

## Announcements:

HW1 due Sunday 11:59 pm via Gradescope

Talk to me now if you have Gradescope issues

Quiz 1 on Wed. (def's, basic facts)

Lecture 2 notes+ video posted

Venn diagrams

Subsets

Power set

Cartesian product

Cardinality

Union

Intersection

Set-minus

Complement

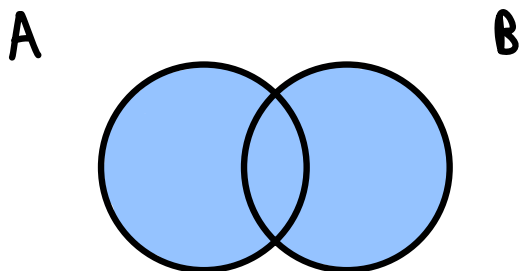
LaTeX tutorial video posted

Today: set identities and proof techniques

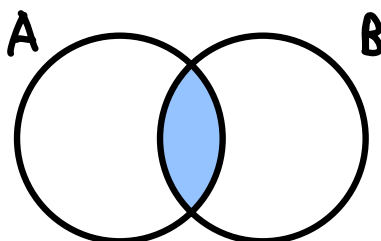
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Recall:

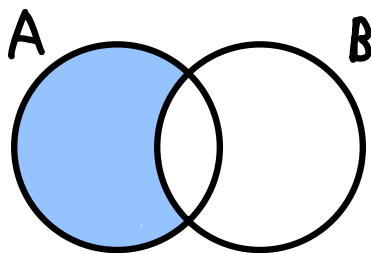
$A \cup B$



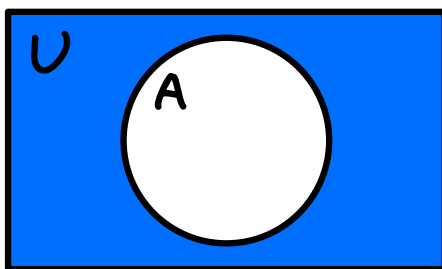
$A \cap B$



$$A \setminus B$$



$$\bar{A}$$



## Set identities

Let  $A, B, C$  be sets, and let  $U$  be the universal set  
(always have  $A, B, C \subseteq U$ )

1) Identity laws

$$A \cap U = A$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

2) Domination laws

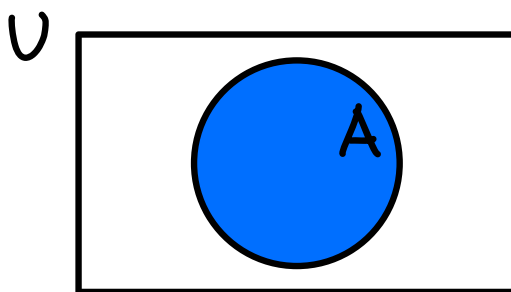
$$A \cup U = U$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

3) Idempotent laws

$$A \cup A = A$$

$$A \cap A = A$$



4) Complementation law

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$$

5) Commutative laws

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

6) Associative laws

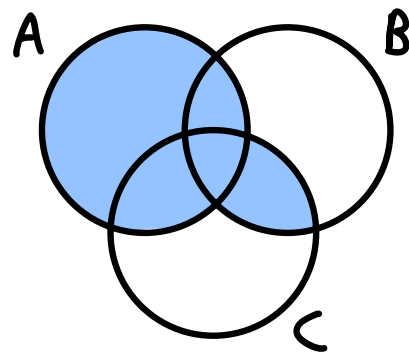
$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$$

