

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.

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

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. 