

Math 2534 Solution Homework 10 Spring 2018

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Problem 1:

Use Proof By Set Algebra to prove the following where A, B are Sets
Justify each step. Convert to union and intersection operations only.

$$[A^c \cup (B - A)]^c - A^c = A$$

Theorem: For any sets A, B $[A^c \cup (B - A)]^c - A^c = A$

Proof:

$[A^c \cup (B - A)]^c - A^c =$	Given
$[A^c \cup (B \cap A^c)]^c \cap A^{cc} =$	Difference Law
$[A^c \cup (B \cap A^c)]^c \cap A =$	Double Complement Law
$(A^c)^c \cap A =$	Absorption Law
$A \cap A =$	Double Complement Law
A	Idempotent Law
$\therefore [A^c \cup (B - A)]^c - A^c = A$	

Problem 2: Define a Boolean Algebra as follows:

Let $B = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$ be the set of all positive divisors of 30 with operations defined on the set to be as follows: $a + b = \text{LCM}(a, b)$, and the $a \bullet b = \text{GCD}(a, b)$

The complement is defined $\bar{a} = \frac{30}{a}$

- Determine the identities for each operation.
The identity for "+" is 1 and the identity of "•" is 30.
- Evaluate $5 + \bar{5}$ and $3 \bullet \bar{3}$ and determine if the results are correct for a Boolean algebra.
We have that $5 + \bar{5} = 5 + 30/5 = 5 + 6 = 30$, $3 \bullet \bar{3} = 3 \bullet (30/3) = 3 \bullet 10 = 1$
- Determine if DeMorgan's Law is valid for the following: $\overline{(6+15)} = \bar{6} \bullet \bar{15}$

$$\overline{(6+15)} = \bar{30} = 30/30 = 1$$

$$\bar{6} \bullet \bar{15} = (30/6) \bullet (30/15) = 5 \bullet 2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \overline{(6+15)} = \bar{6} \bullet \bar{15}$$

Problem 3: Fill in the reasons for each step for the following.

Theorem:

For all a in the Boolean Algebra B under the operations of $+$, \bullet , $(a + \bar{a}) + (\overline{h \bullet a}) = k$, where k is the identity for operation \bullet and h is the identity for $+$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a + \bar{a}) + (\overline{h \bullet a}) &= \text{Given} \\
 k + (\overline{h \bullet a}) &= \text{Complement law} \\
 k + (\bar{h} + \bar{a}) &= \text{DeMorgan's law} \\
 k + (k + \bar{a}) &= \text{Identity complements} \\
 k + k &= \text{Universal bound law} \\
 k &= \text{Idempotent law}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4:

Let a and b be elements in the Boolean Algebra B with the following defined operations. Operation 1 is \otimes with identity p and operation 2 is \odot with identity q . The complement (or negative) is represented by \bar{a} . Prove the following:

Theorem: For any elements a, b in B $\bar{a} \otimes [(\overline{a \otimes b}) \otimes (b \odot \bar{q})] = \bar{a}$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{a} \otimes [(\overline{a \otimes b}) \otimes (b \odot \bar{q})] &= \text{Given} \\
 \bar{a} \otimes [(\bar{a} \odot \bar{b}) \otimes (b \odot \bar{q})] &= \text{DeMorgan's Law} \\
 \bar{a} \otimes [(\bar{a} \odot \bar{b}) \otimes (b \odot p)] &= \text{Identity Complement Law} \\
 \bar{a} \otimes [(\bar{a} \odot \bar{b}) \otimes p] &= \text{Universal Bound Law} \\
 \bar{a} \otimes [(\bar{a} \odot \bar{b})] &= \text{Identity for } \otimes \text{ Law} \\
 \bar{a} &= \text{Absorption Law} \\
 \therefore \bar{a} \otimes [(\overline{a \otimes b}) \otimes (b \odot \bar{q})] &= \bar{a}
 \end{aligned}$$