More Notes on Set Operations and Venn Diagrams

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Relative Complement

If it is understood/agreed that all sets in a discussion are subsets of a fixed set T, one often uses the short-hand notation A^c (read as "A complement") in place of $T \setminus A$.

Example. Let A and B be subsets of a fixed set T. Then

- $(A^c)^c = A$
- $A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$
- De Morgan's laws (with S replaced by T) can be written succinctly as
  1. $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$
  2. $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

Relative Complement (cont')

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Let S, A, and B be sets. Then

$$S \setminus (A \setminus B) = (S \setminus A) \cup (S \cap B).$$

Disjointness

Definition 1 (Disjointness)

- To say that two sets A and B are *disjoint* means that $A \cap B = \varnothing$.
- To say that several sets $A, B, C, \ldots$ are *pairwise disjoint* means that each two of them are disjoint.
- To say that a set of sets $\mathcal{M}$ is *pairwise disjoint* means that each two distinct element of $\mathcal{M}$ are disjoint.

Example.

- The sets $A = \{2k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and $B = \{2k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ are disjoint.
- The set $\mathcal{M} = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 6\}, \{3, 6, 9\}\}$ is not pairwise disjoint, because $\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{3, 6, 9\} \neq \varnothing$.

Venn Diagrams

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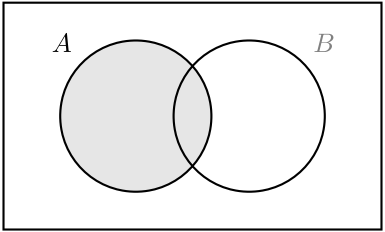
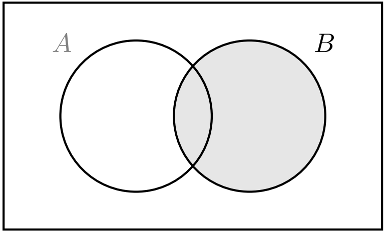
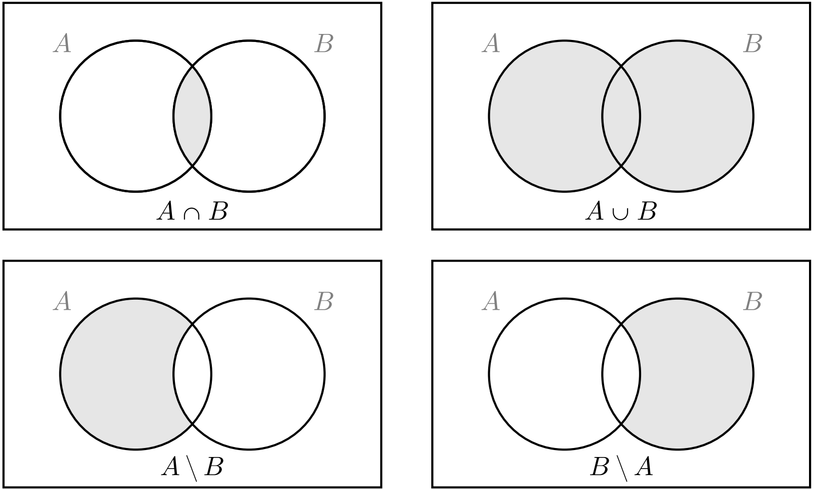
Venn diagrams provide a graphical means to confirm set identities.

- The universe of discourse is represented by a rectangle;
- Subsets of the universe of discourse are represented by regions within the rectangle.

