

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

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1 Broken Chessboard and Jumping With Coins

1.1 Tiling a Damaged Checkerboard

Exercise 1.1. *Re-write the proof in your own way, using simple English sentences.*

Proof. Your proof ... □

Exercise 1.2. *Another exercise ...*

Proof. Your proof ... □

2 Exclusion-Inclusion

2.1 Sets

Exercise 2.1.

1. *Proof.* As is shown in the Venn diagram below, $|A| + |B|$ add the common part $|A \cap B|$ twice. So it should be subtracted once if we want to count $|A \cup B|$. □

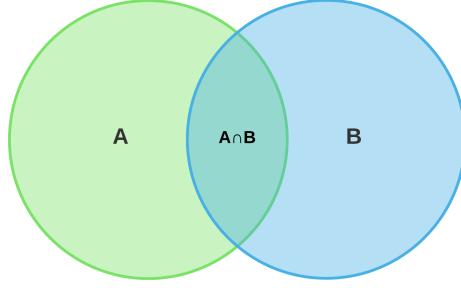


Figure 1: Venn Diagram

2. *Solution.* $|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$ ■

3. *Solution.* $|A \cup B \cup C \cup D| = |A| + |B| + |C| + |D| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |A \cap D| - |B \cap C| - |B \cap D| - |C \cap D| + |A \cap B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap D| + |A \cap C \cap D| + |B \cap C \cap D| - |A \cap B \cap C \cap D|$ ■

Exercise 2.2.

Solution. $|A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{i,j:1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k:1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$ ■

Exercise 2.3.

Proof. □

1. proof using induction on n

First, let $A_{n,k} = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \dots \cap A_{i_k}|$, which denotes the sum of all the possible k-wise intersections in $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$.

Then the Inclusion-exclusion principle which we want to prove is as follows:

$$|A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} A_{n,k}$$

The theorem holds for $n = 1$, obviously.

The theorem holds for $n = 2$, as is showed in the 2.1.1

For the induction step, we want to show if it holds for $n - 1$, then it holds for n .

$$\begin{aligned}
|A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| &= |A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1}| + |A_n| - |(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1}) \cap A_n| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} A_{n-1,k} + |A_n| - |(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1}) \cap A_n| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} A_{n-1,k} + |A_n| - |(\cup_{i=1}^{i=n-1} (A_i \cap A_n))|
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Let $B_i = (A_i \cap A_n)$.

Similarly, let $B_{n-1,k} = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots \leq n-1} |B_{i_1} \cap B_{i_2} \dots \cap B_{i_k}|$, which denotes the sum of all the possible k -wise intersections in $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-1}\}$.

(1) now becomes

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} A_{n-1,k} + |A_n| - |(\cup_{i=1}^{i=n-1} B_i)| \tag{2}$$

Similarly, it holds:

$$|B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_{n-1}| = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} B_{n-1,k} \tag{3}$$

(2) now becomes

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} A_{n-1,k} + |A_n| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k B_{n-1,k} \quad (4)$$

In addition,

$$|A_n| = (-1)^{1+1} |A_n| \quad (5)$$

Thus,

$$|A_n| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k B_{n-1,k} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} A_{n,k} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} A_{n-1,k} \quad (6)$$

Then equation(4) finally becomes: $\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} A_{n,k}$

2. proof not using induction on n

First, let $A = |A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1}|$.

Function $P_S(x)$ defined as if set S includes element x , then $P_S(x) = 1$, else $P_S(x) = 0$.

(1) If $P_A(x) = 1$, there must exist an i that $P_{A_i}(x) = 1$. In this way:
 $(P_A(x) - P_{A_1}(x))(P_A(x) - P_{A_2}(x)) \dots (P_A(x) - P_{A_n}(x)) = 0$

(2) According to the properities of set, $P_{A_i}(x)P_{A_j}(x) = P_{A_i \cap A_j}(x)$.

(3) Let $P_{n,k}$ denotes $P_{A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \dots \cap A_{i_k}} (1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots \leq n)$.

Then decompose the first equation, we can have:

$$P_A(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n P_{n,k}$$

which can be demonstrated as:

$$|A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} A_{n,k}$$

3 Feasible Intersection Patterns

3.1

Exercise 3.1.

Find sets $A_1; A_2; A_3; A_4$ such that all pairwise intersections have size 3 and all three-wise intersections have size 1.

