# **CHAPTER ONE**

Sets

#### 1.1 Introduction

If you want to prepare a cake, you need flour, eggs, margarine, baking powder and sugar. When you buy these ingredients in a shop, you probably do not buy them one at a time. It is easier and cheaper to buy them in a set. We often use the word 'set' to describe a collection of objects, quantities or numbers. We have a set of living room furniture: what does it contain? We speak of cutlery set, a math set, the set of students under 14 in your class and so on. Can you think of any more?

> A set is a collection or list of objects, quantities or numbers with specified properties.

A set is usually denoted by capital letters such as A, B, P, Q, X and Y. The objects that make up a set are called *members* or *elements* of the set. The elements of a set may be named in a list or may be given by a description enclosed in braces { }. For instance, the set of numbers between 1 and 6 may be given as {2,3,4,5} or as {the numbers between 1 and 6}.

For example, in the set  $Q = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ , 4 is a member or element of the set Q. In set operations, the symbol  $\in$  is used to denote the phrase 'is a member of' or 'is an element of' or 'belongs to'. So the statement '4 is a member of Q' can be written as  $4 \in Q$ . Can you name the other elements of the set O? Similarly the statement '5 is not a member of O' may be abbreviated to  $5 \notin O$ ,  $\notin$  standing for 'is not an element of' or 'does not belong to.'

#### Example 1.1

If  $P = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$  and  $Q = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ , complete the following statements by inserting  $\in$ ,  $\not\in$ , P, Q or elements of the sets P and Q

- (a) 4 ... P
- (b)  $6 \in ...$
- (c)  $2 \notin ...$  (d) 8 ... Q
- (e) ... ∉ *P*

- (f) 10 ... Q
- (g)  $5 \in ...$
- (h) 7 ∉ ...
- (i) 7 ... *P*
- (j)  $\dots \notin Q$ .

The following are some few definitions that will enable us to define the elements of sets in problems.

1. An *odd number* is a number which when divided by two (2) leaves a remainder of one (1).

Example: ... -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5 ...

2. An *even number* is a number which leaves no remainder when it is divided by two (2). Example: ... -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6 ...

- 3. An integer x is said to be a factor of another integer y if x can divide y without leaving any remainder. Example: The set factors of  $48 = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48\}$
- 4. A *prime number* is any positive number that is exactly divisible only by itself and one. Example: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, etc.
- 5. The *prime factors* of a number *n* refer to the factors of *n* that are prime numbers.

Example: The set of prime factors of  $36 = \{2, 3\}$ 

6. *Multiple of a number x* refers to any number formed when x is multiplied by any integer. Example: Multiples of 3 are 3, 6, 9, 12, 16, etc.

#### 1.1.1 Set-builder notation

We can describe a set by using some of the above definitions or properties. For example the set P of even numbers between 1 and 20 can be written in the following two ways

(1)  $P = \{\text{even numbers between 1 and 20}\}$ 

(2) 
$$P = \{2, 4, 6, ..., 18\}$$

The set P can also be described using a notation or symbol such as 'x' to represent any member of the set of even numbers between 1 and 20. Thus we can write *P* as follows:

$$P = \{x: x \text{ is an even number, and } 1 < x < 20\}$$

In the above expression for P, the colon ':' means 'such that', and is followed by the property that x is an even number between 1 and 20. The set Q of integers greater than 100 can be written as

(d)  $\{x : x \text{ is a positive integer}, x < 100\}$ 

$$Q = \{x : x \text{ is an integer, and } x > 100\}$$

The set *R* of regions in Ghana can also be written as

$$R = \{x : x \text{ is a region in Ghana}\}\$$

Other letters such as y and z can also be used as notations for representing sets.

### Example 1.2

Use set builder notation to describe the following:

- (a) The set of odd numbers greater than 30,
- (b) The set of prime numbers greater than 2 but less than 24,
- (c) The set of triangles,
- (d) The set of positive integers less than 100,
- (e) The set of rivers in Ghana.

#### **Solution**

- (a)  $\{x : x \text{ is an odd number, and } x > 30\}$ (b)  $\{x : x \text{ is a prime number, and } 2 < x < 24\}$
- (c)  $\{x : x \text{ is a triangle}\}$
- (e)  $\{x : x \text{ is a river in Ghana}\}$

### Example 1.3

List the elements of the following sets

(a)  $A = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 12\},$  (b)  $B = \{x: x \text{ is a multiple of } 4 \text{ less than } 20\}$ 

#### **Solution**

- (a)  $A = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 12\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$
- (b)  $B = \{x: x \text{ is a multiple of 4 less than 20}\} = \{4, 8, 12, 16\}$

#### Example 1.4

 $P = \{x: 2(x-1) \le 8\}$  and  $Q = \{x: 2x-2 \le 3x+6\}$  are subsets of  $U = \{\text{integers}\}$ . List the elements of P and Q.

#### **Solution**

$$2(x-1) \le 8 \implies 2x-2 \le 8 \implies 2x \le 10 \implies x \le 5$$

$$P = \{x: 2(x-1) \le 8\} = \{x: x \le 5\} = \{...1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$2x-2 \le 3x+6 \implies 2x-3x \le 6+2 \implies -x \le 8 \implies x \ge -8.$$

$$Q = \{x: 2x-2 \le 3x+6\} = \{x: x \ge -8\} = \{-8, -7, -6, -5...\}$$

### 1.1.2 Subsets

Consider the following example.

#### Example 1.5

- (a) If all Ghanaians are Africans, then {Ghanaians} is a subset of {Africans}.
- (b) All prime numbers are whole numbers; therefore {prime numbers} is a subset of {whole numbers}.

A set *P* is said to be the subset of the set *Q* if all the elements of *P* belong to the set *Q*.

The symbol  $\subset$  is used to denote the phrase 'subset of'. P is a subset of Q is therefore written as  $P \subset Q$ . For example, If  $P = \{2, 5, 8\}$  and  $Q = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8\}$ , then  $P \subset Q$ . If the set A is not a subset of the set B, we write  $A \not\subset B$ .

It is important not to confuse the symbols  $\subset$  and  $\in$ . The symbol  $\subset$  connects two sets while  $\in$  connect a member and its set.

The set of all objects under discussion is called the universe or *universal set*. We use the letter u or the symbol  $\xi$  to denote the universal set. In Example 1.5 (a)  $u = \{Africans\}$ .

A set, which contains no elements, is called an *empty* (or null) set. It is usually denoted by  $\{\}$  or  $\emptyset$ .

The *complement of a set A* is defined as the set of all elements of the universal set u, which are not elements of A. The complement of A is written as A'. For example, if  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 5\}$  are subsets of the universal set  $u = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$  then the complements of A and B are  $A' = \{2, 4, 7\}$  and  $B' = \{1, 3, 7\}$  respectively. The complement of the universal set is the empty set.

### Example 1.6

Suggest a universal set for each of the following subsets.

- (a) {Francophone countries in Africa},
- (b) {isosceles triangles},
- (c) {students in your class},
- (d) {horses}.

### 1.1.3 Venn diagrams

So far, we have discovered that a set can be described by using words/set builder notation or listing the members of the set. We also discussed the connection between two sets. The ideas that we have met so far can be represented very simply by means of a diagram.

Consider:  $U = \{\text{all men}\}, Q = \{\text{people who wear uniform}\}, P = \{\text{policemen}\}.$ 

If all policemen wear uniform, then {policemen}  $\subset$  {people who wear uniform} or we write  $P \subset Q$ . We know that P and Q are both subsets of U, that is P,  $Q \subset U$ . This information can be represented diagrammatically.

Fig. 1.1 shows the relationship between the sets P, Q and U. Since  $Q \subset U$ , the circle representing Q is drawn inside the rectangle which represents U. Furthermore, since  $P \subset Q$ , the circle representing P is inside that of Q. A diagram like this is called a *Venn diagram*, after the English mathematician John Venn (1834 – 1923).

