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Use an **element argument** to prove that, for all sets  $A$  and  $B$  which are subsets of universal set  $U$ , if  $A - B = A$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint.

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**NOTE: Do NOT use set algebra (identities) anywhere in your proof.**

PROOF:

**OR** PROOF BY CONTRADICTION:

- ① Let  $A, B \subseteq U$  such that  $A - B = A$ .  
[Prove  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, ie.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ]
- ① Suppose not; that is, suppose  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .
- ① So, there exists an element  $x \in A \cap B$ .  
By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .  
Since  $A - B = A$ , therefore  $x \in A - B$ .  
By definition of  $-$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .
- ① But,  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin B$  (CONTRADICTION).
- ① So, by contradiction,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  
So, by definition of disjoint,  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint.\*

- ① Suppose not; that is, suppose there exist  $A, B \subseteq U$  such that  $A - B = A$  and  $A$  and  $B$  are not disjoint.  
By definition of disjoint,  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .
- ① So, there exists an element  $x \in A \cap B$ .  
By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .  
Since  $A - B = A$ , therefore  $x \in A - B$ .  
By definition of  $-$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ .
- ① But,  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin B$  (CONTRADICTION).
- ① So, by contradiction, for all  $A, B \subseteq U$ , if  $A - B = A$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint.

**OR** PROOF BY CONTRAPOSITION:

- ① Let  $A, B \subseteq U$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are not disjoint.
- ① By definition of disjoint,  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .
- ① So, there exists an element  $x \in A \cap B$ .  
By definition of  $\cap$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .
- ① Since  $x \in B$ , by definition of  $-$ ,  $x \notin A - B$ .
- ① But since  $x \in A$ , therefore,  $A - B \neq A$ .

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ONLY 1 VERSION

Let  $B$  be a Boolean algebra with operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , and let  $a, b \in B$ .

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Use the definition and/or properties of a Boolean algebra (**EXCEPT the absorption laws**) to prove that  $a + (a \cdot b) = a$ .

**You do NOT need to write a formal proof. However, you must provide a justification for each step.**

- ①  $a + (a \cdot b)$
- ①  $= (a \cdot 1) + (a \cdot b)$  by IDENTITY \*
- ①  $= a \cdot (1 + b)$  by DISTRUBUTIVE \*
- ①  $= a \cdot (b + 1)$  by COMMUTATIVE \*
- ①  $= a \cdot 1$  by UNIVERSAL BOUNDS \*
- ①  $= a$  by IDENTITY \*

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One of the statements below is true, and the other is false.

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Prove the statement that is true, and disprove the statement that is false (ie. show that the false statement is false).

- [a] For all sets  $A$  and  $B$  which are subsets of universal set  $U$ ,  $\wp(A \cup B) \subseteq \wp(A) \cup \wp(B)$   
[b] For all sets  $A$  and  $B$  which are subsets of universal set  $U$ ,  $\wp(A) \cup \wp(B) \subseteq \wp(A \cup B)$

**NOTES:** The proof of the true statement may require you to use some subset relations from section 6.2.  
You may use those relations without proving them here.  
Do NOT use set algebra (identities) anywhere in your proof of the true statement.

[a] is false.

COUNTEREXAMPLE:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{1\} & \wp(A) &= \{\emptyset, \{1\}\} \\ B &= \{2\} & \wp(B) &= \{\emptyset, \{2\}\} \\ & & \wp(A) \cup \wp(B) &= \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\} \\ A \cup B &= \{1, 2\} & \wp(A \cup B) &= \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\} \\ * \{1, 2\} &\in \wp(A \cup B) \text{ BUT } \{1, 2\} \notin \wp(A) \cup \wp(B) \end{aligned}$$

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[b] is true.

PROOF:

- \* Let  $A, B \subseteq U$ .
- \* Let  $X \in \wp(A) \cup \wp(B)$ .
- \* So, by definition of  $\cup$ ,  $X \in \wp(A)$  or  $X \in \wp(B)$ .
- ① By definition of power set,  $X \subseteq A$  or  $X \subseteq B$ .
- \* Case 1:  $X \subseteq A$ 
  - ① By theorem 6.2.1.2 (inclusion in union),  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ .
  - \* By theorem 6.2.1.3 (transitivity of  $\subseteq$ ),  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- \* Case 2:  $X \subseteq B$ 
  - ① By theorem 6.2.1.2 (inclusion in union),  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ .
  - \* By theorem 6.2.1.3 (transitivity of  $\subseteq$ ),  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- So,  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- ① So, by definition of power set,  $X \in \wp(A \cup B)$ .
- \* So, by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $\wp(A) \cup \wp(B) \subseteq \wp(A \cup B)$ .

SEE ALTERNATE PROOF AT END OF PDF  
IF YOU DID NOT USE THEOREM 6.2.1

Use set algebra (identities) to justify the following statement.

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**You do NOT need to write a formal proof. However, you must provide a justification for each step.**

For all sets  $A$  and  $B$  which are subsets of universal set  $U$ ,  $A - (A - B) = A \cap B$

$$\begin{aligned} A - (A - B) &= A - (A \cap B^c) && \text{by SET DIFFERENCE} \\ &= A \cap (A \cap B^c)^c && \text{by SET DIFFERENCE} \\ &= A \cap (A^c \cup (B^c)^c) && \text{by DE MORGAN'S} \\ &= A \cap (A^c \cup B) && \text{by DOUBLE COMPLEMENT} \\ &= (A \cap A^c) \cup (A \cap B) && \text{by DISTRIBUTIVE} \\ &= \emptyset \cup (A \cap B) && \text{by COMPLEMENT} \\ &= (A \cap B) \cup \emptyset && \text{by COMMUTATIVE} \\ &= A \cap B && \text{by IDENTITY} \end{aligned}$$

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[b] For all sets  $A$  and  $B$  which are subsets of universal set  $U$ ,  $\wp(A) \cup \wp(B) \subseteq \wp(A \cup B)$

**ALTERNATE PROOF WITHOUT USING THEOREM 6.2.1:**

\* Let  $A, B \subseteq U$ .

\* Let  $X \in \wp(A) \cup \wp(B)$ .

\* So, by definition of  $\cup$ ,  $X \in \wp(A)$  or  $X \in \wp(B)$ .

① By definition of power set,  $X \subseteq A$  or  $X \subseteq B$ .

\* Case 1:  $X \subseteq A$

Let  $y \in X$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

By definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $y \in A$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

\* So,  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ .

By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $y \in A \cup B$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

So, by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

\* Case 1:  $X \subseteq B$

Let  $y \in X$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

By definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $y \in B$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

\* So,  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ .

By definition of  $\cup$ ,  $y \in A \cup B$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

So, by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

So,  $X \subseteq A \cup B$ .

① So, by definition of power set,  $X \in \wp(A \cup B)$ .

\* So, by definition of  $\subseteq$ ,  $\wp(A) \cup \wp(B) \subseteq \wp(A \cup B)$ .

★ ONLY GRADE AGAINST THIS SOLUTION IF YOU DID NOT USE "INCLUSION IN UNION" AND "TRANSITIVITY"

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