

Use set builder notation and logical equivalences to establish the first De Morgan law  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ .

*Solution:* We can prove this identity with the following steps.

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A \cap B} &= \{x \mid x \notin A \cap B\} && \text{by definition of complement} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in (A \cap B))\} && \text{by definition of does not belong symbol} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)\} && \text{by definition of intersection} \\ &= \{x \mid \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)\} && \text{by the first De Morgan law for logical equivalences} \\ &= \{x \mid x \notin A \vee x \notin B\} && \text{by definition of does not belong symbol} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in \overline{A} \vee x \in \overline{B}\} && \text{by definition of complement} \\ &= \{x \mid x \in \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}\} && \text{by definition of union} \\ &= \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} && \text{by meaning of set builder notation}\end{aligned}$$

Note that besides the definitions of complement, union, set membership, and set builder notation, this proof uses the second De Morgan law for logical equivalences. 