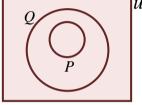


Fig. 1.1

### Example 1.7

Draw a Venn diagram of  $\mathcal{U} = \{\text{plane geometrical figures}\}, P = \{\text{polygons}\}, T = \{\text{triangles}\}.$ 

#### **Solution**

We know that  $T \subset P \subset U$ . Therefore Fig. 1.2 shows the required Venn diagram. Notice that since  $T \subset P$ , the circle representing T lies entirely inside that of P.

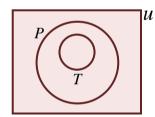


Fig. 1.2

#### 1.1.4 Power set

Given a set S, the power set of S is the set that contains all subsets of S. The power set of S is usually denoted  $2^S$  or P(S). If S is a finite set with n(S) = k elements, then the power set of S contains  $|P(S)| = 2^k$  elements. Power sets are larger than the sets associated with them.

### Example 1.8

If S is the set  $\{x, y, z\}$ , then the complete list of subsets of S is as follows: (i)  $\{\}$  (also denoted  $\emptyset$ , the empty set), (ii)  $\{x\}$ , (iii)  $\{y\}$ , (iv)  $\{z\}$ , (v)  $\{x, y\}$ , (vi)  $\{x, z\}$ , (vii)  $\{y, z\}$ , (viii)  $\{x, y, z\}$ .

Hence the power set of *S* is  $P(S) = \{\{\}, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}, \{y, z\}, \{x, y, z\}\}\}$ . The number of elements in P(S), n(P(S)), is  $2^3 = 8$ .

### **Definitions**

1. When the elements of a set are arranged in increasing order of magnitude, the first element (the least member) is called the **lower limit** whilst the last element (the greatest member) is the **upper limit**.

Example: If  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ , then the Lower Limit = 2 and the Upper Limit = 8

- 2. A set is said to be **finite** if it has both lower and upper limits. In other words, a set is finite if the first and the last members can be found. A finite set is also called a **bounded** set. For example, the set  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  is a finite set.
- 3. A set without a lower or upper limit or both is called an **infinite set**. An infinite set is also called an **unbounded set**.

For example, the sets  $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, ...\}$ ,  $Z = \{..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$  and  $P = \{..., 7, 9, 13, 15\}$  are infinite sets.

#### Exercise 1.1

- 1. List the elements of the following sets
  - (i)  $A = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 44\}$  (ii)  $B = \{x: x \text{ is a multiple of } 3 \text{ less than } 20\}$
- 2.  $P = \{x: 2x + 3 \le 13\}$  and  $Q = \{x: 5x + 4 \le 18 2x\}$  are subsets of  $U = \{\text{integers}\}$ . List the elements of P and Q.
- 3. Write out the following statements in full.
  - (a)  $36 \in \{\text{multiple of } 4\},\ (b) \text{ Togo } \notin \{\text{state where English is the official language}\},$
  - (c) A snake  $\notin$  {bird}, (d) Canada  $\notin$  {At
    - oird}, (d) Canada ∉ {African countries},
  - (e) 6 ∈ {factor of 48},
    (f) A quadrilateral ∈ {polygons},
    (g) Lizard ∈ {reptiles},
    (h)7 ∈ {prime numbers}.
  - (8) ----- (------), (--) (------
- 4. Rewrite the following using set notation.
  - (a) My cat is not a bird, (b) Ghana is a country in West Africa,
  - (c) 4 is an even number,
- (d) Mensah is a student at Methodist High School,
- (e) My dog is an animal,
- (f) June is a month in the year.
- 5. Rewrite the following in 'set language'
  - (a) All Akans are Ghanaians,
- (b) All rectangles are parallelograms,

(c) All goats eat grass,

- (d) All students are hardworking,
- (e) All my friends are intelligent,
- (f) Not all prefects play football,
- (g) Not all prime numbers are odd,
- (h) Not all Senior High School pupils are well-behaved,
- (i) All Senior High School pupils wear uniform,
- (j) Not all bullies are strong people.

- 6. Suggest a universal set for each of the following subsets
  - (a) {squares},
- (b) {the football team of your school},
- (c) {three sided figures},
- (d) {eagles},
- (e) {odd numbers},
- (f) {equilateral triangle}.
- 7. Let  $u = \{1, 2, 3, ..., 50\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}$ ,  $B = \{\text{factors of } 12\}$ ,  $C = \{\text{factors of } 24\}$ ,  $D = \{\text{factors of } 72\}$ . Rewrite the following in symbols.
  - (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 and 24 are all factors of 72,
  - (b) All factors of 24 are also factors of 72,
  - (c) Some factors of the factors of 72 are {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 24},
  - (d) All factors of 12 are included in the list 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24.
- 8. Use a Venn diagram to illustrate the following statements:
  - (a) All good Mathematics students are in the science class,
  - (b) All bullies are strong people,
  - (c) All university graduates are wise,
  - (d) All pastors are compassionate,
  - (e) All men use guns,
  - (f) All students suffering from malaria go to the clinic,
  - (g) All the good students of Mathematics are in the football team,
  - (h) All students are hardworking.
- 9. Consider the following statements
  - p: All scientists are introverts, q: All introverts are anti-social.

Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above statements.

- 10. Look at these statements:
  - s: All final year students are in the SRC, t: All SRC students are good students Represent the statements on a Venn diagram.
- 11. Consider the following statements:
  - *a*: All my friends like Coca-cola, *b*: All who like Coca-cola are very studious. Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above statements.

### 1.2 Operations on sets

#### **1.2.1** Intersection of Sets

The senior housemaster of Pentecost High School invited the school athletic team for a dinner at his residence. The team is made up of 8 sprinters and 5 hurdlers. He realised that there were 10 athletes in his residence. He checked and found that all the athletes were present. But 8 + 5 > 10. Can you explain it?

The solution is much easier using a Venn diagram. We shall use S and H to denote the sets of students who are sprinters and hurdler respectively.

The information is illustrated in *Fig.* 1.3. If every member of the athletic team were present at the dinner, then it follows that 3 members of the team who are sprinters must also be hurdlers. The set of elements which are common to both *S* and *N* is called the *intersection* of *S* and *N*.

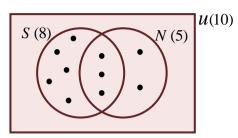


Fig. 1.3

The intersection of two sets *A* and *B* is defined as the set of all elements that belong to both *A* and *B*.

The operation  $\cap$  is used to define the intersection between two sets. Intersection of A and B is written as  $A \cap B$ . For example, if  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ , then  $A \cap B = \{2, 4, 8\}$ . The shaded regions Fig. 1.4, show the intersection between the sets A and B.



Fig. 1.4:  $A \cap B$  is shaded vertically

As illustrated in Fig. 1.4(b), if  $B \subset A$ , then  $A \cap B = B$ .

### Example 1.9

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $B = \{b, c, f, g\}$ 

- (a) Draw a Venn diagram of the two sets A and B. Show all the members of each set.
- (b) Using this diagram, find the intersection of *A* and *B*.

#### **Solution**

- (a) Fig. 1.5 shows the required Venn diagram.
- (b) From the diagram  $A \cap B = \{b, c\}$

Can you see another way of finding this intersection, without drawing the diagram?

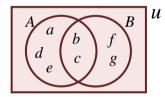


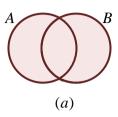
Fig. 1.5

# 1.2.2 Union of sets

The union of two sets A and B is defined as the set of all elements that belong to either A or B or both. The operation  $\cup$  is used to define the union between two sets. The union of A

and B is written as  $A \cup B$ . For example, if  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ , then  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ 

The union of A and B is shaded in Fig. 1.6.



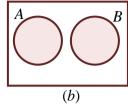
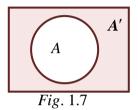


Fig. 1.6:  $A \cup B$  is shaded

It can be seen from Fig. 1.6(c) that if  $B \subset A$ , then  $A \cup B = A$ . The Complement A' union of A shaded in Fig. 1.7.



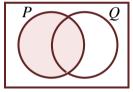
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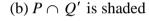
If P and Q are the subsets of a universal set  $\mathcal{U}$ , shade the sets:

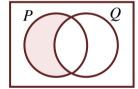
- (a)  $P \cap (P \cup Q)$ , (b)  $P \cap Q'$ , (c)  $P' \cup Q$ , (d)  $(P' \cup Q)'$ , (e)  $P' \cap (P \cup Q)$ .

