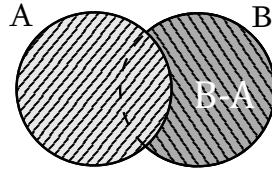


Examining the accompanying Venn diagram one immediately gets the relationships



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

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

which when added member to member give

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

**0.1. Complement.** When  $A \subseteq S$ , the difference  $S - A$  is called the *complement* of  $A$  with respect to (w.r. to) the set  $S$ , and denoted by

$$\complement_S A \quad (\text{Read: The complement of } A \text{ w.r. to } S)$$

If  $S$  is taken as a universal set  $U$ , the notation for the complement of  $A$  is simply  $A'$ . The immediate corollaries are clear:

$$(A')' = A, \quad U' = \emptyset, \quad \emptyset' = U$$

EXAMPLE 0.1. For  $S = \{2, 4, 5, 6, 9\}$  and  $A = \{2, 6, 9\} \subseteq S$  find the complement of  $A$  w.r. to  $S$ .

$$\complement_S A = S - A = \{4, 5\}$$

EXAMPLE 0.2.  $\complement_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}'$

EXAMPLE 0.3. Verify the following relations by the use of Venn diagrams