

## Set Theory

- Sets: Definition, Universal Set, Complement, Cardinality
- Subset and Power Set
- Sets Operations
- Set Equality
- Characteristic Vectors: Sets as Bit-Vectors
- Multisets

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## Set Equality using Identities

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- To prove two sets  $A$  and  $B$  to be equal
- Start with one set (say  $A$ ) and replace it with an **equal set**
- These established equalities between sets are called “**set identities**”
- Continue doing this until we get the set  $B$

# Set Identities

Identity	Name
$A \cup \emptyset = A$ $A \cap U = A$	Identity Laws
$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ $A \cup U = U$	Domination Laws
$A \cup A = A$ $A \cap A = A$	Idempotent Laws

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$A \cup B = B \cup A$ $A \cap B = B \cap A$	Commutative Laws
$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$	Associative Laws
$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	Distributive Laws

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$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	De Morgan's Laws

## Set Identities: Demonstration

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- When  $A$  and  $B$  are defined in terms of sets operations on other sets, every element  $x \in U$  means all **types of elements**

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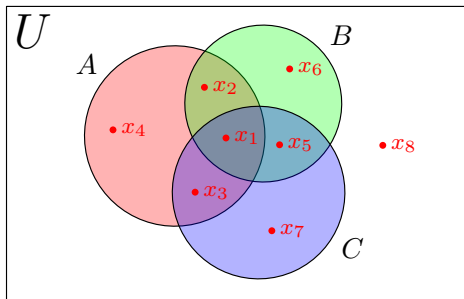
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For each type of element in  $U$  the entries in red columns are the same

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- To prove two sets  $R$  and  $S$  to be equal
- Prove that the membership predicate of  $R$  is logically equivalent to the membership predicate of  $S$
- Recall the membership predicate decides whether or not  $x$  is in a set
- When the two membership predicates are logically equivalent, for any  $x$  they will either both be True or both be False
- We get that  $\forall x (x \in R \leftrightarrow x \in S)$  is true

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