### **Solution**

(a)  $P \cap (P \cup Q)$  is shaded



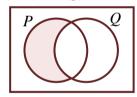




(b)  $P' \cup Q$  is shaded



(d)  $(P' \cup Q)'$  is shaded



(d)  $P' \cap (P \cup Q)$  is shaded

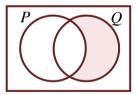


Fig. 1.8

### Example 1.11

M and N are two intersecting sets. If n(M) = 20, n(N) = 30 and  $n(M \cup N) = 40$ , find  $n(M \cap N)$ . Nov. 2002

#### **Solution**

Let  $n(M \cap N) = x$ . From Fig. 1.9, (20-x)+x+(30-x)=4050 - x = 40

$$x = 50$$
  $40 = 10$ 

$$x = 50 - 40 = 10$$
.

$$\therefore$$
  $n(M \cap N) = 10.$ 

# Alternative approach

$$n(M \cup N) = n(M) + n(N) - n(M \cap N)$$

$$40 = 20 + 30 - n(M \cap N)$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $n(M \cap N) = 20 + 30 - 40 = 10.$ 

# Example 1.12

The set  $A = \{..., -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, ...\}$ ,  $B = \{0 \le x \le 9\}$  and  $C = \{x : -4 < x \le 0\}$  are subsets of Z, the set of integers.

- (a) (i) Describe the members of the set A', where A' is a complement of A.
  - (ii) Find  $A' \cap B$ .
- (b) Represent the set B and C on a Venn diagram. June 1997

#### **Solution**

- (a)  $Z = \{..., -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ...\}$
- (b)  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\},\$  $C = \{-3, -2, -1, 0\},\$ 
  - (i)  $A' = \{..., -7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7,...\}$ A' is the set of odd numbers.
  - (ii)  $A' \cap B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}.$

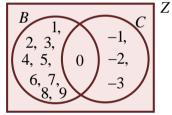


Fig. 1.10

M(20)

20 - x

Fig. 1.9

### Example 1.13

Fig. 1.11 shows the results of an interview of Methodist High School  $C = \{$  students who like Chemistry and  $P = \{Students who like Physics\}.$ 

- (a) How many students were interviewed?
- (b) How many students like Chemistry?
- (c) How many students like only one subject?
- (d) How many students like Physics only?
- (e) How many students like Physics and Chemistry?
- (f) How many students like Physics or Chemistry?
- (g) How many students like none of the two subjects?

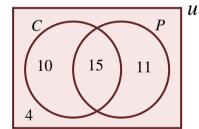


Fig. 1.11

N(20) U(40)

30 - x

#### **Solution**

- (a) The number of students interviewed = 10 + 15 + 11 + 4 = 40
- (b) The number of students who like Chemistry = 10 + 15 = 25
- (c) The number of students who like only one subject = 10 + 11 = 21
- (d) The number of students who like Physics only = 11
- (e) In set operations the word 'and' implies intersection ( $\cap$ )
- $\therefore$  The number of students who like Physics and Chemistry =  $n(P \cap C) = 15$
- (f) In set operations the word 'or' implies union  $(\cup)$
- $\therefore$  The number of students who like Physics or Chemistry =  $n(P \cup C)$

$$= 10 + 15 + 11 = 36$$

(g) The number of students who like none of the two subjects = 4.

### Example 1.14

- (a) The sets  $P = \{2, 5\}$  and  $Q = \{5, 7\}$  are subsets of the universal set  $U = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ . Find: (i)  $(P \cap Q)'$ , (ii)  $P' \cup Q'$ . State the relationship between (i) and (ii).
- (b) In a class of 50 students, 30 offer Economics, 17 offer Government and 7 offer neither Economics nor Government. How many students offer both subject. **June 1994**

#### **Solution**

- (a)  $U = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}, P = \{2, 5\}, P' = \{3, 7\}, Q = \{5, 7\}, Q' = \{2, 3\}.$ 
  - (i)  $P \cap Q = \{2, 5\} \cap \{5, 7\} = \{5\} \implies (P \cap Q)' = \{2, 3, 7\}.$
  - (ii)  $P' \cup Q' = \{3, 7\} \cup \{2, 3\} = \{2, 3, 7\}.$

It can be seen that  $(P \cap Q)' = P' \cup Q'$ .

(b) Let  $u = \{\text{students in the class}\}\$ ,

 $E = \{ \text{students who offer Economics} \},$ 

 $G = \{ \text{students who offer Government} \}.$ 

Then n(u) = 50, n(E) = 30 and n(G) = 17. Let x denote the number of students who offer both Economics and Government, that is  $n(E \cap G) = x$ . Since 7 students offer

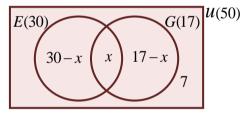


Fig. 1.12

neither Economics nor Government, It follows that  $n(E \cup G)' = 7$ . The Venn diagram is as shown in Fig. 2.1. Notice that (30 - x) students Economics only and (17 - x) Government only.

$$n(U) = (30-x) + x + (17-x) + 7 = 30 + 17 + 7 - x = 54 - x$$

But  $n(\mathcal{U}) = 50$ . Hence,

$$54 - x = 50$$
, which gives  $x = 54 - 50 = 4$ .

Thus, 4 students offer both Economics and Government.

### Example 1.15

The set  $P = \{\text{multiples of 3}\}, Q = \{\text{factors of 72}\}\$ and  $R = \{\text{even numbers}\}\$ are the subset of  $U = \{18 \le x \le 36\}$ 

- (a) List the elements of P, Q and R.
- (b) Find: (i)  $P \cap Q$ , (ii)  $Q \cap R$ , (iii)  $P \cap R$ .
- (c) What is the relationship between  $P \cap Q$  and  $Q \cap R$ . June 2000

### **Solution**

 $U = \{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36\}.$ 

- (a)  $P = \{18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36\}, Q = \{18, 24, 36\}, R = \{18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36\}.$
- (b) (i)  $P \cap Q = \{18, 24, 36\}$ , (ii)  $Q \cap R = \{18, 24, 36\}$ , (iii)  $P \cap R = \{18, 24, 30, 36\}$ .
- (c)  $P \cap Q = Q \cap R$ .

#### **Example 1.16**

- (a) If  $P = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , write down all the subsets of P which have exactly two elements.
- (b)  $A = \{\text{Prime numbers less than 15}\}, \quad B = \{\text{Even numbers less than 15}\} \text{ and } C = \{x: 3 \le x < 12, x \text{ is an integer}\} \text{ are subsets of } U = \{\text{positive integers less than 15}\}. \text{ List the elements of (i) } A \cap C, \text{ (ii) } B \cap C, \text{ (iii) } (A \cup B)' \cap C. \text{ June 2001}$

#### **Solution**

- (a) The subsets of P with exactly two elements are  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\{1, 3\}$ ,  $\{1, 4\}$ ,  $\{2, 3\}$ ,  $\{2, 4\}$ , and  $\{3, 4\}$
- (b)  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}.$   $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}, B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14\}, C = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}.$ 
  - (i)  $A \cap C = \{3, 5, 7, 11\},$

- (ii)  $B \cap C = \{4, 6, 8, 10\}$
- (iii)  $A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$  $(A \cup B)' = \{1, 9\} \implies (A \cup B)' \cap C = \{9\}.$

#### Example 1.17

A survey of the reading habits of 130 students showed that 30 read both Comics and Novels, 10 read neither Comics nor Novels and twice as many students read Comics as read Novels.

- (a) How many students read Novels?
- (b) How many read Comics?
- (c) How many read only Comics?

