

**Set notation and relationships:**

**Definitions:**

- $\in$  "is an element of".  $x \in A$  means that  $x$  is an element of  $A$ . Every set is defined by its elements, and two sets are equal if they have all of the same elements.
- $\emptyset$  "the empty set". The set that contains no elements.
- $\subseteq$  "is a subset of".  $A \subseteq B$  if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ . Note that Every element of  $A$  is an element of  $A$  so  $A \subseteq A$ . Note also that  $\emptyset$  has no elements, so it is a subset of every set.
- $U$  "the universe" or "the universal set". The set of all elements that are relevant for the current problem (often the set of all numbers or all points in the plane).
- $|A|$  "the number of elements of".  $|A|$  is the number of elements in  $A$ . Note that  $|\emptyset| = 0$  because the empty set does not have any elements.
- $\cap$  "intersection". The intersection of two sets is the set of all of the elements that are in both sets:  $x \in A \cap B$  if  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$  both
- $\cup$  "union". The union of two sets is the set of all of the elements that are in either set:  $x \in A \cup B$  if  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$  (or both—"or" when used about sets is always inclusive: one or the other or both).
- $\bar{A}$  "complement". The complement of a set is all of the elements in the Universe that are not in the set:  $x \in \bar{A}$  if  $x \notin A$
- $-$  "minus".  $A - B$  is all of the elements that are in  $A$  that are not in  $B$ :  $x \in A - B$  if  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin B$

**Theorems/relationships:**

Given sets  $A, B, C$  in universal set  $U$

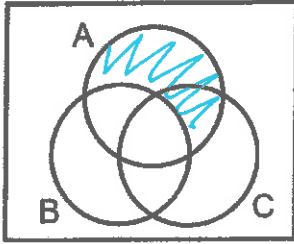
<p>Thm 2.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <math>A \cup U = U</math></li> <li>b. <math>A \cap U = A</math></li> <li>c. <math>A \cup \emptyset = A</math></li> <li>d. <math>A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset</math></li> <li>e. <math>A \cup A = A</math></li> <li>f. <math>A \cap A = A</math></li> </ul>	<p>Thm. 2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <math>A \cup B = B \cup A</math> and <math>A \cap B = B \cap A</math></li> <li>b. <math>A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C</math> and  <u><math>A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup C</math></u></li> <li>c. <math>A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)</math> and  <math>A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)</math></li> <li>d. <math>\overline{\overline{A}} = A</math> (that's a double complement, not an =)</li> <li>e. <math>A \cup \overline{A} = U</math></li> <li>f. <math>A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset</math></li> <li>g. <math>A \subseteq A \cup B</math> and <math>B \subseteq A \cup B</math></li> <li>h. <math>A \cap B \subseteq A</math> and <math>A \cap B \subseteq B</math></li> <li>i. <math>A - B = A \cap \overline{B}</math></li> </ul>	<p>Thm 2.2 (DeMorgan's laws)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <math>\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}</math> ←<sup>2</sup></li> <li>b. <math>\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}</math> ←</li> </ul> <p>3-                      4</p>
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18. Show  $(A - B) \cup (A \cap B) = A$  using theorems and by making Venn diagrams. ( $A - B$ )  $\cup$  ( $A \cap B$ )

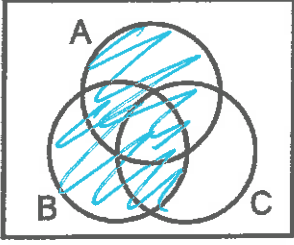
Steps	Theorem	$A - B$	$A \cap B$
$(A - B) \cup (A \cap B)$	<del>2.1.a</del>		
$= (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap B)$	2.1.i		
$= A \cap (\overline{B} \cup B)$	2.1.c		
$= A \cap U$	2.1.e		
$= A$	2.0.b		

19. Show  $(A-B) \cap (A \cup B) = A-B$  using theorems and by making Venn diagrams.

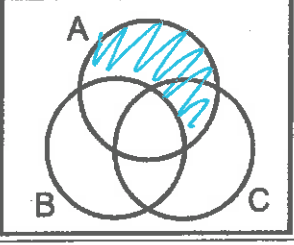
Steps	Theorem	
$(A-B) \cap (A \cup B)$		
1 $= (A \cap \bar{B}) \cap (A \cup B)$	2.1.i	
2 $= A \cap (\bar{B} \cap (A \cup B))$	2.1.b (intersection)	
3 $= A \cap ((\bar{B} \cap A) \cup (\bar{B} \cap B))$	2.1.c (second version)	
4 $= A \cap ((\bar{B} \cap A) \cup \emptyset)$	2.1.f	
5 $= A \cap (\bar{B} \cap A)$	2.0.c	
6 $= A \cap (A \cap \bar{B})$	2.1.a	
7 $= (A \cap A) \cap \bar{B}$	2.1.b	
8 $= A \cap \bar{B}$	2.0.f	
9 $= A-B$	2.1.i	



$A-B$



$A \cup B$



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

Homework: Prove each of the following by using theorems and making Venn diagrams

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

21.  $\bar{A} \cap (A \cup B) = B - A$

22.  $\overline{(A-B)} \cap A = B \cap A$

(hint: step 1 uses thm 2.1.i and step 2 uses thm 2.2.b)