

### Excercises 3

*Excercise 1: Set operations and membership*

- Given the sets in (1), what are the sets defined in (2)?
- Is  $a$  a member of  $\{A, B\}$ ?
- Is  $a$  a member of  $A \cup B$ ?

(1) a.  $A = \{a, b, c\}$   
b.  $B = \{c, d\}$   
c.  $C = \{d, e, f\}$

(2) a.  $A \cup B$  e.  $B \cup \emptyset$   
b.  $A \cap B$  f.  $A \cap (B \cap C)$   
c.  $A \cup (B \cap C)$  g.  $A - B$   
d.  $C \cup A$

*Excercise 2: Set theoretic equations*

- Show by using the set-theoretic equalities that were introduced (idempotent laws, commutative laws, etc.) that the following holds for any sets  $A$  and  $B$ :  $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ .

*Excercise 3: Venn diagramms and distributive law*

- Show by means of Venn diagramms that the equation in (3) holds (one of the distributive laws).

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

*Excercise 4: Symmetric difference*

- The symmetric difference between two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as in (4-a).
- Draw the Venn diagramm for the symmetric difference of two sets.
- Show that (4-b) holds by making reference to set theoretic equalities. Verify that the Venn diagramm for  $(A - B) \cup (B - A)$  is the same as the diagramm for  $A + B$ .
- Show that for all sets  $A$  and  $B$ :  $A + B = B + A$ .

(4) a.  $A + B =_{def} (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$   
b.  $A + B =_{def} (A - B) \cup (B - A)$

*Excercise 5: More on symmetric difference*

- Redefine the sets in (5), getting rid of the  $+$ -operator.
- Show that the statements in (6-a,b) are correct.

(5) a.  $A + A$   
b.  $A + U$   
c.  $A + \emptyset$   
d.  $A + B$ , where  $A \subseteq B$   
e.  $A + B$ , where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

