定理 1.14 対称差集合について,次の性質が成り立つ。

(1)
$$A \oplus B = B \oplus A$$
 (2) $A \oplus f = A$ (3) $A \oplus U = A$

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(3)
$$A \oplus U = \sim A$$

(4)
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 (5) $A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

(6)
$$(A \oplus B) \oplus C = A \oplus (B \oplus C)$$

【証明】

(1)~(4):対称差集合の定義により。

(5):
$$A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

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

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

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

$$= (A \bigcup B) \cap (\ \sim (A \cap B))$$

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

(6):
$$X \oplus Y = (X - Y) \cup (Y - X) = (X \cap \sim Y) \cup (\sim X \cap Y)$$
 であり,

$$\sim (X \oplus Y) = \sim ((X \cup Y) - (X \cap Y)) = \sim ((X \cup Y) \cap \sim (X \cap Y))$$
$$= \sim (X \cup Y) \cup (X \cap Y) = (\sim X \cap \sim Y) \cup (X \cap Y)$$
 であるので.

 $(A \oplus B) \oplus C$

$$= ((A \oplus B) \cap {\sim} C) \bigcup ({\sim} (A \oplus B) \cap C)$$

$$= (((A \cap {}^{\sim}B) \cup ({}^{\sim}A \cap B)) \cap {}^{\sim}C) \cup ((({}^{\sim}A \cap {}^{\sim}B) \cup (A \cap B)) \cap C)$$

$$= (A \cap {\sim} B \cap {\sim} C) \cup ({\sim} A \cap B \cap {\sim} C) \cup ({\sim} A \cap {\sim} B \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C)$$

$$=((A\cap {\sim}\, B\cap {\sim}\, C)\cup (A\cap B\cap C))\cup (({\sim}\, A\cap B\cap {\sim}\, C)\cup ({\sim}\, A\cap {\sim}\, B\cap C))$$

$$= (A \cap (({}^{\sim}B \cap {}^{\sim}C) \cup (B \cap C))) \cup ({}^{\sim}A \cap ((B \cap {}^{\sim}C) \cup ({}^{\sim}B \cap C)))$$

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

$$=A \oplus (B \oplus C)$$
 が成り立つ。