# COUNTING

DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

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DISCRETE STRUCTURES FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE: COUNTING, RECURSION, AND PROBABILITY

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#### Product Rule Revisited

#### Last class we discussed Product Rule:

- There is something we wish to count
- Break it down into a sequence of tasks
- $^{\circ}$  How I accomplish tasks 0...i has no effect on the number of ways I can do task i+1
- Then I can count the number of ways to do each task and multiply them

#### Product Rule Revisited

#### We also talked about Bijections:

- There is something we wish to count, a set A
- $\circ$  There is something that we have already counted that seems similar, a set B
- We can show that there is a way to map each element from A to an element in B
- $\circ$  We can show that there is a way to map each element from B to an element in A
- Then there is a bijection between A and B, which means that A and B are the same size.

#### Product Rule Revisited

Strings of length 75 – each character is an Upper Case letter or a digit

Procedure – write each character from left to right

- We have 26 letters plus 10 digits
- Task 1 = choose from 36 choices for first character
- Task 2 = choose from 36 choices for second character
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- Task 75 = choose from 36 choices for 75<sup>th</sup> character
- $\circ = 36^{75}$

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#### Ideas?

- count all strings with 1 digits incidentally, how do we count all strings with 1 digit?
- add all strings with 2 digits can we count all these strings? What is the procedure?
- add all strings with 3 digits
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75 different calculations ...easy for a computer, not for a person

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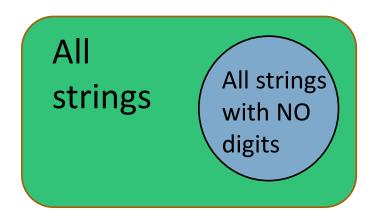
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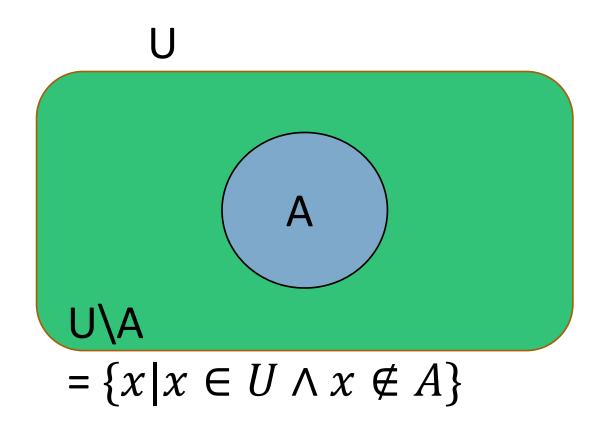
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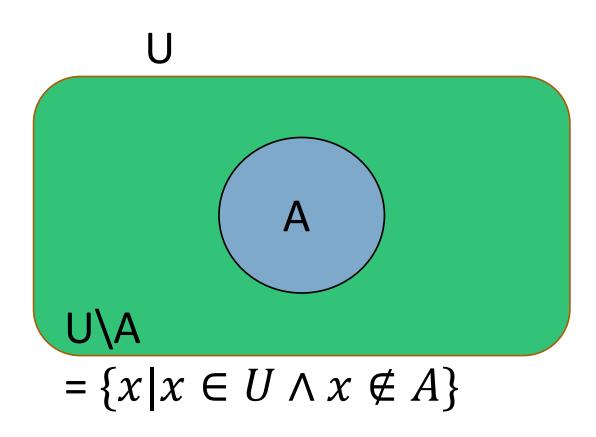
- Count number of strings with no restrictions =  $36^{75}$  subtract all strings with NO digits =  $26^{75}$
- All strings with at least one digit =  $36^{75} 26^{75}$
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- If we want to find |A| but it is too difficult, then we can substitute:
- $|A| = |U| |U \setminus A|$
- In this example U = all strings with either a digit or upper case letter
- U/A = all strings with no digits
- A = all strings with at least one digit

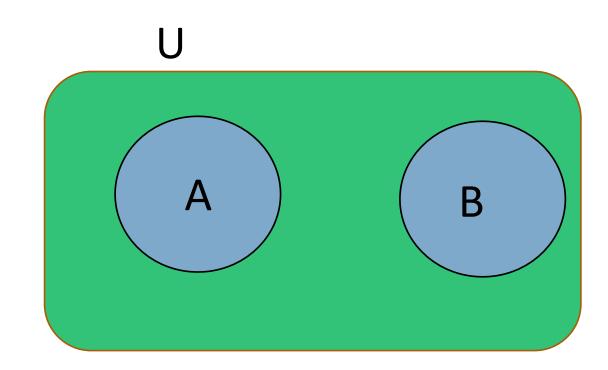


- Complement Rule
- $|A| = |U| |U \setminus A|$
- Can be used if we do not know how to count A, or if counting A directly is too painstaking
- but |U| is easy to determine and |U\A| is easy to determine



#### Sum Rule

- If A and B are disjoint then
- $\bullet |A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
- Find all strings of length 75 or 76
- There are no strings that have length 75
   and length 76
  - thus these sets are pairwise disjoint



