

Theorem: - For any three sets A, B and C, Show that

$$A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

Proof: - Let  $a, b \in A \times (B \cup C)$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A, b \in (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A, (b \in B \text{ or } b \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \in A, b \in B) \text{ or } (a \in A, b \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \text{ or } (a, b) \in (A \times C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$\therefore A \times (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \times B) \cup (A \times C) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

~~Now let  $a, b \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$~~

Again let  $a, b \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \text{ or } (a, b) \in (A \times C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \in A, b \in B) \text{ or } (a \in A, b \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A, (b \in B \text{ or } b \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A, b \in (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in A \times (B \cup C)$$

$$\therefore (A \times B) \cup (A \times C) \subseteq A \times (B \cup C) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From equation (1) and (2), we get

$$A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

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Theorem: - If  $A, B$  and  $C$  be three sets and such that  $A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$  and  $(A \times B) \cup (B \times A) = C \times C$ , then show that  $A = B = C$ .

Proof: - Given that  $A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A \times B \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \times A \neq \emptyset$

$$\therefore C \times C = (A \times B) \cup (B \times A) = \emptyset$$

Let  $a \in C$

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in C \times C$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in (A \times B) \cup (B \times A) \text{ given}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in (A \times B) \text{ or } (a, a) \in (B \times A)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A, a \in B$$

$$\text{Now } a \in C \Rightarrow a \in A \quad \therefore C \subseteq A$$

In the same way  $a \in C \Rightarrow a \in B \quad \therefore C \subseteq B$

$$\therefore C \subseteq A \text{ and } C \subseteq B \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Again

$A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$  then if  $a \in A, b \in B$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \cup (B \times A) \quad [ \because a \in X \Rightarrow a \in X \cup Y ]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in C \times C \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in C, b \in C$$

$$\therefore A \subseteq C \text{ and } B \subseteq C \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

By eqn (i) and (ii)

$$A = C, B = C \Rightarrow A = B = C$$

Proved.