

Illustration 1 : If $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{3, 4, 9, 11\}$, $C = \{2, 11, 18, 22\}$
find : $A \cap B$, $B \cap C$, $C \cap A$, $A \cap B \cap C$.

Also verify that : $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$,

Ans :

Here $A \cap B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cap \{3, 4, 9, 11\}$

$\therefore A \cap B = \{3, 4\}$

$B \cap C = \{11\}$

$C \cap A = \{2\}$

$A \cap B \cap C = \phi, \{ \}$

Now we want to verify that $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

$A \cap B = \{3, 4\}$, $C = \{2, 11, 18, 22\}$

$\therefore (A \cap B) \cap C = \phi$

Also $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B \cap C = \{11\}$

$\therefore A \cap (B \cap C) = \phi$

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

Illustration 2 : If $A = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 5\}$ $B = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, 2 \leq x \leq 8\}$
 $C = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 3\}$, find $A \cap B$, $B \cap C$ and $C \cap A$

Ans : Here

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

$B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

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

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

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

$C \cap A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Illustration 4 : $A = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, x^2 < 10\}$,

$B = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 1\}$,

$C = \{x/x \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq x < 5\}$

Find $A \cup B$, $B \cup C$, $C \cup A$ and verify that

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

Ans. :

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

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

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

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

Now, $(A \cup B) \cup C = \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

And, $A \cup (B \cup C) = \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

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

Illustration 9 : If $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, $A = \{2, 3, 6\}$, $B = \{3, 5, 6\}$ then verify that (i) $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$

Ans. (i) $A \cup B = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$

$(A \cup B)' = \{1, 4\}$

$A' = U - A = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$B' = U - B = \{1, 2, 4\}$

$A' \cap B' = \{1, 4\}$

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

to prove that $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$ *

Illustration 12 : If $A = \{x/x \leq 9, x \in \mathbb{N}\}$,

$B = \{y / 3 \leq y \leq 7, \text{ and } y \text{ is odd number}\}$

$C = \{z / 1 < z < 7, \text{ and } z \text{ is even number}\}$ then prove that

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

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$B = \{3, 5, 7\}$$

$$C = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

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

$$\text{L.H.S} = A - (B \cup C) = \{1, 8, 9\}$$

$$\text{Now, } A - B = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9\} \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$A - C = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = (A - B) \cap (A - C) = \{1, 8, 9\}$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii) We have } A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C) \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

* Define : difference of :

Illustration 15 : If $A = \{x / x \in \mathbb{N}, |x^3 - 2| \leq 25\}$,

$B = \{y / y \in \mathbb{N}, 1 < y < 5\}$

$C = \{z / z \in \mathbb{N}, z^4 = 81\}$

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

Ans :

$$A = \{x / x \in \mathbb{N}, |x^3 - 2| \leq 25\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{y / y \in \mathbb{N}, 1 < y < 5\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } B = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$C = \{z / z \in \mathbb{N}, z^4 = 81\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } C = \{3\}$$

Set

$$\text{Now } A' = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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

$$B \cap C = \{3\}$$

$$A \cup C = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = A \cup (B \cap C) = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \\ = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$$

Illustration 16 : If $A = \{a / a^2 - 1 < 10, a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$,

$$B = \{b \mid b - 1 \mid < 2, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$C = \{c \mid |c| \leq 1, c \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\text{Prove that } A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

Ans :

$$\text{Here } A = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\},$$

$$B = \{1, 2\}$$

$$C = \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

$$\text{Now } B \cap C = \{1\}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = A \times (B \cap C) = \{(-3, 1), (-2, 1), (-1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1)\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(-3, 1), (-2, 1), (-1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (-3, 2), (-2, 2), (-1, 2), (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 2)\}$$

$$A \times C = \{(-3, -1), (-2, -1), (-1, -1), (0, -1), (1, -1), (2, -1), (3, -1), (-3, 0), (-2, 0), (-1, 0), (0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0), (-3, 1), (-2, 1), (-1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1)\}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) = \{(-3, 1), (-2, 1), (-1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1)\}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$$

Illustration 17 : In a class of 42 students, each play atleast one of the three games Cricket, Hockey and Football. It is found that 14 play Cricket, 20 play Hockey and 24 play Football, 3 play both Cricket and Football, 2 play both Hockey and Football. None play all the three games. Find the number of students who play Cricket but not Hockey.

Ans.

Let C denote the set of students who play cricket $\Rightarrow n(C) = 14$.