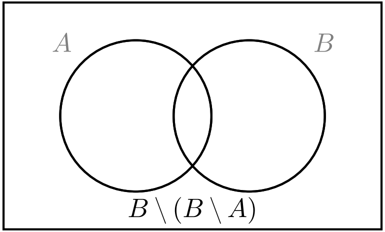




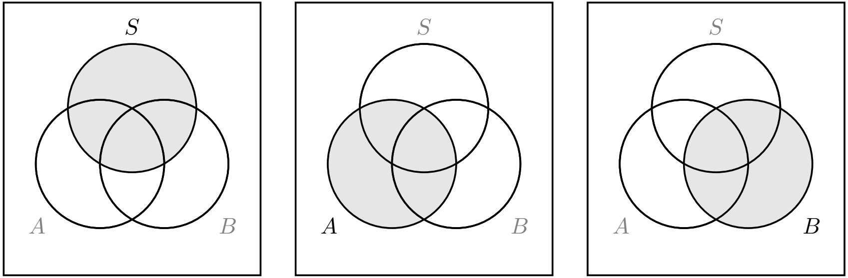
Venn Diagrams: Set Operations on Two Sets



Question. In the diagram below, shade the region representing the set $B \setminus (B \setminus A)$. Make an observation.

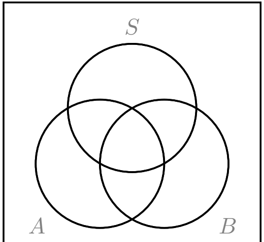


Venn Diagrams: Set Operations on Three Sets

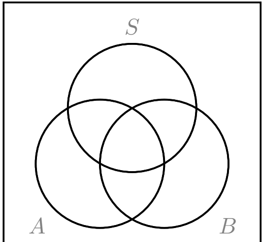


Venn Diagrams: Set Operations on Three Sets (cont')

Question. In the diagrams below, shade the regions representing the sets $A \cap B$ and $S \setminus (A \cap B)$.



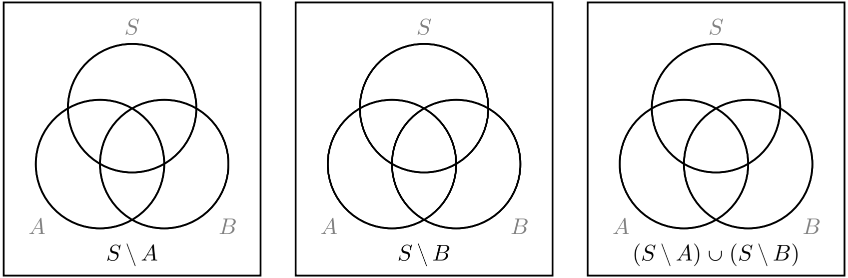
$A \cap B$



$S \setminus (A \cap B)$

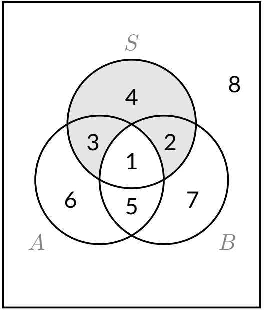
Venn Diagrams: Set Operations on Three Sets (cont')

Question. In the diagrams below, shade the regions representing the sets $S \setminus A$, $S \setminus B$, and $(S \setminus A) \cup (S \setminus B)$.



Observation?

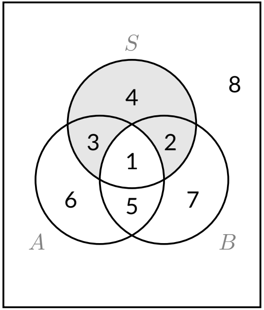
Understanding $S \setminus (A \cap B)$



	$x \in S$	$x \in A$	$x \in B$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B$	$x \in S \wedge \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)$
1.	T	T	T	T	F
2.	T	T	F	F	T
3.	T	F	T	F	T
4.	T	F	F	F	T
5.	F	T	T	T	F
6.	F	T	F	F	F
7.	F	F	T	F	F
8.	F	F	F	F	F

Venn Diagram and Truth Table (cont')

Understanding $(S \setminus A) \cup (S \setminus B)$



	$x \in S \wedge x \notin A$	$x \in S \wedge x \notin B$	$(x \in S \wedge x \notin A) \vee (x \in S \wedge x \notin B)$
1.	F	F	F
2.	T	F	T
3.	F	T	T
4.	T	T	T
5.	F	F	F
6.	F	F	F
7.	F	F	F
8.	F	F	F