) B'(3) C'
- (4) A ∪ B and its Venn Diagram
- (5)  $A \cap B$  and its Venn Diagram
- (6) A  $\Delta$  B and its Venn Diagram
- (7) P(C) (8)  $(B \cup C)$ ' (9)  $B' \cap C'$

**Solution :** Here  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 48\}$ 

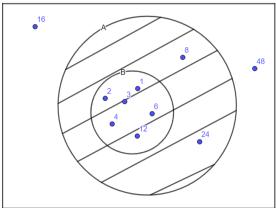
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}, B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$$
and  $C = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ 

- $(1) A' = \{16, 48\}$
- (2)  $B' = \{8, 16, 24, 48\}$
- $(3) C' = \{3, 6, 12, 16, 24, 48\}$

(4) A 
$$\cup$$
 B = {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24}  $\cup$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12}  
= {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24}

#### Venn Diagram:





(5) A 
$$\cap$$
 B = {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24}  $\cap$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12}  
= {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12}

#### Venn Diagram:

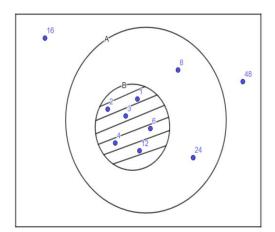
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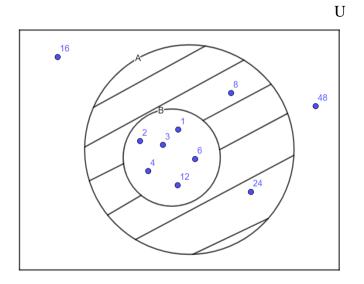
(6) 
$$A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

Now 
$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\} - \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$$
  
=  $\{8, 24\}$ 

And B – A = 
$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$$
 –  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}$  =  $\emptyset$ 

Therefore A  $\triangle$  B = {8, 24}  $\cup$  Ø = {8, 24}

### Venn Diagram:



(7) **P(C)** 

Here  $C = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ 

Therefore 
$$P(C) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{8\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 8\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 8\}, \{4, 8\}, \{2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 8\}, \{1, 4, 8\}, \{2, 4, 8\}, \{1, 2, 4, 8\}\}$$

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(8)  $(B \cup C)$ 

$$B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\} \cup \{1, 2, 4, 8\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$$

$$(B \cup C)' = \{16, 24, 48\}$$

9) **B'** 
$$\cap$$
 **C'** = {8, 16, 24, 48}  $\cap$  {3, 6, 12, 16, 24, 48}  
= {16, 24, 48}

Example : Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{6, 7, 9, 10\}$  and  $C = \{1, 2, 9, 10\}$ . Then find the following :

- (1) A' (2) B' (3) C' (4) A  $\cup$  B and its Venn Diagram (5) A  $\cap$  B and its Venn Diagram
- (6) A  $\triangle$  B and its Venn Diagram (7) Verify (B  $\cup$  C)' = B'  $\cap$  C'

**Solution :** Here  $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ 

$$A = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}, B = \{6, 7, 9, 10\} \text{ and } C = \{1, 2, 9, 10\}$$

$$(1) A' = \{3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$

(2) 
$$B' = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8\}$$

(3) 
$$C' = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$(4) A \cup B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\} \cup \{6, 7, 9, 10\} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10\}$$

#### Venn Diagram:

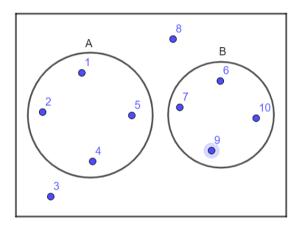
 $A \cup B$ 

(5) 
$$A \cap B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\} \cap \{6, 7, 9, 10\} = \emptyset$$

#### Venn Diagram:

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 $A \cap B$ 

(6) 
$$\mathbf{A} \Delta \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \cup (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})$$

Now 
$$A - B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\} - \{6, 7, 9, 10\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 4, 5\} = A$$

And 
$$B - A = \{6, 7, 9, 10\} - \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$$

