

Discrete Math for Computing



Ch 2.2 Set Operations

- Two sets can be combined in different ways
 - SET OPERATIONS

Example: Set of math majors

Set of computer science majors

- Set of students who are math majors or computer science majors
- Set of students who are joint majors in mathematics and computer science

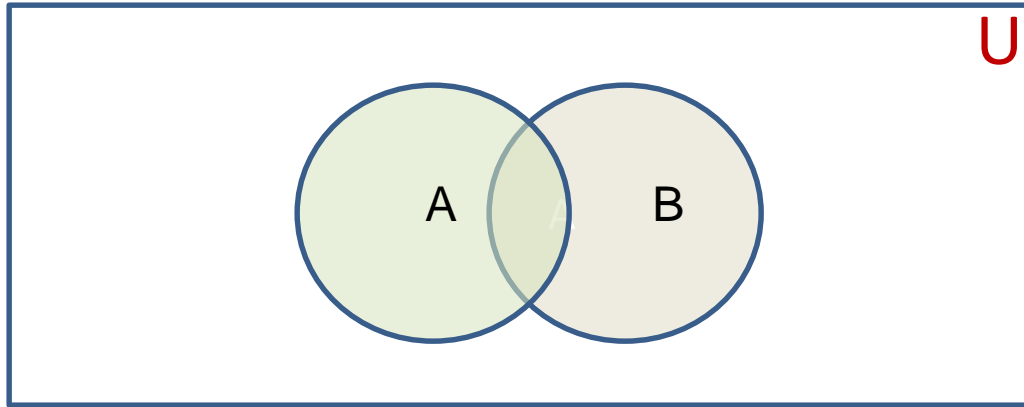
Union

- Let A and B be sets
- The **union** of the sets A and B
denoted by **$A \cup B$**
set that contains those elements that are either in A or in B or in both
- An element x belongs to the union of the sets A and B if and only if x belongs to A
or x belongs to B

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

Union

- Venn Diagram



- Example:

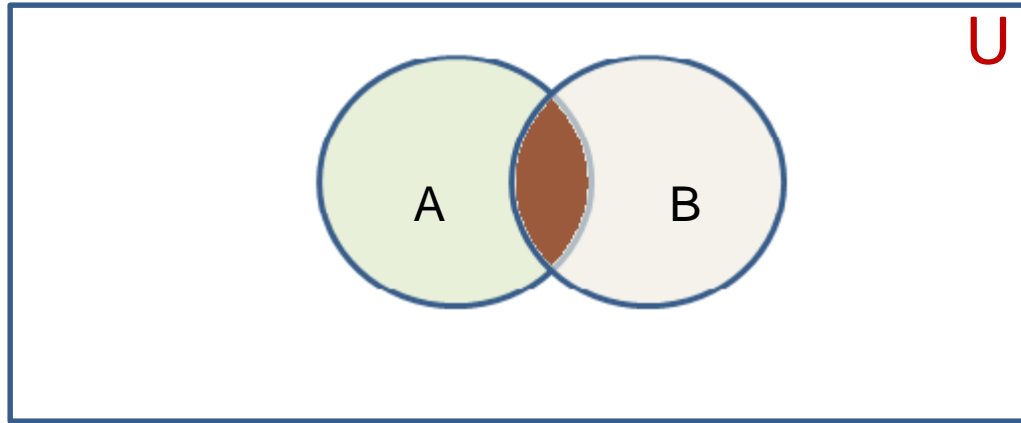
What is the union of the sets $\{1, 2, 4, 6\}$ and $\{1, 3, 4, 7\}$?
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7\}$

Intersection

- Let A and B be sets
- The **intersection** of the sets A and B
denoted by $A \cap B$
set that contains those elements in both A and B
- An element x belongs to the intersection of the sets A and B if and only if x belongs to A
and x belongs to B
$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$
- Two sets are **disjoint** if intersection is \emptyset

Intersection

- Venn Diagram



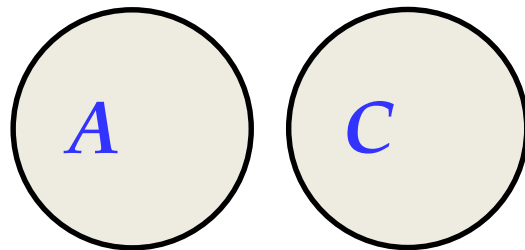
- Example:

What is the intersection of the sets $\{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ and $\{1, 3, 6\}$?

