

10.208 Combinatorics

Find the number of positive integers not exceeding 2,310 that are either the square or the cube of an integer.

Hint: use the subtraction rule, also known as the principle of inclusion-exclusion.

Let A be the set of all positive integers not exceeding 2,310

And A_1 : the set of all positive integers, perfect square and not exceeding 2,310

And A_2 : the set of all positive integers, perfect cube and not exceeding 2,310

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2309, 2310\} \rightarrow 2310 \text{ numbers}$$

$$A_1 = \{1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots, 47^2, 48^2\} \rightarrow 48 \text{ numbers}$$

$$A_2 = \{1^3, 2^3, 3^3, \dots, 12^3, 13^3\} \rightarrow 13 \text{ numbers}$$

$$A_1 \cap A_2 = \{1, 2^6, 3^6\} \Rightarrow A_1 \cup A_2 = 48 + 13 - 3 = 58 \text{ elements.}$$