

## Exercise 5.1

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:**

(i)  $X \cup Y = \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \cup \{2, 4, 5, 9\}$   
 $= \{1, 2, 4, 7, 9\}$

(ii)  $X \cap Y = \{1, 4, 7, 9\} \cap \{2, 4, 5, 9\}$   
 $= \{4, 9\}$

(iii)  $Y \cup X = \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \cup \{1, 4, 7, 9\}$   
 $= \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9\}$

(iv)  $Y \cap X = \{2, 4, 5, 9\} \cap \{1, 4, 7, 9\}$   
 $= \{4, 9\}$

2. If X Set of prime numbers less than or equal to 17 and Set of first 12 natural numbers, then find the following.

(i)  $X \cup Y$

(ii)  $Y \cup X$

(iii)  $X \cap Y$

(iv)  $Y \cap X$

**Solution:**

$$X = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}, Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\}$$

(i)  $X \cup Y = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \cup \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\}$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12, 13, 17\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \cup \{13, 17\}$$

$$= Y \cup \{13, 17\}$$

(ii)  $Y \cup X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \cup \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12, 13, 17\}$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \cup \{13, 17\}$$

$$= Y \cup \{13, 17\}$$

(iii)  $X \cap Y = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\} \cap \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\}$

$$= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$$

(iv)  $Y \cap X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12\} \cap \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$

$$= \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$$

3. If  $X = \emptyset$ ,  $Y = Z^+$ ,  $F = O^+$ , 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:**

$$X = \emptyset, Y = Z^+, T = O^+$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad X \cup Y &= \emptyset \cup Z^+ \\ &= Z^+ = Y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad X \cup T &= \emptyset \cup O^+ \\ &= O^+ = T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad Y \cup T &= Z^+ \cup O^+ \\ &= Z^+ = Y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad X \cap Y &= \emptyset \cap Z^+ \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad X \cap T &= \emptyset \cap O^+ \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad Y \cap T &= Z^+ \cap O^+ \\ &= O^+ = T \end{aligned}$$

4. If  $U = \{x | x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge 3 < x \leq 25\}$ ,  $X = \{x | x \text{ is prime} \wedge 8 < x < 25\}$  and  $Y = \{x | x \in \mathbb{W} \wedge 4 \leq x \leq 17\}$ . Find the value of:

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

**Solution:**

$$U = \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\}$$

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

$$Y = \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17\}$$

**(i)  $(X \cup Y)' = U - (X \cup Y)$**

Now

$$\begin{aligned} X \cup Y &= \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\} \cup \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17\} \\ &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17, 19, 23\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (X \cup Y)' &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17, 19, 23\} \\ &= \{18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

**(ii)  $X' \cap Y'$**

Now  $X' = U - X$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\} - \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\} \\ &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

$Y' = U - Y$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17\} \\ &= \{18, 19, 20, \dots, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \cap \{18, 19, 20, \dots, 24, 25\} \\ & = \{18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii) } (X \cap Y)' = U - (X \cap Y)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} X \cap Y &= \{11, 13, 17, 19, 23\} \cap \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17\} \\ &= \{11, 13, 17\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (X \cap Y)' &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\} - \{11, 13, 17\} \\ &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y' &= U - Y \\ &= \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 24, 25\} - \{4, 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16, 17\} \\ & \quad \{18, 19, 20, \dots, 24, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y' &= U - Y \\ &= \{4, 5, 6, \dots, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, \dots, 25\} \cup \{18, 19, 20, \dots, 24, 25\} \\ &= \{4, 5, \dots, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, \dots, 25\} \end{aligned}$$

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:**

$$X = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, 20\}, Y = \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 24\}$$

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

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

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

$$\text{(i) } A - B \qquad \text{(ii) } B - A$$

**Solution:**

$$A = N \text{ and } B = W$$

$$\text{(i) } A - B = N - W$$

$$= \emptyset$$

$$\text{(ii) } B - A = W - N$$

$$= \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} - \{1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$= \{0\}$$

**Properties of Union and Intersection:**

**(a) Commutative property of union.**

For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , prove that  $A \cup B = B \cup A$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in A \cup B$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \quad \text{or} \quad x \in B \text{ (by definition of union of sets)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \quad \text{or} \quad x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \cup A$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cup B \subseteq B \cup A \quad (i)$$

Now let  $y \in B \cup A$

$$\Rightarrow y \in B \text{ or } y \in A \text{ (by definition of union of sets)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \text{ or } y \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \cup B$$

$$\Rightarrow B \cup A \subseteq A \cup B \quad (ii)$$

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, prove that  $A \cap B = B \cap A$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \quad \text{and} \quad x \in B \text{ (by definition of intersection of sets)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \quad \text{and} \quad x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \cap A$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B \subseteq B \cap A \quad (i)$$

Now let  $y \in B \cap A$

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

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \text{ and } y \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \cap B$$

Therefore,  $B \cap A \subseteq A \cap B \quad (ii)$

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, prove that  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \quad \text{or} \quad x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \cup C$$

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

$$(A \cup B) \cup C \subseteq A \cup (B \cup C) \quad (i)$$

Similarly,  $A \cup (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cup C$  (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, prove that  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ and } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B) \text{ and } x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cap C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cap (B \cap C)$$

$$\therefore (A \cap B) \cap C \subseteq A \cap (B \cap C) \quad (i)$$

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

From (i) and (ii), we have

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

### (e) Distributive property of union over intersection

For any three sets A, B and C, prove that  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \cap C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ or } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B \text{ and } x \in A \cup C$$

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

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

Similarly, now let  $y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B) \text{ and } y \in (A \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y \in A \text{ or } y \in B) \text{ and } (y \in A \text{ or } y \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \text{ or } (y \in B \text{ and } y \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \text{ or } y \in B \cap C$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C) \quad (ii)$$

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**

For any three sets A, B and C, prove that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } [x \in B \text{ or } x \in C]$$

$$\Rightarrow [x \in A \text{ and } x \in B] \text{ or } [x \in A \text{ and } x \in C]$$

$$\Rightarrow [x \in A \cap B] \text{ or } [x \in A \cap C]$$

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

Hence by def. of subsets

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

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

From (i) and (ii), we have,  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

**(g) De-Morgan's laws**

For any two sets A and B, prove that

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \cup B \quad \text{(by definition of complement of set)}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \cap B' \quad \text{(by definition of intersection of sets)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cup B)' \quad (i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } A' \cap B' \subseteq (A \cup B)' \quad (ii)$$

Using (i) and (ii), we have  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Let } x \in (A \cap B)'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \text{ or } x \in B'$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A' \cup B'$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B)' \subseteq A' \cup B' \quad (i)$$

$$\text{Let } y \in A' \cap B'$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin A \text{ or } y \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cap B)'$$

$$\Rightarrow (A' \cap B') \subseteq (A \cap B)' \quad (ii)$$

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

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

