

EXERCISE 1.7
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1. For any two sets A and B, prove that: $A' - B' = B - A$
Solution:

 To prove, $A' - B' = B - A$

Firstly we need to show

$$A' - B' \subseteq B - A$$

 Let, $x \in A' - B'$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \text{ and } x \notin B'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ (since, } A \cap A' = \phi \text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B - A$$

 It is true for all $x \in A' - B'$

$$\therefore A' - B' = B - A$$

Hence Proved.

2. For any two sets A and B, prove the following:

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

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

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

(iv) $A - B = A \Delta (A \cap B)$

Solution:

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

 Let us consider LHS $A \cap (A' \cup B)$

Expanding

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

 We know, $(A \cap A') = \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \phi \cup (A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B)$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved.

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

For any sets A and B we have De-Morgan's law

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

Consider LHS

$$= A - (A - B)$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= A \cap (A' \cup B')' && \text{(since, } (B')' = B) \\
 &= A \cap (A' \cup B) \\
 &= (A \cap A') \cup (A \cap B) \\
 &= \phi \cup (A \cap B) && \text{(since, } A \cap A' = \phi) \\
 &= (A \cap B) && \text{(since, } \phi \cup x = x, \text{ for any set)} \\
 &= \text{RHS} \\
 &\therefore \text{LHS}=\text{RHS} \\
 &\text{Hence proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Let us consider LHS $A \cap (A \cup B')$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= A \cap (A \cup B') \\
 &= A \cap (A' \cap B') && \text{(By De–Morgan’s law)} \\
 &= (A \cap A') \cap B' && \text{(since, } A \cap A' = \phi) \\
 &= \phi \cap B' \\
 &= \phi && \text{(since, } \phi \cap B' = \phi) \\
 &= \text{RHS} \\
 &\therefore \text{LHS}=\text{RHS} \\
 &\text{Hence proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) $A - B = A \Delta (A \cap B)$

Let us consider RHS $A \Delta (A \cap B)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A \Delta (A \cap B) && \text{(since, } E \Delta F = (E-F) \cup (F-E)) \\
 &= (A - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B - A) && \text{(since, } E - F = E \cap F') \\
 &= (A \cap (A \cap B)') \cup (A \cap B \cap A') \\
 &= (A \cap (A' \cup B')) \cup (A \cap A' \cap B) && \text{(by using De-Morgan’s law and associative law)} \\
 &= (A \cap A') \cup (A \cap B') \cup (\phi \cap B) && \text{(by using distributive law)} \\
 &= \phi \cup (A \cap B') \cup \phi \\
 &= A \cap B' && \text{(since, } A \cap B' = A - B) \\
 &= A - B \\
 &= \text{LHS} \\
 &\therefore \text{LHS}=\text{RHS} \\
 &\text{Hence Proved}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. If A, B, C are three sets such that $A \subset B$, then prove that $C - B \subset C - A$.

Solution:

Given, $A \subset B$

To prove: $C - B \subset C - A$

Let us consider, $x \in C - B$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C \text{ and } x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C \text{ and } x \notin A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C - A$$

$$\text{Thus, } x \in C - B \Rightarrow x \in C - A$$

This is true for all $x \in C - B$

$$\therefore C - B \subset C - A$$

Hence proved.

4. For any two sets A and B, prove that

(i) $(A \cup B) - B = A - B$

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

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

(iv) $A \cup (B - A) = A \cup B$

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

Solution:

(i) $(A \cup B) - B = A - B$

Let us consider LHS $(A \cup B) - B$

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

$$= (A - B) \cup \phi \quad (\text{since, } B - B = \phi)$$

$$= A - B \quad (\text{since, } x \cup \phi = x \text{ for any set})$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved.

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

Let us consider LHS $A - (A \cap B)$

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

$$= \phi \cap (A - B) \quad (\text{since, } A - A = \phi)$$

$$= A - B$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved.

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

Let us consider LHS $A - (A - B)$

$$\text{Let, } x \in A - (A - B) = x \in A \text{ and } x \notin (A - B)$$

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \notin (A \cap B)$$

$$= x \in A \cap (A \cap B)$$

$$= x \in (A \cap B)$$

$$= (A \cap B)$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved.

$$(iv) A \cup (B - A) = A \cup B$$

Let us consider LHS $A \cup (B - A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let, } x \in A \cup (B - A) &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in (B - A) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A \\ &\Rightarrow x \in B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \quad (\text{since, } B \subset (A \cup B)) \end{aligned}$$

This is true for all $x \in A \cup (B - A)$

$$\therefore A \cup (B - A) \subset (A \cup B) \dots\dots (1)$$

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x \in (A \cup B) &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in (B - A) \quad (\text{since, } B \subset (A \cup B)) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \cup (B - A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (A \cup B) \subset A \cup (B - A) \dots\dots (2)$$

From 1 and 2 we get,

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

Hence proved.

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

Let us consider LHS $(A - B) \cup (A \cap B)$

Let, $x \in A$

Then either $x \in (A - B)$ or $x \in (A \cap B)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A - B) \cup (A \cap B)$$

$$\therefore A \subset (A - B) \cup (A \cap B) \dots\dots (1)$$

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x \in (A - B) \cup (A \cap B) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in (A - B) \text{ or } x \in (A \cap B) \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \text{ or } x \in B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \end{aligned}$$

$$(A - B) \cup (A \cap B) \subset A \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

\therefore From (1) and (2), We get

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

Hence proved.