



- 4 A survey is made of the investments of the members of a club. All of the 133 members own at least one type of share, 96 members owning mining shares, 70 having oil shares and 66 members having industrial shares. Of those who own mining shares, 40 also own oil shares and 45 also have industrial shares, while the number of those who own oil shares and industrial shares is 28. How many members of the club own all three types of shares?
- 5 At a certain school there are 90 students studying for their matriculation certificate. They are required to study at least one of the subjects: Physics, French and History. Of these students, 50 are studying Physics, 60 are studying French and 55 are studying History. Thirty students are studying both Physics and French, while 10 students are studying both French and History but not Physics. Twenty students are studying all three subjects. Construct and explain a Venn diagram which represents this situation. Use this diagram to determine:
- how many students are studying both Physics and History, but not French
  - how many students are studying at least two of these three subjects.
- 6 In a school of 405 pupils, a survey on sporting activities shows that 251 pupils play tennis, 157 play hockey and 111 play softball. There are 45 pupils who play both tennis and hockey, 60 who play hockey and softball and 39 who play tennis and softball. What conclusion may be drawn about the number of those who participate in all three sports?

## G THE ALGEBRA OF SETS (EXTENSION)

For the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ , under the operations  $+$  and  $\times$ , you should be aware of the following laws for real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ :

- **commutative**  $a + b = b + a$  and  $ab = ba$ .
- **identity** Identity elements 0 and 1 exist such that,  
 $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$  and  $a \times 1 = 1 \times a = a$ .
- **associativity**  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$  and  $(ab)c = a(bc)$
- **distributive**  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

In **Exercise 1D** we used a Venn diagram to verify that:  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ .

Notice that these results look very much like the *distributive* law for real numbers under  $+$  and  $\times$ , with real numbers replaced by sets,  $\times$  replaced by  $\cup$  and  $+$  replaced by  $\cap$ .

The following are the **laws for the algebra of sets** under the operations of  $\cup$  and  $\cap$ .

- **commutative**  $A \cap B = B \cap A$  and  $A \cup B = B \cup A$
- **associativity**  $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$  and  $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$
- **idempotent**  $A \cap A = A$  and  $A \cup A = A$
- **distributive**  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  and  
 $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- **DeMorgans**  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ ,  $A \cup U = U$ ,  $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$ ,  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$
- **Complement**  $(A')' = A$