Formally, 1. $|A_i \cap A_j| = 3$ for all $i, j \in \binom{[4]}{2}$, 2. $|A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| = 1$ for all $\{i, j, k\} \in \binom{[4]}{3}$.

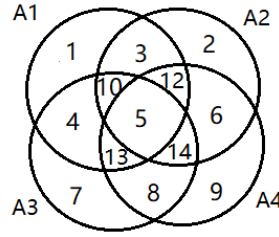


Figure 2: Area Diagram

Proof. As is shown in figure 2. From $|A_i \cap A_j| = 3$ for all $i, j \in \binom{[4]}{2}$.

We can infer that $\text{Domain}\{3, 10, 12, 5\}, \{4, 5, 10, 13\}, \{5, 6, 12, 14\}, \{5, 8, 13, 14\}$ has each 3 elements.

From $|A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| = 1$ for all $\{i, j, k\} \in \binom{[4]}{3}$

We can infer that $\text{Domain}\{5, 10\}, \{5, 12\}, \{5, 13\}, \{5, 14\}$ has each 1 elements. $\{5, 8, 13, 14\}$ have 3 elements, and $\{5, 13\}, \{5, 14\}$ has each 1 element. For one thing, $\text{Domain}\{8\}\{13\}\{14\}$ is empty and $\text{Domain } 5$ has one element. Then it is obvious that there is 1 in $\{5\}$, 0 in $\{10\}\{12\}\{13\}\{14\}$, 2 in $\{3\}\{4\}\{6\}\{8\}$, and arbitrary number in $\{1\}\{2\}\{7\}\{8\}$.

As it is shown in the left figure in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Distribution

For another thing, $\text{Domain}\{5\}$ has no element.
And then $\text{Domain}\{10\}\{12\}\{13\}\{14\}\{3\}\{4\}\{6\}\{8\}$ has each 1 element.
It is shown in the right one in Figure 3. \square

Exercise 3.2.

In the spirit of the previous questions, let us call a sequence $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0$ feasible if there are sets A_1, \dots, A_n such that all k -wise intersections have size a_k . That is, $|A_i| = a_1$ for all i , $|A_i \cap A_j| = a_2$ for all $i \neq j$ and so on. The previous exercise would thus state that $(5, 3, 1, 0)$ is not feasible, but $(6, 3, 1, 0)$ is, as one solution of Exercise 3.1 shows.

Proof. Because $|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| = 0$.

It is the same as the second situation.

From picture 3 in 3.1 we can know that there are at least 6 elements in A_i .
So $(5, 3, 1, 0)$ is not feasible. \square

Exercise 3.3.

Suppose I give you a sequence (a_1, \dots, a_n) . Find a way to determine whether such a sequence is feasible or not.

Proof. Given A_1, \dots, A_n $I \subseteq 1, \dots, n$ define $A_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$.

Given B_1, \dots, B_n $I \subseteq 1, \dots, n$ define $B_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \bigcup_{j \notin A_i}$.

Use A_1, A_2, A_3 as an example, draw the picture below.

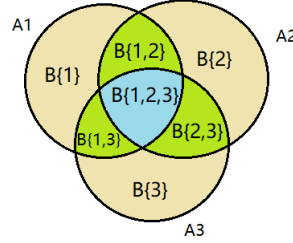


Figure 4: Example

Obviously, iff for every $i, B_i \geq 0$, the B-table is feasible.

For given (a_1, \dots, a_n) , $A_1 = a_1, A_i, j(i \neq j)a_2, \dots, A_i, 2, \dots, n = a_n$.

Besides, for all $i, j(i \neq j), i, j, \dots, k(i, j, \dots, k \text{ are different})$ A has the same value.

So we can infer that $A_i = A \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j$. $A_1, \dots, A_n = a_1, \dots, a_n$.

So iff $A_i = A \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j$, the sequence is feasible. \square

4 third part

Exercise 4.1.

Given A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n and $I \subseteq [n]$, I is not empty. define $B_I = (\cap_{i \in I} A_i) \setminus (\cup_{j \notin I} A_j)$. That is the elements that are in every $A_i, i \in I$ but in no other $A_j, j \in [n]$

1. Solve 3.3". Given a B-table, how to determine whether it is feasible.
2. Given a feasible B-table, how to compute A-table.
2. Given an A-table, find a way to compute the B-table. and then apply 1.