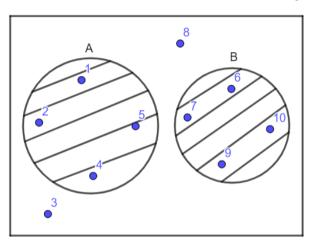
$$= \{6, 7, 9, 10\} = B$$

Therefore A  $\triangle$  B = (A – B)  $\cup$  (B – A) = A  $\cup$  B = {1, 2, 4, 5}  $\cup$  {6, 7, 9, 10}

$$= \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10\}$$

#### Venn Diagram:

U





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## (7) Verify $(B \cup C)' = B' \cap C'$

$$L.H.S. = (B \cup C)$$

Now, B 
$$\cup$$
 C = {6, 7, 9, 10}  $\cup$  {1, 2, 9, 10}  
= {1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10}

Therefore  $(B \cup C)' = \{3, 4, 5, 8\}$ 

R.H.S = B' 
$$\cap$$
 C'  
= {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8}  $\cap$  {3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}  
= {3, 4, 5, 8}

Thus,  $(B \cup C)' = B' \cap C'$ 

Example : Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20\}$ ,  $A = \{11, 13, 15, 18\}$ ,  $B = \{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\}$ ,  $C = \{18, 19, 20\}$ . Then find the following:

- (i) A U B and its Venn Diagram (ii) B U C and its Venn Diagram
- (iii) P(A) (iv) P(C) (v) A' B' (vi) B' C' (vii) A  $\Delta$  B (viii) C  $\Delta$  B (ix) B  $\cap$  C

**Solution:** 

(i) A U B = 
$$\{11, 13, 15, 18\}$$
 U  $\{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\}$  =  $\{11, 13, 15, 18, 12, 14, 16, 17\}$ 

(iii) 
$$P(A) = \{\{\}, \{11\}, \{13\}, \{15\}, \{18\}, \{11, 13\}, \{11, 15\}, \{11, 18\}, \{13, 15\}, \{13, 18\}, \{15, 18\}, \{11, 13, 15\}, \{11, 13, 18\}, \{13, 15, 18\}, \{11, 15, 18\}, \{11, 13, 15, 18\}\}$$

(v) 
$$A' = \{12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20\}$$
 and  $B' = \{11, 13, 15, 19, 20\}$   
 $C' = \{11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$   
 $A' - B' = \{12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20\} - \{11, 13, 15, 19, 20\} = \{12, 14, 16, 17\}$   
 $B' - A' = \{11, 13, 15\}$ 

(vi) B' - C' = 
$$\{11, 13, 15, 19, 20\}$$
 -  $\{11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$  =  $\{19, 20\}$ 

(vii) 
$$A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

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$$A - B = \{11, 13, 15, 18\} - \{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\} = \{11, 13, 15\}$$

$$B - A = \{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\} - \{11, 13, 15, 18\} = \{12, 14, 16, 17\}$$

A 
$$\triangle$$
 B = {11, 13, 15}  $\cup$  {12, 14, 16, 17} = {11, 13, 15, 12, 14, 16, 17}

(viii) 
$$C \Delta B = (C - B) \cup (B - C)$$

$$C - B = \{18, 19, 20\} - \{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\} = \{19, 20\}$$

$$B - C = \{12, 14, 16, 17, 18\} - \{18, 19, 20\} = \{12, 14, 16, 17\}$$

$$C \Delta B = (C - B) \cup (B - C)$$

$$= \{19, 20\} \cup \{12, 14, 16, 17\}$$

$$= \{19, 20, 12, 14, 16, 17\}$$

### > Algebras Of Sets

#### (1) **Commutative Laws:**

### (i) Union is commutative : $A \cup B = B \cup A$

Let 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 and  $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ 

$$L.H.S. = A \cup B$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$R.H.S. = B \cup A$$

$$= \{3, 4, 5\} \cup \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

Thus,  $A \cup B = B \cup A$ 

i.e., Union is commutative.

#### (ii) Intersection is commutative : $A \cap B = B \cap A$

Let 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 and  $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ 

$$L.H.S. = A \cap B$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$= \{3\}$$

 $R.H.S. = B \cap A$ 

$$= \{3, 4, 5\} \cap \{1, 2, 3\}$$

 $= {3}$ 

Thus,  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ 

i.e., Intersection is commutative

### (2) Associative Laws:

### (i) Union is associative : $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$

Consider 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{2, 3, 5, 6\} \text{ and } C = \{2, 4, 7\}$$

$$L.H.S. = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup [\{2, 3, 5, 6\} \cup \{2, 4, 7\}]$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$R.H.S. = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$= [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{2, 3, 5, 6\}] \cup \{2, 4, 7\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \cup \{2, 4, 7\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

Thus, 
$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

i.e., Union is associative.