$\{1, 3\}$

Set Operations

- Two sets are called **disjoint** if their intersection is the empty set
- $A = \{1,3,5\}$, $B = \{1,2,3\}$, $C = \{6,7,8\}$
- Are A and B disjoint? NO
- Are A and C are disjoint? YES



Set Operations

- Cardinality of the union of two sets A and B

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

- Principle of inclusion-exclusion
- Important technique used in enumeration

Set Operations

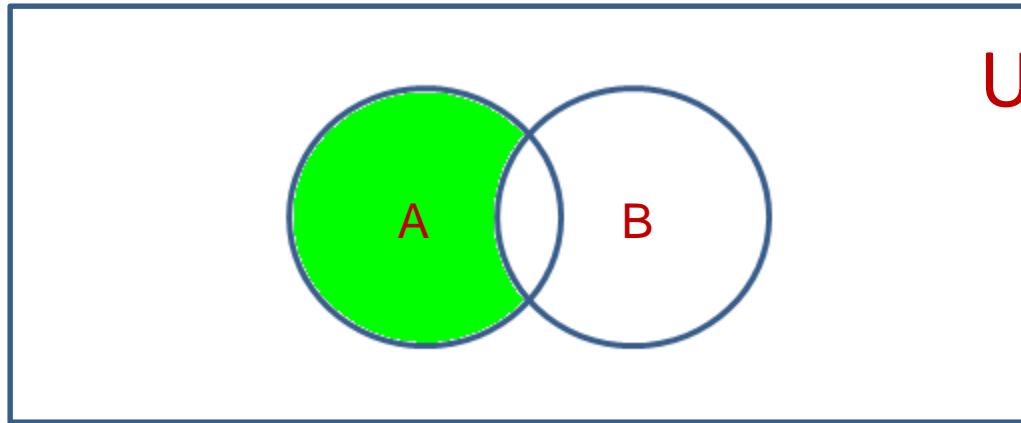
- **Difference** of two sets A and B
- Set containing those elements that are **in A** but **not in B**
- Denoted by $A - B$
- **Complement** of B with respect to A

An element x belongs to the difference of A and B if and only if $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

Set Operations

■ Venn Diagram



Example: What is the difference of the sets

$\{1, 3, 5\} - \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\{5\}$

$\{1, 2, 3\} - \{1, 3, 5\}$

$\{2\}$

Set Operations

■ **Example:** Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $B = \{0, 3, 6\}$. Find

a) $A \cup B$ b) $A \cap B$

c) $A - B$ d) $B - A$

a) $A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

b) $A \cap B = \{3\}$

c) $A - B = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$

d) $B - A = \{0, 6\}$

Set Operations

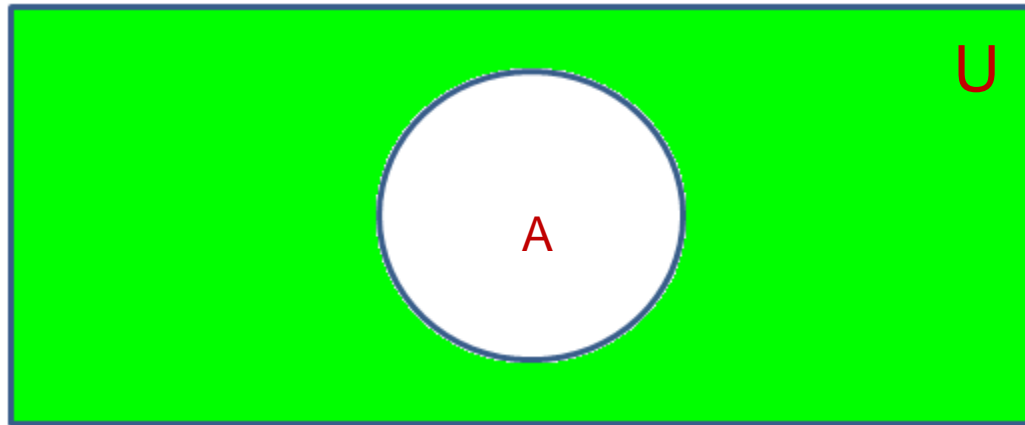
- Complement of a set
- Let 'U' be the universal set
- The complement of a set A
complement of A with respect to U
- Denoted by \bar{A}

An element x belongs to \bar{A} if and only if

$$x \notin A$$

Set Operations

- Venn Diagram



- **Example:** Let A be the set of positive integers greater than 10. What is the complement?

$$\bar{A} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$

Database Query

- The query that returns students that their GPA is more than grade B and they are either computer science or mathematics major.