Let H denote the set of students who play Hockey $\Rightarrow n(H) = 20$

Let F denote the set of students who play Football $\Rightarrow n(F) = 24$

Also, $n(C \cup H \cup F) = 42$

$C \cap F = \{\text{students who play both Cricket \& Football}\} \Rightarrow n(C \cap F) = 3$

$H \cap F = \{\text{students who play Hockey \& Football}\} \Rightarrow n(H \cap F) = 2$

$C \cap H \cap F = \{\text{students who play Cricket, Hockey \& Football}\}$

$\Rightarrow n(C \cap H \cap F) = 0$

Here, we are required to find the number of students who play cricket but not Hockey i.e. $n(C \cap H')$

Now, $n(C \cup H \cup F) = n(C) + n(H) + n(F) - n(C \cap H) -$

$n(H \cap F) - n(F \cap C) + n(C \cap H \cap F)$

$\therefore 42 = 14 + 20 + 24 - n(C \cap H) - 2 - 3 + 0$

$\therefore 42 = 53 - n(C \cap H)$

$\therefore n(C \cap H) = 11$

Now $n(C) = n(C \cap H') + n(C \cap H)$

$\therefore 14 = n(C \cap H') + 11$

$\therefore n(C \cap H') = 3$

$\therefore 3$ students play Cricket but not Hockey.

Illustration 18 : If $U = \{x / x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 10\}$,

$A = \{x / x \in \mathbb{N}, x^2 < 10\}$

$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$

$C = \{x / x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x = 0\}$

Verify that, (i) $A \cap (B - C) = (A \cap B) - (A \cap C)$

(ii) $A' - B' = B - A$

$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{2, 4, 6\}, C = \{0, -1, 4\}$

$[\therefore x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x = 0,$

$x(x^2 - 3x - 4) = 0,$

$x(x - 4)(x + 1) = 0,$

$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 4 \text{ or } x = -1]$

(i) $B - C = \{2, 6\}$

$\therefore A \cap (B - C) = \{2\}$

Now $A \cap B = \{2\}, A \cap C = \{ \},$

$(A \cap B) - (A \cap C) = \{2\}$

From (i) and (ii)

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

(ii) $A' = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

$B' = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

$$\text{L.H.S} = A' - B' = \{4, 6\}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = B - A = \{4, 6\}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Illustration 19 : Examine the validity of the following statements and justify your answer :

- (i) If $A = \{x / x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x = 0\}$
 $B = \{x / x \in \mathbb{Z}, |x| < 1\}$ then $A \cap B = \phi$
- (ii) If $A - B = A$, Then $A \cap B = A$
- (iii) If $A = \{\phi, a\}$ Then $\{\phi\} \in P(A)$
- (iv) If $x \notin (A \cup B)$ Then $x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$
- (v) If $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{2, 5, 7\}$
 then $B \times A = \{2a, 5b, 7c\}$

Ans. :

- (i) **False :** Here $A = \{0, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{0\}$
 $\therefore A \cap B = \{0\}$, and not ϕ
 \therefore Statement is false
- (ii) **False :** $A - B = A$
 i.e. No element of B is in A Hence $A \cap B = \phi$. The statement is therefore false.
- (iii) **True :** because $P(A) = \{\{\}, \{\phi, a\}, \{\phi\}, \{a\}\}$
 Thus $\{\phi\} \in P(A)$ is true
- (iv) **False :** because If $x \notin (A \cup B)$
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$.
- (v) **False :** because
 $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{2, 5, 7\}$
 Then $B \times A = \{(2, a), (2, b), (2, c), (5, a), (5, b), (5, c), (7, a), (7, b), (7, c)\}$

Illustration 20 : If $A = [1, 3, a, \{1\}, \{1, a\}]$, state whether the following statements are true or false.

- (i) $1 \in A$,
- (ii) $\{1\} \in A$,
- (iii) $\phi \in A$,
- (iv) $\{1, a\} \subset A$
- (v) $\phi \subset A$
- (vi) $\{1, a\} \in A$

Ans. :

- (i) $1 \in A$, True
- (ii) $\{1\} \in A$, True
- (iii) $\phi \in A$, False
- (iv) $\{1, a\} \subset A$, True,
- (v) $\phi \subset A$, True
- (vi) $\{1, a\} \in A$, True

Illustration 21 : Prove that $(A')' = A$

We shall prove that

(i) $(A')' \subseteq A$ (ii) $A \subseteq (A')'$

(i) Let x be any element of $(A')' \Rightarrow x \in (A')'$
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A'$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$
 $\Rightarrow (A')' \subseteq A$ (i)

(ii) Let y be any element of $A \Rightarrow y \in A$
 $\Rightarrow y \notin A'$
 $\Rightarrow y \in (A')'$
 $\Rightarrow A \subseteq (A')'$ (ii)

From (i) & (ii), $(A')' = A$

Illustration 22 : Prove that : $A - (A - B) = A \cap B$

We shall prove that (i) $A - (A - B) \subseteq (A \cap B)$

(ii) $A \cap B \subseteq A - (A - B)$

(i) Let x be any element of $A - (A - B)$

$\Rightarrow x \in A - (A - B)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ but $x \notin (A - B)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ but $(x \notin A \text{ and } x \in B)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A \cap B$
 $\Rightarrow A - (A - B) \subseteq A \cap B$

(ii) Let y be any element of $A \cap B$

$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cap B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A$ and $y \in B$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A$ but $(y \notin A \text{ and } y \in B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A$ but $y \notin (A - B)$

.....(i)

$$\Rightarrow y \in A - (A - B)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B \subseteq (A - (A - B)) \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

EXERCISE