# **Solution**

 $u = \{\text{students}\}, \quad n(u) = 130$ 

 $C = \{\text{those who like Comics}\}, \quad n(C) = ?$ 

 $N = \{\text{those who like Novels}\}, \quad n(N) = ?$ 

 $n(C \cup N)' = 10$ 

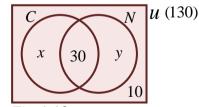


Fig. 1.13

Let x = the number of students who read Comics only

y = the number of students who read Novels only

$$n(C) = 30 + x$$
 and  $n(N) = 30 + y$ 

Twice as many students read Comics as read Novels  $\Rightarrow n(C) = 2n(N)$ 

$$30 + x = 2(30 + y)$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $30 + x = 60 + 2y$ 

$$x - 2y = 30$$
 ....(1)

Total number of students n(u) = 130. Thus,

$$30 + 10 + x + y = 130 \implies x + y = 130 - 40$$

$$x + y = 90 (2)$$

$$(2)-(1) \Rightarrow 3y = 60 \Rightarrow y = 20$$

From (2) 
$$x + 20 = 90 \implies x = 70$$

- (a) The number of students who read Novels = y + 30 = 20 + 30 = 50
- (b) The number of students who read Comics = x + 30 = 70 + 30 = 100
- (c) The number of students who read Comics only = x = 70

#### 1.2.3 Set identities

### 1. Commutative properties

The union  $(\cup)$  and the intersection  $(\cap)$  are both commutative. It follows that, for any two sets A and B,

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

(b) 
$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$
.

#### 2. Associative properties

The union  $(\cup)$  and the intersection  $(\cap)$  are also associative. For any three sets A, B and C,

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

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

3. Distributive Properties

The intersection  $(\cap)$  is distributive over the union  $(\cup)$ . For three sets A, B and C

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

Also the union  $(\cup)$  is distributive over the intersection  $(\cap)$ . That is

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

### 4. If $\emptyset$ is an empty set then for every set $P \subset U$ , then

(i) 
$$P \cup P = P$$
,

(ii) 
$$P \cap P = P$$
,

(iii) 
$$P \cup \emptyset = P$$

(iv) 
$$P \cap \mathcal{U} = P$$
,

(v) 
$$P \cup \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}$$
,

(vi) 
$$P \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

(vii) 
$$P \cup P' = U$$

(viii) 
$$P \cap P' = \emptyset$$
,

$$(ix) (A')' = A$$

(x) 
$$U' = \emptyset$$
 and  $\emptyset' = \mathcal{U}$ .

### 5. Since $P \cap Q \subset P$ and $P \subset P \cup Q$ , it follows that:

(i) 
$$P \cup (P \cap Q) = P$$

(ii) 
$$P \cap (P \cup Q) = P$$

6. De Morgan's Law

(i) 
$$(P \cup Q)' = P' \cap Q'$$

(ii) 
$$(P \cap Q)' = P' \cup Q'$$

#### Exercise 1.2

- 1.  $P = \{\text{multiples of } 3\}$  and  $Q = \{\text{factors of } 12\}$  are subsets of the universal set  $U = \{x: 1 \le x \le 12\}.$ 
  - (a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above information.
  - (b) List the elements of (i)  $P \cap Q$
- (ii)  $P \cup Q$
- (iii)  $P \cup Q'$
- (iv)  $P' \cap O$
- (v)  $(P \cap Q)'$  (vi)  $(P \cup Q)'$
- 2. In a group of 50 traders, 30 sell gari, and 40 sell rice. Each trader sells at least one of the two items. How many traders sell both gari and rice?
- 3. The sets  $P = \{x: x \text{ is a prime factor of } 42\}$  and  $Q = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 24\}$  are subsets of the  $U = \{x: x \text{ is an integer}\}$ . List the elements of (a)  $P \cap Q$ , (b)  $P \cup Q$ .
- 4. The sets  $A = \{x: x \text{ is an odd number}\}, B = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 60\}$  and  $C = \{x: x \text{ is a prime } 1\}$ number} are the subsets of  $\mathcal{U} = \{x: x \text{ is a natural number and } x < 9\}$ . Find
  - (a)  $A \cap B$ ,
- (b)  $B' \cap C$ , (c)  $A \cap B \cap C$ ,
- (d)  $B \cup C$ .
- 5.  $A = \{10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$  and  $B = \{10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$  are subsets of the universal set  $\mathcal{U} = \{10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$ {10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20} (b)  $(A' \cap B)'$ . List the elements of: (a)  $A' \cap B$ ,
- 6. P, Q, and R are subsets of the universal set  $u = \{1 \le x \le 12 : x \text{ is an integer}\}\$  and  $P = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 12\}, Q = \{x: x \text{ is a multiple of } 3\} \text{ and } R = \{x: x \ge 4\}.$  Find:
  - (a)  $P \cup O$
- (b)  $P' \cap R'$
- (c)  $O \cap R$
- (d)  $(P \cap O')'$
- (e)  $P' \cup O$
- 7. Given that the universal set  $u = \{x: 5x 3 \le 47, \text{ where } x \text{ is a natural number} \}$  and the subsets A, B, and C are defined as  $A = \{\text{prime numbers less than } 10\}, B = \{\text{odd numbers less tha$ less than 10} and  $C = \{x: 5 < x < 10\}$ , find
  - (a)  $A \cap B$ ,
- (b)  $A \cup C$ ,
- (c)  $A' \cup B'$ ,
- (d)  $(A \cap B)'$ .
- 8. P, Q, and R are subsets of u, where  $u = \{x: 4x 42 \le 58 6x, x \text{ is a natural number}\}$ ,  $P = \{\text{prime factors of 36}\}, Q = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of 15}\}\ \text{and } R = \{\text{multiple of 3}\}.$ 
  - (a) find:
- (i)  $Q \cap R$ ,
- (ii)  $P \cup Q$ ,
- (iii)  $P \cup R$ ,

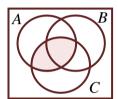
- (iv) $Q \cup R$ ,
- (v)  $P \cap Q$ ,
- (vi)  $P \cap R$ .
- $\cap R$ ) =  $(P \cup Q) \cap (P \cup R)$ , (b) Show that (i)  $P \cup (Q)$ 
  - $\cup R) = (P \cap Q) \cup (P \cap R),$ (ii)  $P \cap (O$
- 9. The universal set  $u = \{x: x \text{ is an integer and } 0 < x \le 20\}$  and P, Q and R are subsets of usuch that  $P = \{\text{factors of } 48\}$ ,  $Q = \{\text{multiples of } 3\}$  and  $R = \{x: x \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$ . Find:
  - (a) (i)  $Q \cup R$ ,

- (ii)  $Q \cap P$ , (iii)  $R \cap P$ , (iv)  $(Q \cap P)'$ .
- (b) Show that
- (i)  $(Q \cup R) \cap P = (Q \cap P) \cup (R \cap P)$ ,
- (ii)  $(Q \cap P)' = Q' \cup P'$ .

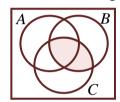
- 10. The universal set  $u = \{x: x \text{ is a non-negative integer and } (7x 5 \le 15 + 5x) \text{ and } P, Q \text{ and } P \in \{x: x \text{ is a non-negative integer and } (7x 5 \le 15 + 5x) \}$ R are subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $P = \{x: x \text{ is prime}\}, Q = \{x: x \text{ is odd}\}$  and  $R = \{x: x \text{ is a}\}$ factor of 42}. Find: (a)  $Q \cup R$ , (b)  $Q \cap P$ , (c)  $R \cap P'$ , (d)  $O' \cup P$ .
- 11. In a class of 42 students, 26 offer Mathematics and 28 offer Chemistry. If each student offers at least one of the two subjects, find the number of students who offer both subjects.
- 12. In a class of 42 students each student studies either Economics or Accounting or both. If 12 students study both subjects and the number of students who study Accounting only is twice that of those who study Economics only, find how many students study (i) Economics, (ii) Accounting.

#### 1.3 Three set problems

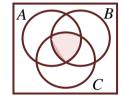
Fig. 1.14 shows Venn diagrams of three intersecting sets A, B and C.







(b)  $B \cap C$  is shaded



(c)  $A \cap B \cap C$  is shaded

Fig. 1.14

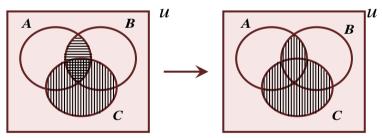
### Example 1.18

If A, B and C are subsets of the universal set  $\mathcal{U}$ , shade the sets:

- (a)  $(A \cap B) \cup C$ ,
- (b)  $(A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$ , (c)  $(A \cap B) \cup C'$ , (d)  $A' \cap (B \cup C)$ .