A: students that their GPA is more than grade B

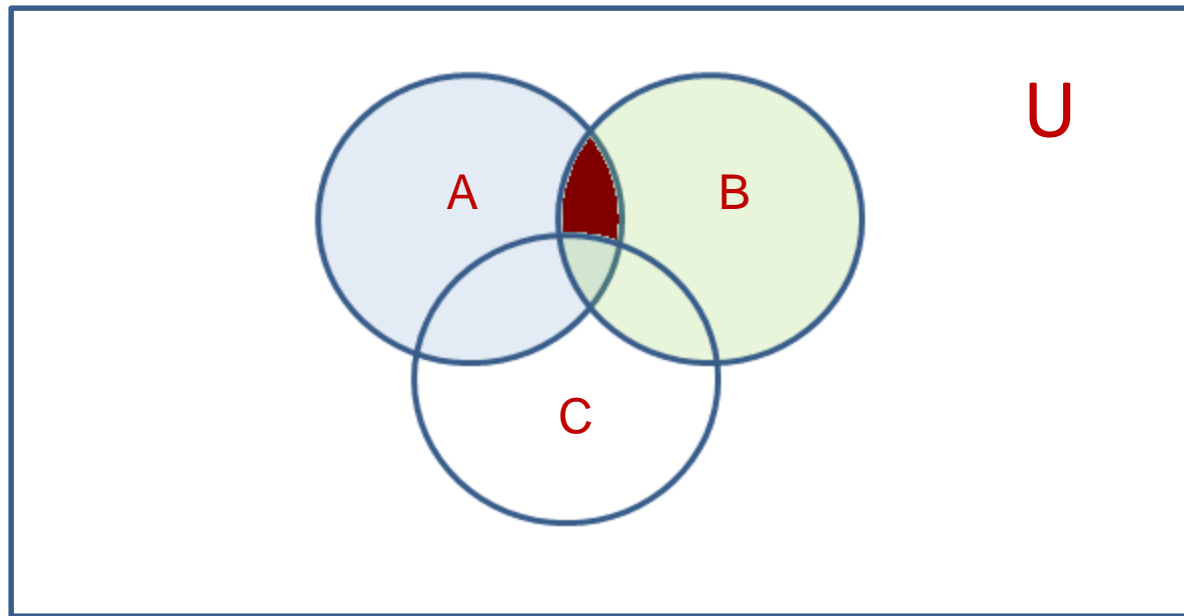
B: students that are computer science major.

C: students that are Mathematics major.