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

7) Distributive laws

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

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



8) de Morgan's Laws

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

9) Absorption laws

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

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

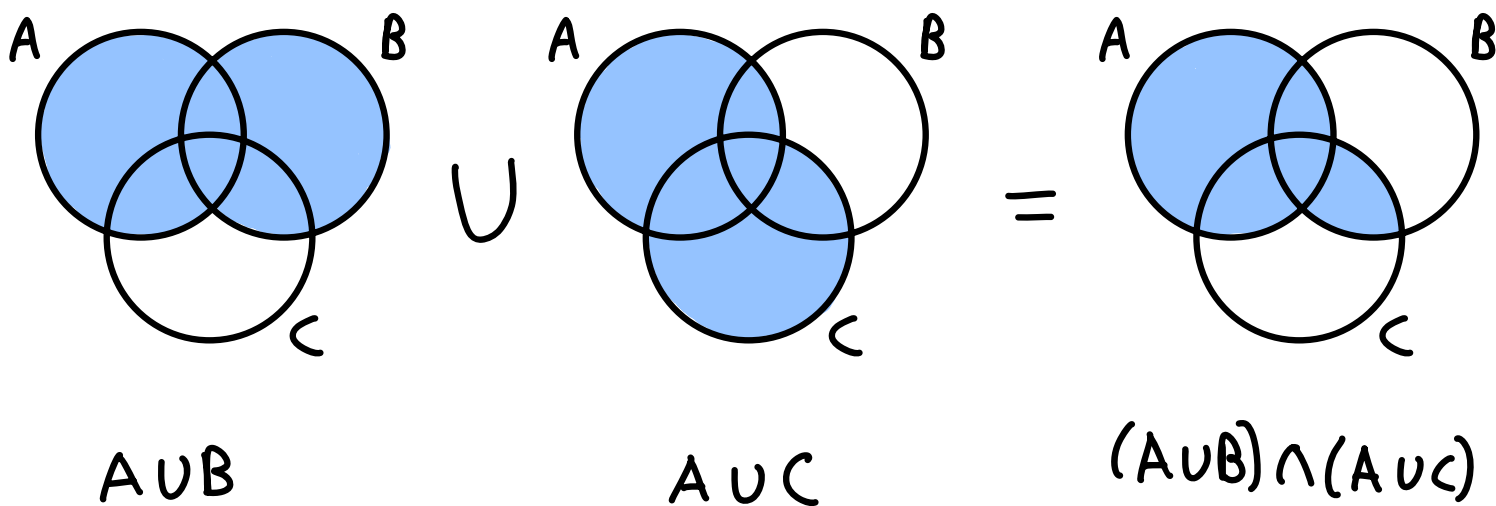
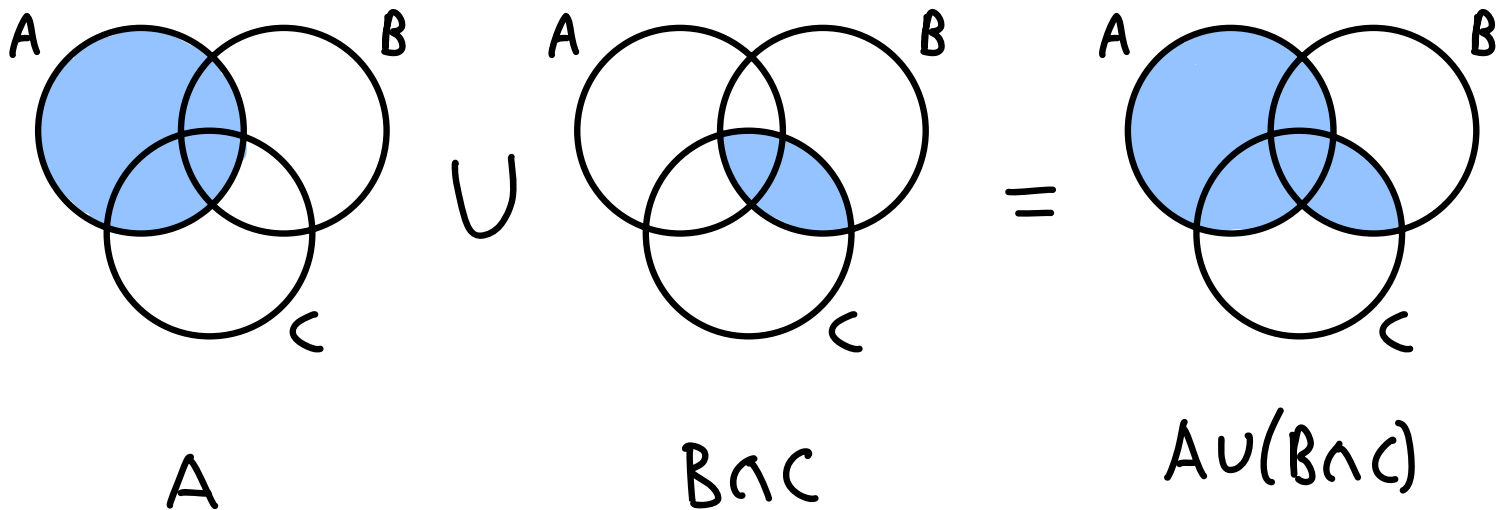
10) Complement laws

$$A \cup \overline{A} = U$$

$$A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$$

# Venn diagram tricks (for intuition only)

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



## Proof Techniques

A proof is an argument that is

- precise (say exactly what you mean)
- rigorous (justify each step)
- complete (no logical holes)
- clear (easy to read / understand)

Q: Shouldn't all solutions have these properties?

A: Yes, but we'll have particularly high standards on proofs  
and you should always show your work!

Problems which say "prove", "show", "demonstrate" require proof

On HW1, this is

2.1.26, 2.2.15, 2.2.24

If in doubt, ask!

Examples of good proofs: §2.2 Examples 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

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

Pf: We show that  $A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$   
and  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$

$A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ :

Let  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ . Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B \cap C$  (or both).

In the first case,  $x \in A \cup B$  since  $x \in A$ , and  $x \in A \cup C$  since  $x \in A$ . Therefore  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . In the second case,  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ , so  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \in A \cup C$ , so  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . Hence,  $A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

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

Let  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

If  $x \notin A$ , then since  $x \in A \cup B$ ,  $x \in B$ , and since  $x \in A \cup C$ ,  $x \in C$ . Thus,  $x \in B \cap C$ , so  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ . Hence,

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

end of  $\longrightarrow$   $\square$   
proof

Another method: use membership tables.

Every elt.  $x$  has 8 possibilities:

$x \in A, x \in B, x \in C$

$x \in A, x \in B, x \notin C,$

etc.

A	B	C
1	1	1
1	1	0

means  $x \in \text{set}$       means  $x \notin \text{set}$

PF (alt strategy):

We draw the membership table for both sides of the desired equality. Since the columns for

$A \cup (B \cap C)$  and  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  are identical, the sets are equal.

A	B	C	$B \wedge C$	$A \vee (B \wedge C)$	$A \vee B$	$A \vee C$	$(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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