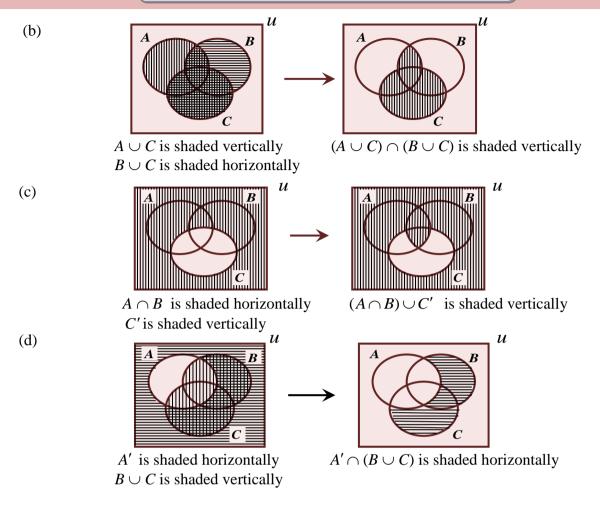
#### **Solution**

(a)



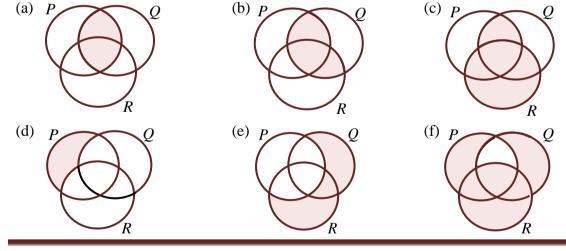
 $A \cap B$  is shaded horizontally C is shaded vertically.

 $(A \cap B) \cup C$  is shaded vertically



# **Example 1.19**

Describe the shaded regions in the Venn diagrams below using P, Q and R.



#### **Solution**

(a)  $P \cap Q$ 

(c)  $R \cup (P \cap Q)$  or  $(R \cup P) \cap (R \cup Q)$ 

(e)  $(R \cup Q) \cap P'$ 

(b)  $(P \cap Q) \cup (R \cap Q)$  or  $Q \cap (P \cup R)$ 

(d)  $P \cap Q' \cap R'$  or  $P \cap (Q \cup R)'$ 

(f)  $R \cup Q' \cup P'$  or  $R \cup (Q \cap P)'$ .

# Example 1.20

In a certain class, each student offers at least one of the following subjects: Accounting, Business management (BM) and Commerce. Represent by shading, on a Venn diagram, the region that represent the number of students who offer the following:

(1) All three subject,

(3) Accounting and BM,

(5) Accounting or BM only,

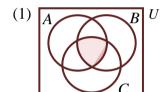
(2) Accounting and BM only,

(4) Commerce only,

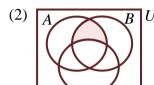
(6) Accounting or BM.

#### **Solution**

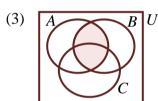
Let *A*, *B* and *C* denote Accounting, Business management (BM) and Commerce respectively. The required shaded regions are as shown in the Venn diagrams below.



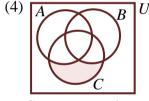
All three subjects  $A \cap B \cap C$ 



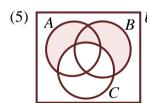
Accounting and BM only  $A \cap B \cap C'$ 



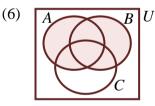
Accounting and BM  $A \cap B$ 



Commerce only  $C \cap A' \cap B'$  or  $C \cap (A \cup B)'$ 



Accounting or BM only  $A \cup B \cap C'$ 



Accounting or BM  $A \cup B$ 

### **Example 1.21**

Fig. 1.15, on the next page, shows the result of interviewing some students in a certain school to ask which channels they watch on television.  $G = \{\text{students who watch GTV}\}$ ,  $T = \{\text{students who watch TV3}\}$  and  $M = \{\text{students who watch Metro TV}\}$ 

- (a) How many students were interviewed?
- (b) How many students watch TV3?
- (c) How many students watch Metro TV only?
- (d) How many students watch Metro TV and GTV?
- (e) How many students watch Metro TV and GTV only?
- (f) How many students watch only one channel?
- (g) How many students watch only two channels?
- (h) How many students watch all three channels?
- (i) How many students watch at least two channels?
- (j) How many students watch Metro TV or GTV but not TV3?
- (k) How many students watch Metro TV or GTV?

### **Solution**

- (a) The number of students interviewed = 5 + 4 + 3 + 6 + 8 + 9 + 10 = 45
- (b) The number of students who watch TV3 = 6 + 10 + 8 + 4 = 28
- (c) The number of students who watch Metro TV only = 3
- (d) The number of students who watch Metro TV and GTV = 9 + 10 = 19
- (e) The number of students who watch Metro TV and GTV only = 9
- (f) The number of students who watch only one channel = 5 + 4 + 3 = 12
- (g) The number of students who watch only two channels = 6 + 8 + 9 = 23
- (h) The number of students who watch all three channels = 10
- (i) The number of students who watch at least two channels = 6 + 9 + 8 + 10 = 33
- (j) The number of students who watch Metro TV or GTV but not TV.3 = 3 + 9 + 5 = 17
- (k) The number of students who watch Metro TV or GTV = 5 + 6 + 10 + 9 + 8 + 3= 41

### Example 1.22

Some students were interviewed to find out which of the following three sports they liked: football, boxing and volleyball. 70% of the students liked football, 60% boxing and 45% volleyball, 45% liked football and boxing, 15% boxing and volleyball, 25% football and volleyball and 5% liked all three sports.

- (a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate this information.
- (b) Use your diagram to find the percentage of students who liked
  - (i) football or boxing but not volleyball,
- (ii) exactly two sports,
- (iii) none of the three sports. Nov. 2001

u

6

10

3

M

5

Fig. 1.15

### **Solution**

(a) Let  $u = \{\text{students interviewed}\},\$ 

 $F = \{ \text{students who liked football} \},$ 

 $B = \{ \text{students who liked boxing} \}$  and

 $V = \{ \text{students who liked volleyball} \}.$ 

Then 
$$n(U) = 100\%$$
,  $n(F) = 70\%$ ,  $n(B) = 60\%$  and  $n(V) = 45\%$ .  $F \cap B \cap V = 5\%$ .

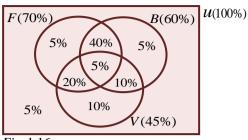


Fig. 1.16

Percentage of students who liked football only = 70% - (40% + 5% + 20%) = 5%.

Percentage of students who liked boxing only = 60-(40% + 5% + 10%) = 5%.

Percentage of students who liked volleyball only

$$= 45 - (20\% + 5\% + 10\%) = 10\%.$$

(b) (i) The percentage of students who liked football or boxing but not volleyball

$$= 5\% + 40\% + 5\% = 50\%$$

(ii) The percentage of students who liked exactly two sports

$$= 40\% + 10\% + 20\% = 70\%$$

(iii)The percentage of students who liked none of the three sports

$$= 100\% - (5\% + 40\% + 5\% + 20\% + 5\% + 10\% + 10\%) = 5\%.$$

### Example 1.23

In a Senior Secondary School there are 174 students in form two. Of these, 86 play table tennis, 84 play football and 94 play volleyball; 30 play table tennis and volleyball, 34 play volleyball and football and 42 play table tennis and football. Each student plays at least one of the three games and x students play all three games.

- (a) Illustrate this information on a Venn diagram.
- (b) Write down an equation in x and hence solve for x.
- (c) If a student is chosen at random from form two, what is the probability that he plays two games? **June 1993**

#### **Solution**

(a) Let  $u = \{\text{students in form 2}\}\$ ,

 $T = \{ \text{students who Play Table tennis} \},$ 

 $F = \{\text{students who play Football}\}\$ and

 $V = \{$  students who play volleyball $\}$ .