- $A \cap (B \cup C)$

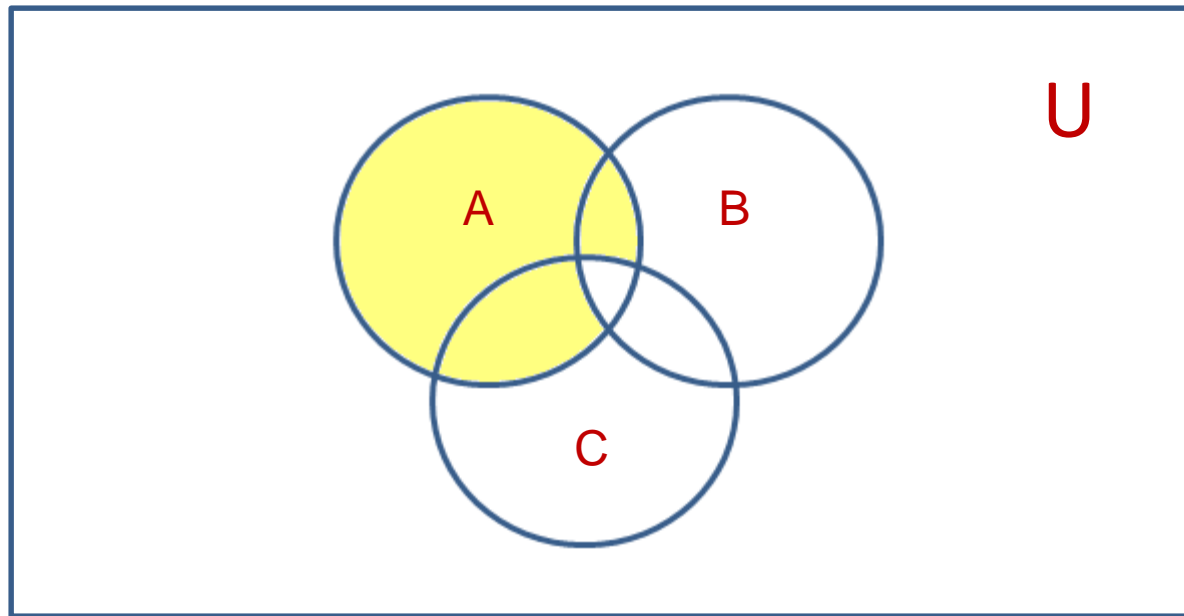
Set Operations

- Draw Venn Diagrams for the combination of the sets A, B, and C.
- $A \cap (B - C)$



Set Operations

- Draw Venn Diagrams for each of these combinations of the sets A, B, and C.
- $(A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap \bar{C})$



Set Operations

■ **Example:** What can you say about the sets A and B if we know that:

■ $A \cup B = A$?

Set B does not add any elements to A, therefore all the elements of B were already in A. $\therefore B \subseteq A$

■ $A - B = A$?

Since $A - B$ contains all the elements of A, none of the elements of set A are in set B. Thus sets A and B are disjoint. $\therefore A \cap B = \emptyset$

Set Identities

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- De Morgan's Laws

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

Set Identities

$A \cup \emptyset = A$	Identity
$A \cap U = A$	
$A \cup U = U$	Domination
$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	
$A \cup A = A$	Idempotent
$A \cap A = A$	
$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$	Double Complement

Set Identities

$A \cup B = B \cup A$	Commutative
$A \cap B = B \cap A$	
$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$	Associative
$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$	
$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$	Distributive
$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	
$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	Absorption
$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$	
$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$	De Morgan's
$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	

Set Identities

- **Example:** Prove that $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

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

Set Identities

- Example: Prove the first distributive law

$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ for all sets A, B, and C

To prove, show that each side is a subset of the other side

1. Suppose that $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$. Then, $x \in A$ and $x \in (B \cup C)$

By definition of **union**, it follows that

$x \in A$, and $x \in B$ or $x \in C$ (or both)

$\Rightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B$ or that $x \in A$ and $x \in C$

By definition of **intersection**, $x \in A \cap B$ or $x \in A \cap C$

By definition of **union**, we conclude that $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

$\therefore A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Set Identities

2. Suppose that $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$

By definition of **union**, $x \in (A \cap B)$ or $x \in (A \cap C)$

By definition of **intersection**,

$x \in A$ and $x \in B$ or $x \in A$ and $x \in C$

$\Rightarrow x \in A$, and $x \in B$ or $x \in C$

By definition of **union**, $x \in A$ and $x \in B \cup C$

By definition of **intersection**, $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$

We conclude that $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$

This completes the **Proof of the Identity**

Set Identities

- Proved using ‘Membership Tables’
- ‘1’ – element is in a set
- ‘0’ – element is not in a set

Similarity between truth tables and membership tables

Set Identities

- **Example:** Use a membership table to show that

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

A	B	C	$B \cup C$	$A \cap (B \cup C)$	$A \cap B$	$A \cap C$	$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- Unions, intersections of sets satisfy associative laws
- Do not have to use parentheses to indicate which operation comes first

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

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

$A \cup B \cup C$ contains those elements that are in at least one of the sets A , B , and C

$A \cap B \cap C$ contains those elements that are in all of the sets A , B , C

Generalized Unions and Intersections

■ **Example:** Let $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$, $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and $C = \{0, 3, 6, 9\}$. What are $A \cup B \cup C$ and $A \cap B \cap C$?

$$A \cup B \cup C$$

$$= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9\}$$

$$A \cap B \cap C$$

$$= \{0\}$$

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- Union of a collection of sets
- Set that contains those elements that are members of at least one set in the collection

Notation

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$

denotes union of sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- Intersection of a collection of sets
- Set that contains those elements that are members of all the sets in the collection

Notation

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

denotes intersection of sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- Let $A_i = \{i, i+1, i+2, \dots\}$. Then,

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{i, i+1, i+2, \dots\} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

and

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{i, i+1, i+2, \dots\} = \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\}$$

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- To denote the union of sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n \cup \dots = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

Intersection is denoted by

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n \cap \dots = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

Generalized Unions and Intersections

- Let $A_i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i\}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Then,

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i\} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbf{Z}^+$$

and

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \{1, 2, 3, \dots, i\} = \{1\}$$

Computer Representations of Sets

- Store elements of set in unordered way
- Time consuming

operations - union, intersection

searching for elements

- Arbitrary ordering of elements
of the universal set 'U'

Subset A of U ordering = $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n$

if a_i belongs to A, '1' else '0'

Computer Representations of Sets

- **Example:** Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

What bit strings represent the subset of all odd integers in U , all even integers in U ?

