

(d) Complement of a set:

If U is a universal set and A is a subset of U , then the complement of A is the set of those elements of U , which are not contained in A and is denoted by A' or A^c .

$$A' = U - A = \{x | x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$

For example, if $U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ and $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} A' &= U - A \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\} - \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \\ &= \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10\} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

If $U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$,

$A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$, $B = \{3, 5, 8\}$, then

Find (i) $A \cup B$ (ii) $A \cap B$

(iii) $A - B$ (iv) A' and B'

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } A \cup B &= \{2, 3, 5, 7\} \cup \{3, 5, 8\} \\ &= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } A \cap B &= \{2, 3, 5, 7\} \cap \{3, 5, 8\} \\ &= \{3, 5\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } A - B &= \{2, 3, 5, 7\} - \{3, 5, 8\} \\ &= \{2, 7\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } A' &= U - A \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\} - \{2, 3, 5, 7\} \\ &= \{1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B' &= U - B \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\} - \{3, 5, 8\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10\} \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 5.1

Q.1 If $X = \{1, 4, 7, 9\}$ and $Y = \{2, 4, 5, 9\}$ then find:

(i) $X \cup Y$ (ii) $X \cap Y$

(iii) $Y \cup X$ (iv) $Y \cap X$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } X \cup Y &= \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \cup \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } X \cap Y &= \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \cap \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \\ &= \{4, 9\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } Y \cup X &= \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \cup \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } Y \cap X &= \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \cap \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \\ &= \{4, 9\} \end{aligned}$$

Q.2 If $X =$ Set of Prime numbers less than or equal to 17.

$Y =$ Set of first 12 natural numbers, then find.

(i) $X \cup Y$ (ii) $X \cap Y$

(iii) $Y \cup X$ (iv) $Y \cap X$

Solution:

$$X = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$$

$$Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } X \cup Y &= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \cup \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } Y \cup X &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \cup \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } X \cap Y &= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \cap \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 12\} \\ &= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } Y \cap X &= \{1, 2, 3, 5, \dots, 12\} \cap \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \\ &= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\} \end{aligned}$$

Q.3 If $X = \phi$, $Y = Z^+$, $T = O^+$, then find.

- (i) $X \cup Y$ (ii) $X \cup T$ (iii) $Y \cup T$
 (iv) $X \cap Y$ (v) $X \cap T$ (vi) $Y \cap T$

Solution:

- (i) $X \cup Y = \phi \cup Z^+$
 $= Z^+ = Y$
 (ii) $X \cup T = \phi \cup O^+$
 $= O^+ = T$
 (iii) $Y \cup T = Z^+ \cup O^+$
 $= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\} \cup \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$
 $= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\} = Z^+ = Y$
 (iv) $X \cap Y = \phi \cap Z^+$
 $= \phi = X$
 (v) $X \cap T = \phi \cap O^+$
 $= \phi = X$
 (vi) $Y \cap T = Z^+ \cap O^+$
 $= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\} \cap \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$
 $= \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\} = O^+ = T$

Q.4 If $U = \{x | x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge 3 < x \leq 25\}$
 $X = \{x | x \text{ is Prime} \wedge 8 < x < 25\}$
 $Y = \{x | x \in \mathbb{W} \wedge 4 \leq x \leq 17\}$
 then find the value of:

- (i) $(X \cup Y)'$ (ii) $X' \cap Y'$
 (iii) $(X \cap Y)'$ (iv) $X' \cup Y'$

Solution:

$$U = \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\}$$

$$X = \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$$

$$Y = \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 17\}$$

- (i) $(X \cup Y)'$
 $X \cup Y = \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\} \cup \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 17\}$
 $= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23\}$
 $(X \cup Y)' = U - (X \cup Y)$
 $= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23\}$
 $= \{18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\}$

(ii) $X' \cap Y'$

$$X' = U - X$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\}$$

$$Y' = U - Y$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 17\}$$

$$= \{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

$$X' \cap Y' = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \cap \{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

$$= \{18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\}$$

(iii) $(X \cap Y)'$

$$X \cap Y = \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\} \cap \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 17\}$$

$$= \{11, 13, 17\}$$

$$(X \cap Y)' = U - (X \cap Y)$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{11, 13, 17\}$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

(iv) $X' \cup Y'$

$$X' = U - X = \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\}$$

$$Y' = U - Y$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 17\}$$

$$= \{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

$$X' \cup Y' = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \cup \{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

$$= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\}$$

Q.5 If $X = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, 20\}$ and $Y = \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 24\}$ then find the following: (i) $X - Y$ (ii) $Y - X$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } X - Y &= \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20\} - \\ &\quad \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24\} \\ &= \{2, 6, 10, 14, 18\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } Y - X &= \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24\} - \\ &\quad \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20\} \\ &= \{24\} \end{aligned}$$

Q.6 If $A = N$ and $B = W$ then find the value of

(i) $A - B$ (ii) $B - A$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } A - B &= N - W \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} - \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \\ &= \{ \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } B - A &= W - N \\ &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} - \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \\ &= \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Union and Intersection:

(a) Commutative property of union:

For any two sets A and B , $A \cup B = B \cup A$ is called commutative property of union.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x \in A \cup B \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ (by definition of union of sets)} \\ \Rightarrow x \in B \text{ or } x \in A \\ \Rightarrow x \in B \cup A \\ \Rightarrow A \cup B \subseteq B \cup A \dots\dots\dots\text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now let } y \in B \cup A \\ \Rightarrow y \in B \text{ or } y \in A \text{ (by definition of union of sets)} \\ \Rightarrow y \in A \text{ or } y \in B \\ \Rightarrow y \in A \cup B \\ \Rightarrow B \cup A \subseteq A \cup B \dots\dots\dots\text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we have $A \cup B = B \cup A$ (by definition of equal sets)

(b) Commutative property of intersection:

For any two sets A and B , $A \cap B = B \cap A$ is called commutative property of intersection.

Proof: Let $x \in A \cap B$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ (by definition intersection of sets)} \\ \Rightarrow x \in B \text{ and } x \in A \\ \Rightarrow x \in B \cap A \\ A \cap B \subseteq B \cap A \dots\dots\dots\text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

Now let $y \in B \cap A$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y \in B \text{ and } y \in A \text{ (by definition intersection of sets)} \\ \Rightarrow y \in A \text{ and } y \in B \\ \Rightarrow y \in A \cap B \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $B \cap A \subseteq A \cap B \dots\dots\dots\text{(ii)}$

From (i) and (ii), we have $A \cap B = B \cap A$ (by definition of equal sets)

(c) Associative property of union:

For any three sets A, B and C , $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ is called associative property of union.

Proof: Let $x \in (A \cup B) \cup C$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \text{ or } x \in C \\ \Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ or } x \in C \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C) \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \cup C \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \cup (B \cup C) \end{aligned}$$

$(A \cup B) \cup C \subseteq A \cup (B \cup C) \dots\dots\dots\text{(i)}$

Similarly $A \cup (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cup C \dots\dots\text{(ii)}$

From (i) and (ii), we have

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

(d) Associative property of intersection:

For any three sets A, B and C , $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$ is called associative property of intersection.

Proof: Let $x \in (A \cap B) \cap C$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x \in (A \cap B) \text{ and } x \in C \\ \Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ and } x \in C \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C) \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cap C \\ \Rightarrow x \in A \cap (B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (A \cap B) \cap C \subseteq A \cap (B \cap C) \dots\dots\text{(i)}$

Similarly $A \cap (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cap C \dots \text{(ii)}$

From (i) and (ii), we have

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

(e) Distributive property of union over intersection:

If A, B and C are three sets then $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ is called distributive property of union over intersection

Proof: Let $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ or $x \in B \cap C$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ or $(x \in B$ and $x \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow (x \in A$ or $x \in B)$ and $(x \in A$ or $x \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$ and $x \in A \cup C$
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
 $\therefore A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$(i)

Similarly, now let $y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B)$ and $y \in (A \cup C)$
 $\Rightarrow (y \in A$ or $y \in B)$ and $(y \in A$ or $y \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A$ or $(y \in B$ and $y \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A$ or $y \in B \cap C$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$
 $\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$(ii)

From (i) and (ii), we have

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

(f) Distributive property of intersection over union:

If A, B and C are three sets then $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ is called distributive property of intersection over union.

Proof: Let $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B \cup C$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$ and $(x \in B$ or $x \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow (x \in A$ and $x \in B)$ or $(x \in A$ and $x \in C)$
 $\Rightarrow (x \in A \cap B)$ or $(x \in A \cap C)$
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Hence by definition of subsets

$$A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$
..... (i)

Similarly

$$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$$
..... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we have

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

(g) De-Morgan's laws:

If two sets A and B are the sub sets of U then De-Morgan's laws are expressed as

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

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

Proof:

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

Let $x \in (A \cup B)'$
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A \cup B$ (by definition of complement of set)
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A'$ and $x \in B'$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A' \cap B'$ (by definition of intersection of sets)
 $\Rightarrow (A \cup B)' \subseteq A' \cap B'$ (i)

Similarly $A' \cap B' \subseteq (A \cup B)'$(ii)

Using (i) and (ii), we have

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

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

Let $x \in (A \cap B)'$
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A \cap B$
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A'$ or $x \in B'$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A' \cup B'$
 $\Rightarrow (A \cap B)' \subseteq A' \cup B'$(i)

Let $y \in A' \cup B'$
 $\Rightarrow y \in A'$ or $y \in B'$
 $\Rightarrow y \notin A$ or $y \notin B$
 $\Rightarrow y \notin A \cap B$
 $\Rightarrow y \in (A \cap B)'$
 $\Rightarrow A' \cup B' \subseteq (A \cap B)'$ (ii)

From (i) and (ii) we have proved that

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