Then n(U) = 174, n(T) = 86, n(F) = 84, n(V) = 94,  $n(T \cap V) = 30$ ,  $n(V \cap F) = 34$  and  $n(T \cap F) = 42$ . If x is the number of students who play all three games, then  $T \cap F \cap V = x$ .

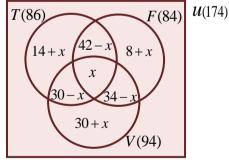


Fig. 1.17

Number of students who play Table tennis only = 86 - (42 - x + x + 30 - x)

$$= 86 - (72 - x) = 14 + x.$$

Number of students who play Football only = 84 - (42 - x + x + 34 - x)

$$= 84 - (76 - x) = 8 + x.$$

Number of students who play Volleyball only = 94 - (30 - x + x + 34 - x)

$$= 94 - (64 - x) = 30 + x.$$

The Venn diagram is as shown in Fig. 1.1.

(b) From Fig. 1.1, the required equation in x can be written as

$$n(T) + (8+x) + (34-x) + (30+x) = n(u)$$

$$86 + (8+x) + (34-x) + (30+x) = 174$$
, which simplifies to

$$158 + x = 174$$
 which given  $x = 174 - 158 = 16$ .

(c) The number of students who play exactly two games = (42-16)+(34-16)+(30-16)

$$=26+18+14=58.$$

The probability a student selected at random plays two games  $=\frac{58}{174} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

### **Example 1.24**

In a class of 32 students, 18 offer Chemistry, 16 offer Physics and 22 offer Mathematics. 6 offer all three subjects, 3 offer Chemistry and Physics only and 5 study Physics only. Each student offers at least one subject. Find the number of students who offer: (a) Chemistry only, (b) only one subject, (c) only two subject. **June 1995** 

#### **Solution**

(a) Let  $u = \{\text{students in the class}\}\$ ,

 $C = \{ \text{students who offer Chemistry} \},$ 

 $P = \{\text{students who offer Physics}\}\$ and

 $M = \{ \text{students who offer Mathematics} \}.$ 

Then n(u) = 32, n(C) = 18, n(P) = 16 and n(M) = 22.  $C \cap P \cap M = 6$ . Let x denote the number of students who offer Chemistry and Mathematics only. Fig. 1.18 is the Venn diagram illustrating the given information.

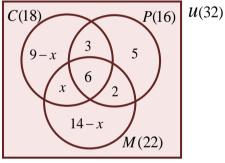


Fig. 1.18

Number of students who offer Physics only = 16 - (5 + 3 + 6) = 2.

Number of students who offer Chemistry only = 18 - (3 + 6 + x) = 9 - x.

Number of students who offer Mathematics only = 22 - (6 + 2 + x) = 14 - x.

From Fig. 1.1, the required equation in x can be written as

$$n(C) + 5 + 2 + (14 - x) = n(u)$$

$$18+5+2+14-x = 32 \implies 39-x = 32 \implies x = 39-32 = 7.$$

- (a) Number of students who offer Chemistry only = 9-x = 9-7 = 2.
- (b) Number of students who offer only one subject = (9-x)+5+(14-x)

$$= 2 + 5 + 7 = 14.$$

(c) Number of students who offer only two subjects = 3 + 2 + x = 3 + 2 + 7 = 12.

# Example 1.25

100 members of a community were asked to state the activities they undertake during the day.

38 go to School.

18 go to School and also Trade.

54 go for Fishing.

22 go to Fishing and also Trade.

50 engage in Trading.

Each of these members undertakes at least one of the activities. The number of people who go to school only is the same as the number who engages in Trading only. Use the information to find the number of people who

- (a) undertake all the three activities,
- (b) go to school only. June 2003

### **Solution**

(a) Let  $u = \{\text{members of the community}\},\$ 

 $S = \{\text{members who go to School}\},\$ 

 $F = \{\text{members who go to Fishing}\}\$ and

 $T = \{\text{members who engage in Trading}\}.$ 

Then 
$$n(U) = 100$$
,  $n(S) = 38$ ,  $n(F) = 54$  and  $n(T) = 50$ . Let  $n(C \cap P \cap M) = x$ .

Fig. 1.19 is the Venn diagram illustrating the given information.

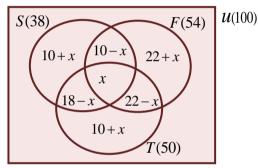


Fig. 1.19

Number of member who Trade only = 50 - (18 - x + x + 22 - x) = 10 + x. Since the number of people who go to school only is the same as the number who engages in Trading only, it follows that

Number of members who go to school only = 10 + x.

Number of members who go to school and also Fish

$$=38-(18-x+x+10+x)=10-x.$$

Number of member who go to Fishing only = 54 - (10 - x + x + 22 - x)= 22 + x.

From Fig. 13.1,

$$n(T) + (10+x) + (10-x) + (22+x) = n(u)$$

$$50 + (10+x) + (10-x) + (22+x) = 100$$

$$92 + x = 100 \implies x = 100 - 92 = 8.$$

Thus, the number of members who undertake all the three activities is 8.

(b) The number of members who go to school only = 10 + x = 10 + 8 = 18.

### **Example 1.26**

In a class of 60 students, some study at least one of the following subjects: Mathematics, Economics and Accounting. 8 students study none of them. The following table gives further details of the subjects studied.

Mathematics only 6 All three subjects 7

Economics only 1 Mathematics & Accounting 18
Accounting only 5 Economics & Accounting 17

- (a) Illustrate the above data on a Venn diagram.
- (b) Find the number of students who study:
  - (i) Mathematics or Accounting or both but not Economics, (ii) Economics.

### **Solution**

$$u = \{\text{students in the class}\} \implies n(u) = 60$$

$$M = \{ \text{students who study Mathematics} \}$$

$$E = \{ \text{students who study Economics} \}$$

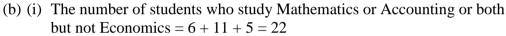
$$A = \{ \text{students who study Accounts} \}$$

$$n(A) = 7 + 10 + 5 + 11 = 33$$

$$n(U) = n(A) + 6 + 1 + 8 + a$$

$$60 = 33 + 15 + a$$

$$a = 60 - 48 = 12$$



(ii) The number of students who study Economics = 
$$10 + 7 + 1 + a$$

$$= 18 + 12 = 30.$$

# **Example 1.27**

In a class of 60 students, 47 study Mathematics, 33 study Mathematics and Physics, 31 study Mathematics and Chemistry, 29 study Physics and Chemistry and 20 study all the three subjects. If the number of students who study only Physics is equal to that of those who study only Chemistry, Illustrate the given information on a Venn diagram and find the number of students who study

- (i) Only Physics,
- (ii) Chemistry,
- (iii) Only one subject.

#### **Solution**

$$u = \{\text{students in the class}\} \implies n(u) = 60$$

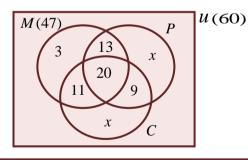
$$M = \{\text{those who study Mathematics}\} \Rightarrow n(M) = 47$$

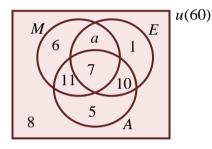
 $P = \{\text{those who study Physics}\}\$ 

 $C = \{ \text{those who study Chemistry} \}$ 

Let the number of students who study

Physics only = x





 $\Rightarrow$  the number of students who study

Chemistry only = x

Number of students who study Mathematics only = 47 - (13 + 20 + 11) = 3

**Note**: 
$$n(M) = 13 + 20 + 11 + 3 = 47$$

Total number of students in the class n(u) = 60

$$n(M) + 9 + x + x = 60$$

$$\Rightarrow 47 + 9 + 2x = 60$$

$$2x = 60 - 56 \Rightarrow 2x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

- (i) The number of students who study only Physics = x = 2
- (ii) The number of students who study Chemistry = 11 + 20 + 9 + x = 42
- (iii) The number of students who study only one subject = 3 + x + x = 7