All **odd** integers = $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

10 1010 1010

All **even** integers = $\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$

01 0101 0101

Computer Representations of Sets

- **Example:** Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

What is the bit string for the **complement** of the subset of all odd integers?

All **odd** integers 10 1010 1010

Complement **01 0101 0101**

{2, 4, 6, 8, 10}

Computer Representations of Sets

- **Example:** What is the union and intersection of the sets $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ using bit strings?

Union:

11 1110 0000 \vee 10 1010 1010

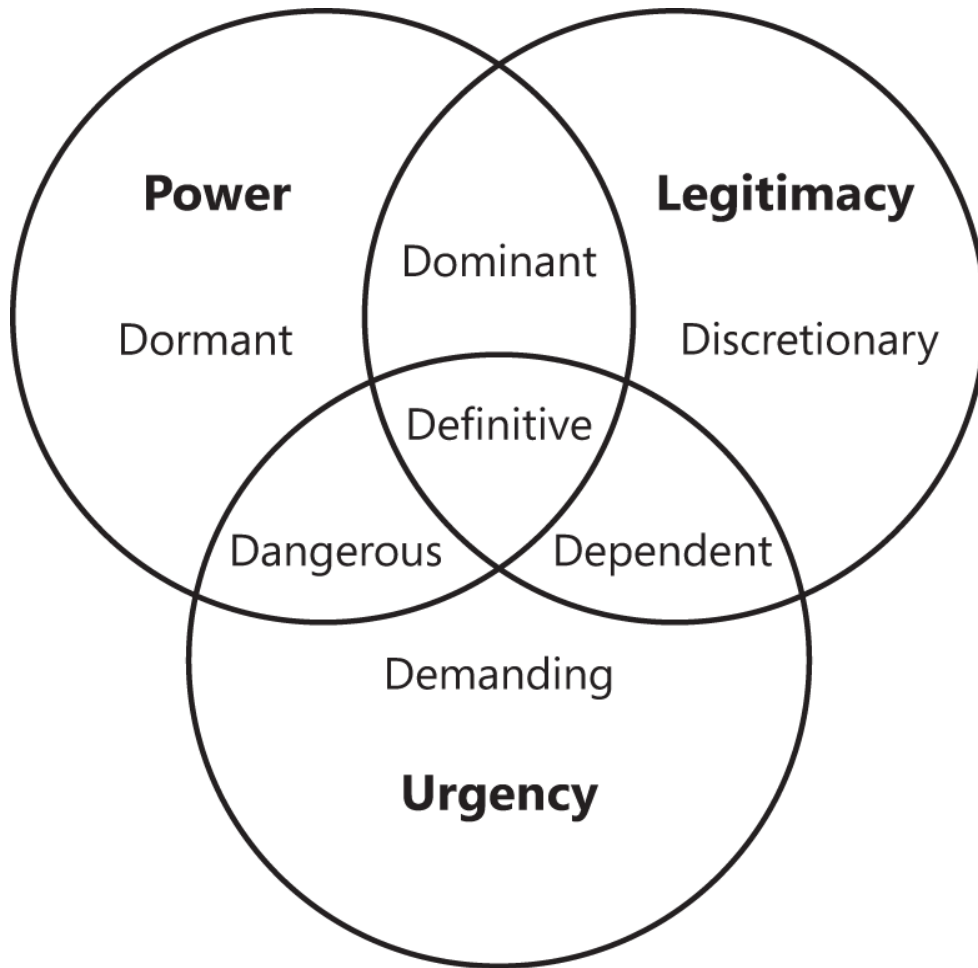
11 1110 1010 = $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9\}$

Intersection:

11 1110 0000 \wedge 10 1010 1010

10 1010 0000 = $\{1, 3, 5\}$

Practical Example



Stakeholder Analysis

Practical Example

Find a subset of $\{31, 27, 15, 11, 7, 5\}$ with a sum that equals 39.

Summing a Subset