



Problem:

Let the set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is open, and $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ is closed. Prove that the set $A \setminus B$ is open, and $B \setminus A$ is closed.

Solution:

From the properties of operations on sets $\Rightarrow A \setminus B = A \cap \bar{B}$.

According to the definition of closed set, B is closed $\Rightarrow \bar{B}$ is open, and the intersection of a finite number of open sets is open $\Rightarrow A \cap \bar{B}$ is open $\Rightarrow A \setminus B$ is open.

From the properties of operations on sets $\Rightarrow \overline{B \setminus A} = \overline{B \cap \bar{A}} = \overline{B} \cap \overline{\bar{A}} = \bar{B} \cap A$, B is closed $\Rightarrow \bar{B}$ is open, A is open $\Rightarrow \bar{B} \cap A$ is open $\Rightarrow \overline{B \setminus A}$ is open $\Rightarrow B \setminus A$ is closed, in accordance with the definition.