#### Exercise 1.3

- 1. Mathematics, English and Life Skills books were distributed to 50 students in a class. 22 had Mathematics books, 21 English books and 25 Life Skills books, 7 had Mathematics and English books, 6 Mathematics and Life Skill books and 9 English and Life Skill books. Find the number of students who had: (a) all three books, (b) exactly two of the books, (c) only Life Skills books. June 1996.
- 2. There are 30 students in a class. 20 of them play football, 16 play hockey and 16 play volley, 9 play all three games, 15 play football and volley, 11 play football and hockey, while 10 play hockey and volley.
  - (a) Illustrate the information on a Venn diagram.
  - (b)Using your Venn diagram, find the number of students who play at least two games.
  - (c) What is the probability that a student chosen at random from the class does not play any of the three games? Nov. 2003.
- 3. The set A, B, and C are defined as  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15\}$ ,  $C = \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25\}$ .
  - (a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate the above information.
  - (b) Find: (i)  $B \cap C$ , (ii)  $(A \cup B)' \cap C$ , (iii) the number of elements in  $A \cup B$ . Nov. 2004.
- 4. The set  $P = \{n: 10 < n < 20\}$ , where n is an integer. The set Q is a subset of P such that  $Q = \{n: 55 2n \ge 25\}$ . Find Q. Nov. 2005.
- 5. A survey of 150 traders in a market shows that 90 of them sell cassava, 70 sell maize and 80 sell yam. Also, 26 sell cassava and maize, 30 sell cassava and yam and 40 sell yam and maize. Each of the traders sells at least one of these crops.
  - (a) Represent the information on a Venn diagram.
  - (b) Find the number of traders who sell all the three food crops.

- (c) How many of the traders sell one food crop only? June 2006.
- 6. There are 100 boys in a sports club. 65 of them play soccer, 50 play hockey and 40 play basketball. 25 of them play soccer and hockey, 20 play hockey and basketball and 5 play all three games. Each boy plays at least one of the three games.
  - (a) Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate this information.
  - (b) Find the number of boys who play:
    - (i) soccer only, (ii) basketball only, (iii) exactly two games. Nov. 2006.
- 7. Given that A, B, C are subsets of the universal set U of real numbers such that  $A = \{1, 2, ..., 16\}$ ,  $B = \{x: 0 < x < 16$ , where x is an odd \},  $C = \{p: p < 16$ , where p is prime\} (a) List all the elements of B, (b) Find  $B \cap C$ , (c) Find  $(A \cap B)'$ .
- 8. In a class of 52 students, 34 offer Mathematics, 31 offer Chemistry and 36 offer Physics. 5 offer all the three subjects, 15 Physics and Chemistry only, 2 offer Physics only. Each student offers at least one of the three subjects. Illustrate the information on a Venn diagram. Find the number of students who offer:
  - (a) Chemistry only,
- (b) only one subject,
- (c) only two subjects.
- 9. There are 22 players in a football team. 9 play defence, 10 play midfield and 11 play attack. 5 play defence only, 4 play midfield only and 6 play attack only.
  - (a) Represent this information on a Venn diagram
  - (b) How many play all the three positions?
- 10. In an athletic team, there are 20 sprinters, 12 hurdlers and 10 pole-vaulters. 12 are sprinters only, 4 are hurdlers only, 5 are pole-vaulters only and 2 are sprinters and pole-vaulters only. Each athlete does at least one of the three. Find the number of athletes in the team.
- 11. In a class of 80 students, 40 study Physics, 48 study Mathematics and 44 study Chemistry. 20 study Physics and Mathematics, 24 study Physics and Chemistry and 32 study only two of the three subjects. If every student studies at least one of the three subjects,
  - find: (a) the number of students who study all the three subjects,
    - (b) the number of students who study only Mathematics and Chemistry.
- 12. 56 teachers in Methodist High School were asked their preferences for three FM stations in Accra, Joy, Peace and Unique. 20 liked Unique, 8 liked Joy and Unique, and 2 liked Peace and Unique only. 6 liked Peace only, 24 liked Joy only and each teacher liked at least one of the three stations. If the number of teachers who liked Unique only was double that of those who preferred all the three stations, illustrate this information on a Venn diagram. Find the number of teachers who liked:
  - (a) Joy, (b) Joy and Peace.

- 13. In a class of 70 students, 45 offer Mathematics, 37 offer Chemistry and 43 offer Physics. 5 offer all the three subjects, 20 offer Physics and Chemistry only, 3 offer Physics only. Each student offers at least one of the three subjects. Illustrate the information in a Venn diagram. Find the number of students who offer:
  - (i) Chemistry only,
- (ii) only one subject,
- (iii) only two subjects.
- 14. There are 65 pupils in a class. 29 of them do Arts, 37 do Business and 38 do Science. All the students do at least one of the three programs. 10 do all the three programs while 18 do Arts and Business. 7 do Business and Science but not Arts and 14 do Arts and Science. Represent this information on a Venn diagram
  - (i) How many pupils do only two subjects
  - (ii) If a pupil is selected at random, what is the probability that he studies either Arts or Science?
- 15. There are 40 players in Presec football team. 22 play defence, 5 play midfield and defence, 8 play defence and attack, 5 play midfield and attack and 3 play all the three positions. If the number of students who play only midfield is equal to that of those who play only attack, represent this information on a Venn diagram. How many play: (a) only midfield, (b) attack, (c) only one position.
- 16. In a class of 54 students, 22 offer Mathematics, 27 offer Chemistry and 26 offer Physics. 4 offer all the three subjects, 5 offer Physics and Chemistry only, 15 offer Physics only. Each student offers at least one of the three subjects. Illustrate the information on a Venn diagram. Find the number of students who offer:
  - (i) Chemistry only,
- (ii) only one subject,
- (iii) only two subjects.
- 17. In an athletic team, there are 16 sprinters, 16 hurdlers and 15 pole-vaulters. 6 are sprinters only, 4 are hurdlers only, 1 is a pole-vaulter only and 5 are sprinters and pole-vaulters only. Each athlete does at least one of the three. Find:
  - (a) the number of athletes in the team,
  - (b) the probability of selecting from the team an athlete who does only one event.
- 18. A class of 49 boys were each required to have certain textbooks in English, French and Mathematics. 28 boys had the English book, 24 had the French book and 26 the Mathematics book. 10 boys had both English and French books, 11 had French and Mathematics books 14 had the Mathematics and English books. Illustrate the information in a Venn diagram.

How many boys in the class possessed:

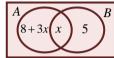
- (i) all the three books, (ii) one book only, (iii) English and French only.
- 19. In a class of 36 students, 25 study Chemistry, 22 study Mathematics and 25 study Physics. 17 study Physics and Mathematics, 18 study Physics and Chemistry and 15 study only one of the three subjects. If every student studies at least one of the three subjects, find:
  - (a) the number of students who study all the three subjects,

- (b) the number of students who study only Mathematics and Chemistry,
- (c) the probability that a student selected at random studies only two of the three subjects.
- 20. In a class, 39 study Physics, 35 study Chemistry and 33 study Biology. 13 study Chemistry and Biology, 12 study Chemistry only, 9 study Biology only and 34 study only one of the three subjects. If 12 students study none of the three subjects,
  - find: (a) (i) total number of students in the class;
    - (ii) the number of students who study all the three subjects,
    - (b) If a student is selected at random, what is the probability that he studies either all the three subjects nor none of the three?
- 21. There are 40 pupils in a class. 30 of them study Biology, 22 study Physics and 21 study Chemistry. 15 study Physics and Biology, 10 study Physics and Chemistry, and 13 study Biology and Chemistry. Each student in the class studies at least one of the three subjects.
  - (a) Represent this information on a Venn diagram.
  - (b) How many pupils study all three subjects?
  - (c) If a pupil is selected at random, what is the probability that he studies either Physics or Chemistry?