#### (ii) Intersection is associative : $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$

Consider 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$$
 and  $C = \{2, 4, 7\}$ 

$$L.H.S. = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap [\{2, 3, 5, 6\} \cap \{2, 4, 7\}]$$

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

$$= \{2\}$$

$$R.H.S. = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

$$= [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{2, 3, 5, 6\}] \cap \{2, 4, 7\}$$



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$$= \{2, 3\} \cap \{2, 4, 7\}$$

 $= \{2\}$ 

Thus,  $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$ 

i.e., Intersection is associative.

#### (3) Distributive Laws:

# (i) Union is distributive over intersection : $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Consider 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}, C = \{4, 5, 7\}$$

$$L.H.S. = A \cup (B \cap C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup [\{2, 4, 5, 6\} \cap \{4, 5, 7\}]$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{4, 5\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$R.H.S. = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$= [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{2, 4, 5, 6\}] \cap [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{4, 5, 7\}]$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \cap \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

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

i.e., Union is distributive over intersection.

#### (ii) Intersection is distributive over union : $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Consider 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}, C = \{4, 5, 7\}$$

$$L.H.S. = A \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap [\{2, 4, 5, 6\} \cup \{4, 5, 7\}]$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{2, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$= \{2, 4\}$$

R.H.S. = 
$$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$= [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{2, 4, 5, 6\}] \cup [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{4, 5, 7\}]$$

$$= \{2, 4\} \cup \{4\}$$

$$= \{2, 4\}$$

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

i.e., Intersection is distributive over union.

### • De Morgan's Laws:

Let  $\mathbb U$  be the Universal set and A and B are any two subsets of  $\mathbb U$  then,

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

Consider 
$$\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}, A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ and } B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{3, 4, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$L.H.S. = (A \cup B)$$

$$= \mathbb{U} - (A \cup B)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} - \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$= \{6, 7\}$$

$$A' = \{5, 6, 7\}$$
 and  $B' = \{1, 2, 6, 7\}$ 

$$R.H.S. = A' \cap B'$$

$$= \{5, 6, 7\} \cap \{1, 2, 6, 7\}$$

$$= \{6, 7\}$$

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

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

Consider 
$$\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}, A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ and } B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{3, 4, 5\} = \{3, 4\}$$

L.H.S. = 
$$(A \cap B)$$
'

$$= \mathbb{U} - (A \cap B)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} - \{3, 4\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$A' = \{5, 6, 7\}, B' = \{1, 2, 6, 7\}$$

$$R.H.S. = A' \cup B'$$

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$$= \{5, 6, 7\} \cup \{1, 2, 6, 7\}$$
$$= \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\}$$

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

**Example :** If A, B and C are three sets such that  $A \subseteq B$  then prove that  $C \subseteq B \subseteq C \subseteq A$ 

**Solution :** 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$
 and  $C = \{1, 4, 6, 7\}$ 

L.H.S. = 
$$C - B$$
  
=  $\{1, 4, 6, 7\} - \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
=  $\{6, 7\}$  ----- (1)

R.H.S. = 
$$C - A$$
  
=  $\{1, 4, 6, 7\} - \{1, 2, 3\}$   
=  $\{4, 6, 7\} - \cdots (2)$ 

Now,  $\{7, 6\} \subset \{4, 6, 7\}$ 

Thus, from (1) and (2),  $C - B \subset C - A$ 

**Example:** If A, B and C are any three sets then prove the following.

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

**Solution :** Let 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{1, 3, 5\}$$
 and  $C = \{1, 5, 6\}$ 

L.H.S. = 
$$A - (B \cup C)$$
  
=  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - [\{1, 3, 5\} \cup \{1, 5, 6\}]$   
=  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$   
=  $\{2, 4\}$ 

R.H.S. = 
$$(A - B) \cap (A - C)$$
  
=  $[\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{1, 3, 5\}] \cap [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{1, 5, 6\}]$   
=  $\{2, 4\} \cap \{2, 3, 4\}$   
=  $\{2, 4\}$ 

Thus, 
$$A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$$

**Example:** If A, B and C are any three sets then prove the following.

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

**Solution :** 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\} \text{ and } C = \{1, 5, 7\}$$

$$L.H.S. = A - (B \cap C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} - [\{3, 4, 5, 6\} \cap \{1, 5, 7\}]$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{5\}$$

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

$$R.H.S. = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$$

$$= [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{3, 4, 5, 6\}] \cup [\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{1, 5, 7\}]$$

