

# SEF015: Discrete Mathematics

## Tutorial (5) - Solutions -

### Question (1)

a)  $\{ \eta \in \mathbb{Z} : \eta \geq 0 \wedge 2 \mid \eta \}$

b)  $\{ \eta \in \mathbb{Z} : \eta > 0 \wedge 65 \mid \eta \}$

c)  $\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 = 0 \}$

## Question (2)

$$\begin{aligned}x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) &\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \vee (x \in B \wedge x \notin A) \\&\Leftrightarrow [(x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \vee x \in B] \wedge [(x \in A \wedge x \notin B) \vee x \notin A] \\&\quad \because \text{Distributive Law}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\Leftrightarrow [(x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge (x \notin B \vee x \in B)] \wedge \\&\quad [(x \in A \vee x \notin A) \wedge (x \notin B \vee x \notin A)] \\&\quad \because \text{Distributive Law}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [x \in A \cup B \wedge x \in U] \wedge [x \in U \wedge (\neg x \in B \vee \neg x \in A)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\Leftrightarrow x \in [(A \cup B) \cap U] \wedge [x \in U \wedge \neg (x \in B \wedge x \in A)] \\&\quad \because \text{De Morgan Law}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\Leftrightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \wedge [x \in U \wedge \neg (x \in A \wedge x \in B)] \\&\quad \because \text{Commutative Law}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \wedge [x \in U \wedge x \notin A \cap B]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \wedge x \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)}$$

### Question (3)

$$x \in A \setminus B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (x \in U \wedge x \notin B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B^c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \cap B^c$$

So,  $\boxed{A \setminus B = A \cap B^c}$ .

### Question (3) (continued)

$$x \in (A \cap B)^c \Leftrightarrow x \in U \wedge x \notin A \cap B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in U \wedge \neg(x \in A \cap B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in U \wedge \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in U \wedge (\neg x \in A \vee \neg x \in B)$$

$\therefore$  De Morgan law

$$\Leftrightarrow (x \in U \wedge \neg x \in A) \vee (x \in U \wedge \neg x \in B)$$

$\therefore$  Distributive law

$$\Leftrightarrow (x \in U \wedge x \notin A) \vee (x \in U \wedge x \notin B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A^c \vee x \in B^c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cup B^c$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c}$$

Homework: Try the other similar law:

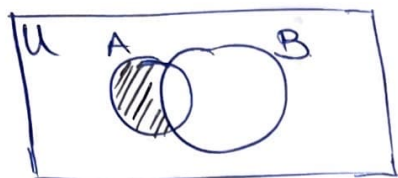
$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

Can you show this?

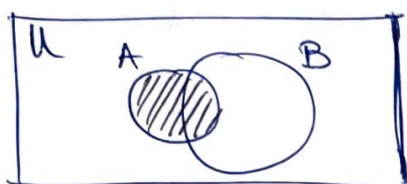
# Question (3) (continued)

Venn diagrams.

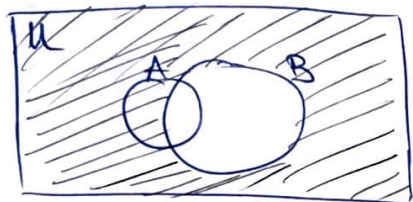
$$A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$$



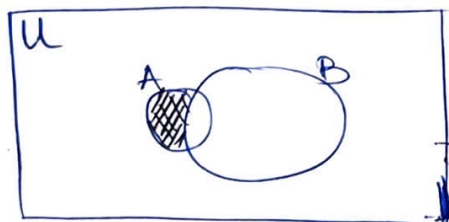
$A \setminus B$



$A$



$B^c$



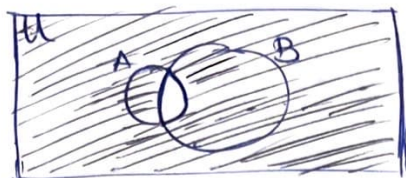
$A \cap B^c$

Both Venn diagrams have same shaded region.  
(for the case when  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ )

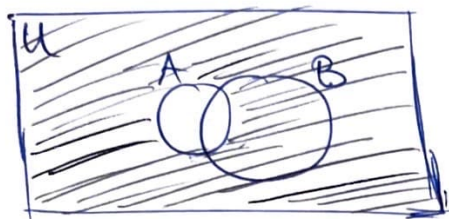
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Venn diagrams

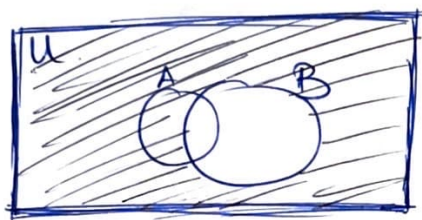
$$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$



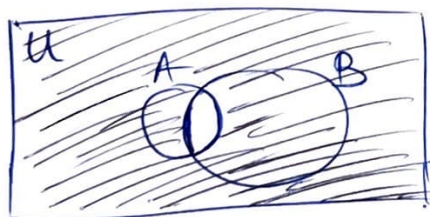
$$(A \cap B)^c$$



$$A^c$$



$$B^c$$



$$A^c \cup B^c$$

Both diagrams  
are the same.  
Therefore,

$$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

# Question ①

| P | q | $\neg P$ | $\neg P \vee q$ | $P \rightarrow q$ |
|---|---|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| T | T | F        | T               | T                 |
| T | F | F        | F               | F                 |
| F | T | T        | T               | T                 |
| F | F | T        | T               | T                 |

The highlighted columns in the truth table are same which shows that these two statements are equivalent.

## Question (5)

$$(A \subseteq C) \wedge (B \subseteq C) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in C) \wedge (\forall x, x \in B \rightarrow x \in C)$$

$$\therefore A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow (\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [(x \in A \rightarrow x \in C) \wedge (x \in B \rightarrow x \in C)]$$

Note that:

$$[\forall x, p(x)] \wedge [\forall x, q(x)]$$

is equivalent to

$$\forall x, (p(x) \wedge q(x)).$$

This is not TRUE for  $\vee$  ("or")!

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [(x \notin A \vee x \in C) \wedge (x \notin B \vee x \in C)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [(x \notin A \wedge x \notin B) \vee x \in C]$$

$\therefore$  Distributive Law

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [(\neg x \in A \wedge \neg x \in B) \vee x \in C]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [\neg (x \in A \vee x \in B) \vee x \in C]$$

$\therefore$  De Morgan Law

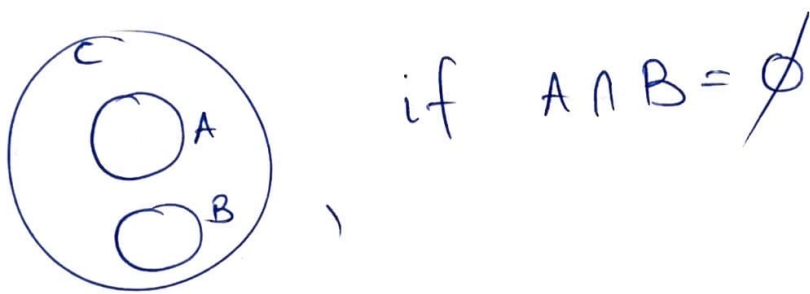
$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x, [\neg (x \in A \cup B) \vee x \in C]$$

## Question (5) (continued)

$$\begin{aligned}(A \subseteq C) \wedge (B \subseteq C) &\Leftrightarrow \forall x, (x \notin A \cup B \vee x \in C) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall x, (x \in A \cup B \rightarrow x \in C) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (A \cup B) \subseteq C\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{(A \subseteq C) \wedge (B \subseteq C) \Leftrightarrow (A \cup B) \subseteq C}$$

Venn diagram:



Reminder:

$\forall$  : for all / for any / for every

$\exists$  : there is / there exists  
there are / there exist

$\therefore$  : Therefore .

$\because$  : Because .

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