#### **Revision Exercises 1**

- 1. The sets  $P = \{x: x \text{ is a prime factor of } 30\}$  and  $Q = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 36\}$  are subsets of  $\mathcal{U} = \{x: x \text{ is an integer}\}$ . List the elements of (a)  $P \cap Q$ , (b)  $P \cup Q$ .
- 2. The sets  $A = \{x: x \text{ is an even number}\}, B = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 42\}$  and  $C = \{x: x \text{ is a } 1\}$ prime number are the subsets of  $u = \{x: x \text{ is a natural number and } x < 10\}$ . Find:
  - (a)  $A \cap B$ ,
- (b)  $B' \cap C$ , (b)  $A \cap B \cap C$ ,
- 3. The universal set  $u = \{5, 7, 11, 15\}, P = \{5, 11\}$  and  $O = \{11, 15\}$ . Find: (a)  $P \cap Q$ , (b)  $P' \cup Q'$ . State the relation between (a) and (b).
- 4.  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 19\}$  are subsets of the universal set  $u = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 19, 37\}$ . List the elements of: (a)  $A' \cap B$ (b)  $(A' \cap B)'$ .
- 5. P, Q, and R are subsets of the universal set  $u = \{1 \le x \le 10: x \text{ is an integer}\}$  and  $P = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 20\}, Q = \{x: x \text{ is a multiple of } 5\} \text{ and } R = \{x: x \ge 5\}.$  Find:
  - (a)  $P \cup O$ ,
- (b)  $P' \cap R'$ ,
- (c)  $Q \cap R$ ,
- (d)  $(P \cap O')'$ ,
- (e)  $P' \cup O$ .
- 6. Given that the universal set  $u = \{x: x \le 15, \text{ where } x \text{ is a natural number} \}$  and the subsets A, B, and C are defined as  $A = \{\text{prime numbers less than 15}\}, B = \{\text{odd numbers less than 15}\}$ 15} and  $C = \{x: 4 < x < 15\}$ , find
  - (a)  $A \cap B$ ,
- (b)  $A \cup C$ ,
- (c)  $A' \cup B'$ ,
- (d)  $(A \cap B)'$ .

- 7. P, Q, and R are subsets of U, where  $U = \{x: x \le 10, x \text{ is a natural number}\}$ ,  $P = \{\text{prime factors of } 42\}$ ,  $Q = \{x: x \text{ is a factor of } 9\}$  and  $R = \{\text{multiples of } 3 \text{ less than } 9\}$ .
  - (a) Find: (i)  $Q \cap R$ , (ii)  $P \cup Q$ , (iii)  $P \cup R$ , (iv)  $Q \cup R$ , (v)  $P \cap Q$ , (vi)  $P \cap R$ .
  - (b) Show that (i)  $P \cup (Q \cap R) = (P \cup Q) \cap (P \cup R)$ 
    - (ii)  $P \cap (Q \cup R) = (P \cap Q) \cup (P \cap R)$
    - (iii)  $(P \cup Q)' = P' \cap Q'$ .
- 8. In a class of 40 students, 23 offer Biology and 27 offer Chemistry. Each student offers at least one of the two subjects. How many students offer both subjects?
- 9. In the diagram n(A) = 2n(B). Find the value of x.
- 10. Find the number of possible subsets of  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .



11. A recent survey of 50 students revealed that the number studying one or more of the three subjects Mathematics, English and Integrated Science is as follows:

Subject	Number of St	tudents
Mathematics		25
English		21
Integrated Science		24
English & Mathemat	ics	7
Mathematics & Integrated Science		8
Only Two Subjects		20

- Find: (a) the number of students who study all three subjects,
  - (b) the number of students who study two or three subjects,
- 12. In a school, 27 students were asked their preferences for three brands of soft drinks: Fanta, Coca-Cola, and Sprite. 15 liked Sprite,16 liked Fanta and 5 liked all the three. 12 preferred Coca-Cola and Fanta, 6 preferred Coca-Cola and Sprite and 6 preferred Sprite only. Illustrate the information on a Venn diagram.

Find how many students liked:

- (a) Coca-Cola, (b) Fanta or Sprite but not Coca-Cola,
- (c) Fanta and Sprite but not Coca-Cola, (d) only one brand, (e) only two brands.
- 13. In a group of 59 traders, 26 sell gari, 8 sell only rice, and 15 sell only maize. 10 sell both gari and rice, 16 sell rice and maize, and 42 sell maize. Each trader sells at least one of the three items. Find the number of traders who sell:
  - (i) gari or maize,
- (ii) gari and maize,
- (iii) only two items.
- 14. There are 28 pupils in a class. 3 do all the three programs while 5 do Arts and Business, and 7 do Arts and Science. 5 do Business only and all the students do at least one of the three programs. If the number of pupils who do Business is twice that of those who do Arts and the number of pupils who do Business is equal to that of those who do Science, represent this information on a Venn diagram.

Find the number of pupils who do (a) only two programs, (b) Science,

- (c) Arts only, (d) Business and Science only.
- 15. There are 28 players in the national football team. 14 play midfield and defence, 15 play defence and attack and 3 play midfield only. The number of players who play attack only is twice that of those who play defence only, and the number who play defence is equal to that of those who play attack. If 18 play midfield, represent this information on a Venn diagram. How many players play:
  - (a) defence, (b) attack and midfield, (c) only one position.
- 16. In a class of 10 students, 4 offer Mathematics, and 1 offers Chemistry and Mathematics. 1 offers Physics and Chemistry, and 3 offer Physics and Mathematics. Each student offers at least one of the three subjects. If the number of students who offer Mathematics is equal to that of those who offer Physics only and n(M) + n(C) = n(P), Illustrate the information in a Venn diagram. Find the number of students who offer:
  - (a) Chemistry only, (b) only one subject, (c) only two subjects,
  - (d) Physics, (e) Chemistry, (f) Chemistry and Physics only.
- 17. 30 teachers were asked their preferences for three newspapers, Graphic, Times and Chronicle. 20 liked Graphic, 6 liked Graphic and Chronicle, and 4 liked Times and Chronicle. 5 liked Times only, and 4 liked Graphic and Times Only. All teachers liked at least one of the three papers. If the number of teachers who liked all the three newspapers was 3 times that of those who preferred Times and Chronicle only, and the number of teachers who liked Times exceed those who preferred Chronicle by 2, illustrate this information on a Venn diagram.

Find the number of teachers who liked:

- (a) Times, (b) Chronicle, (c) Chronicle only,
- (d) Graphic and Chronicle only.
- 18. In a class, each student was required to have certain textbooks in French, History and Geography. 24 boys had the History book, 27 had the French book and 30 the Geography book. 11 boys had both History and French books, 8 had History and Geography books only and 12 had the French and Geography books. If 5 had all the three, Illustrate the information in a Venn diagram.
  - (a) Find the total number of students in the class.
  - (b) How many boys in the class possessed:
    - (i) only one of the three books, (ii) exactly two books.
- 19. In an examination each of the 35 students sat for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. 21 passed Biology, 8 passed Chemistry and Physics only, and 5 passed Biology and Physics only. 7 passed Biology and Chemistry only and 20 passed Chemistry. The number of students who passed Chemistry is equal to the number that passed Physics. If all the

students passed at least one of the three subjects, illustrate this information on a Venn diagram.

Find the number of students who passed in

- (a) Physics, (b) Physics and Chemistry, (c) Physics or Chemistry.
- 12. In a class, 11 study Physics, 15 study Chemistry and 16 study Biology. 7 study Chemistry and Biology, 8 study Chemistry only, 3 study Biology only and 16 study only one of the three subjects. If 6 students study none of the three subjects,
- find: (a) total number of students in the class.
  - (b) the number of students who study all the three subjects.
- 21. A recent survey of 160 students revealed that the number studying one or more of the three subjects Mathematics, English and Integrated Science is as follows:

Subject	Number of Students
Integrated Science	100
English	70
Mathematics	70
Integrated Science only	40
English & Mathematics only	10
Mathematics & Integrated Sc	ience 40
Only One Subjects	90

Find: (a) the number of students who study all three subjects,

- (b) the number of students who study only two subjects.
- 22. 400 students in a Senior High School were asked to indicate which of the hobbies, reading, dancing and singing they liked. The results revealed that:

Hobbies	Number of SSS1 Students
Reading	200
Dancing	160
Singing	175
Reading only	75
Reading & Dancing	75
Dancing & Singing	65
Reading & Singing	80
Find how many studer	ate liked

- Find how many students liked
- (a) none of the three hobbies, (b) all the three hobbies,
- (c) only one hobby, (d) Reading or Singing but not Dancing.