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

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

Thus, 
$$A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$$

## • Some Important Results on Cardinality of finite sets :

(1) 
$$n (A \cup B) = n (A) + n (B) - n (A \cap B)$$

**Example :** 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Thus, 
$$A \cap B = \{3, 4\}$$
 and  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ 

$$n (A \cup B) = 6$$

$$n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B) = 4 + 4 - 2 = 6$$

#### (2) $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B)$ if A and B are disjoint sets

**Example :** 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 and  $B = \{4, 5\}$  so  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ 

$$n (A \cup B) = 5$$

$$n(A) + n(B) = 3 + 2 = 5$$

(3) 
$$n (A - B) = n (A) - n (A \cap B)$$

**Example :** 
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$
 and  $B = \{3, 5, 7, 8\}$ 

$$A - B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} - \{3, 5, 7, 8\} = \{1, 2, 4\}, A \cap B = \{3, 5\}$$

$$n(A-B)=3$$



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$$n(A) - n(A \cap B) = 5 - 2 = 3$$

 $\mathbf{n} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{n} (\mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{n} (\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B})$ 

#### • Cartesian product of two sets: (Cross Product)

Let A and B are two sets. A set containing all possible pairs (x, y) where  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  is called Cartesian product of A and B.

**Notation**:  $A \times B$ 

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$$

Note: (i) If A and B are different sets then  $A \times B \neq B \times A$  but  $n(A \times B) = n(B \times A)$ .

(ii) 
$$n(A \times B) = n(B \times A) = n(A) \times n(B)$$

Example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Then find  $A \times B$  and  $B \times A$ .

$$A \times B = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$= \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c), (1, d), (2, a), (2, b), (2, c), (2, d), (3, a), (3, b), (3, c), (3, d)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{a, b, c, d\} \times \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$= \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3), (c, 1), (c, 2), (c, 3), (d, 1), (d, 2), (d, 3)\}$$

Example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{1, 4, 5\}$  then find

(i) 
$$A \times B$$
 (ii)  $B \times A$  (iii)  $(A \times B) \cap (B \times A)$ 

(i) 
$$A \times B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \times \{1, 4, 5\}$$

$$=\{(1,1),(1,4),(1,5),(2,1),(2,4),(2,5),(3,1),(3,4),(3,5),(4,1),(4,4),(4,5)\}$$

(ii) 
$$B \times A = \{1, 4, 5\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4), (5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 4)\}$$

(iii) 
$$(A \times B) \cap (B \times A) = \{(1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\}$$

### • Multiple Choice Questions :

### 1) Which of the following is a singleton set?

a) 
$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 < x < 4\}$$

b) 
$$A = \{x \in N / 1 < x < 2\}$$

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c) 
$$A = \{x \in Q / 1 < x < 2\}$$

#### d) None of these

### 2) Which of the following is a null set?

a) 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 < x < 2\}$$

b) 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 \le x < 2\}$$

c) 
$$\{x \in N / 1 < x \le 2\}$$

d) 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 \le x \le 2\}$$

### 3) Which of the following is a finite set?

a) 
$$\{x \in Q / 1 < x < 2\}$$

b) 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} / 1 < x < 2\}$$

### c) $\{x \in \mathbb{N} / 1 \le x < 2\}$

#### d) None of these

### 4) Which of the following is an infinite set?

### a) $\{x \in Q / 1 < x < 2\}$

b) 
$$\{x \in N / x < 2\}$$

c) 
$$\{x \in N / x < 200\}$$

d) 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} / 1 < x < 100\}$$

### 5) If $A \subset B$ , then $A - B = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ .

### a) Ø

- b) A
- c) B

### d) None of these

6) 
$$A \cap A' =$$

#### a) Ø

- b) A
- c) A'
- d) None of these
- **7**) **A** ∪ **A**' = \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Ø
- b) A
- c) A'
- d) U
- 8) Let  $U = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$  and  $A = \{a, i, e\}$ . Then  $A' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
- a) {a, i, e}
- b) {o, u}
- c)  $\{a, o, u\}$
- d) {a, e, u}
- 9) If n(A) = 3 and n(B) = 4, then  $n(A \times B) = ____.$
- a) 7
- b) 27
- c) 12
- d) None of these
- 10) If n (A) = 4, then A has \_\_\_\_\_ subsets.
- a) 16
- b) 15
- c) 8
- d) 7