

The **complement** of set A (symbolized by A'), which can be read A prime or not A , is the set of all elements in the universal set are not in A .

- This idea can be expressed in set-builder notation as: $A' = \{x | x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$

Example 3: Let $U = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $A = \{a, d\}$. Find A' .

The **intersection** of sets A and B (written $A \cap B$) is the set of elements common to both set A and set B .

- This definition can be expressed in set-builder notation as:
 $A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

Example 4: Find each of the following intersections:

a. $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 10\} \cap \{6, 7, 10, 11\}$

b. $\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$

c. $\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \emptyset$

The **union** of sets A and B (written $A \cup B$), is the set of elements that are members of set A or of set B or of both sets.

- This definition can be expressed in set-builder notation as: $A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

The empty set in intersection and union

For any set A ,

1. $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
2. $A \cup \emptyset = A$

Example 5: Find each of the following unions:

a. $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 10\} \cup \{6, 7, 10, 11\}$

b. $\{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$

c. $\{1, 2, 3\} \cup \emptyset$