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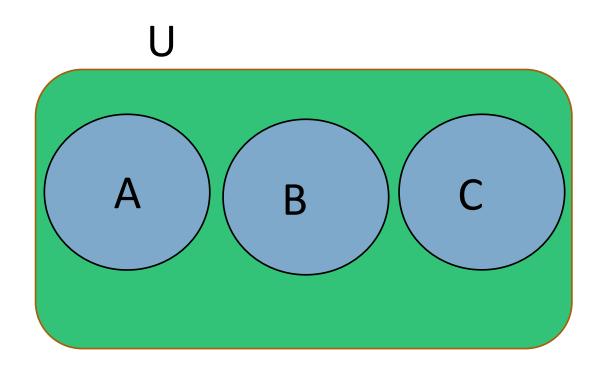
- If A and B and C are disjoint then
- $|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C|$
- Example: Find all strings of length 75 or 76 or 77
   with digits or Upper Case letters and ≥ 1 digit

$$|A| = (36^{75} - 26^{75})$$

$$|B| = (36^{76} - 26^{76})$$

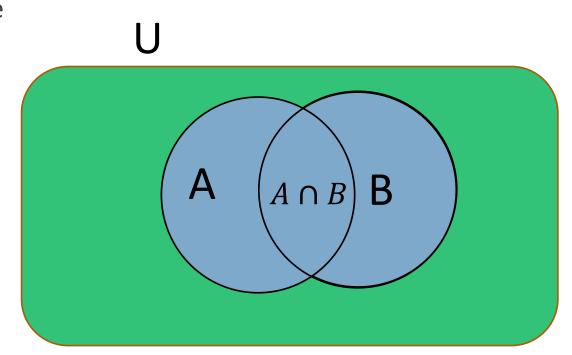
$$|C| = (36^{77} - 26^{77})$$

•  $|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C|$ =  $(36^{75} - 26^{75}) + (36^{76} - 26^{76}) + (36^{77} - 26^{77})$ 

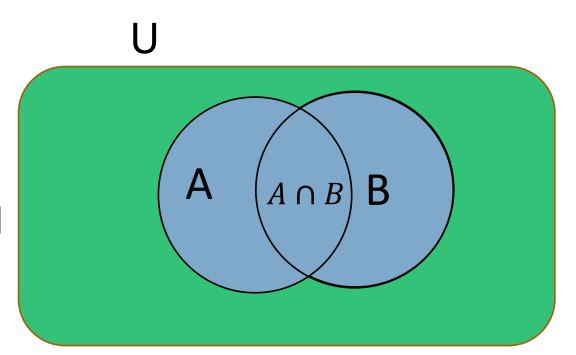


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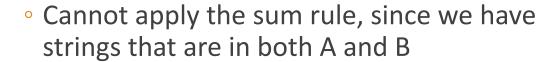


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- Start with:
- ${}^{\circ}|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
- But we have counted the elements in  $|A \cap B|$  twice.
- Subtract it once to get the correct counting

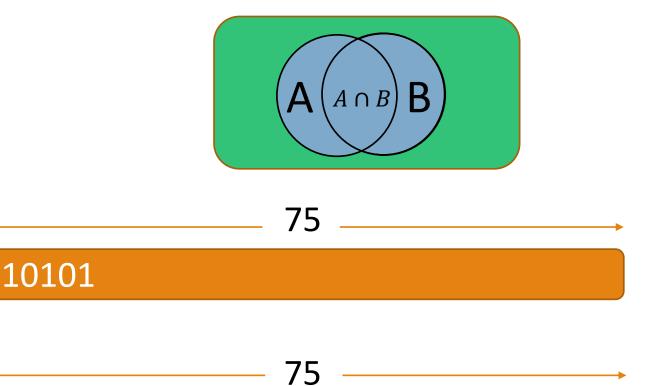


$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

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  - start with 10101 set A
  - or end with 1100 set B



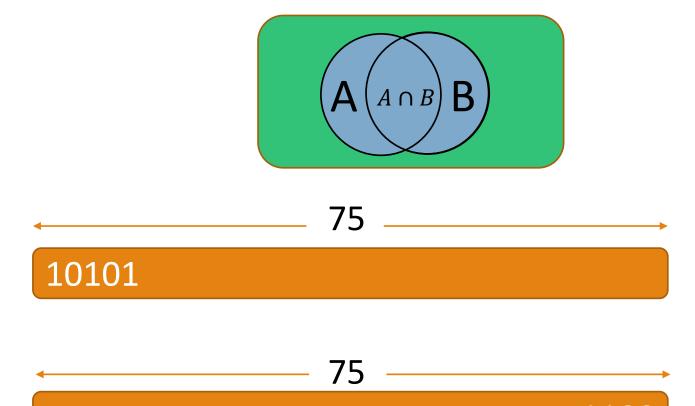
- Apply inclusion/exclusion:
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- A has first 5 bits fixed so:

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- B has last 4 bits fixed so:
- $|B| = 2^{75-4} = 2^{71}$
- $A \cap B$  has 9 bits fixed so
- $|A \cap B| = 2^{75-9} = 2^{66}$



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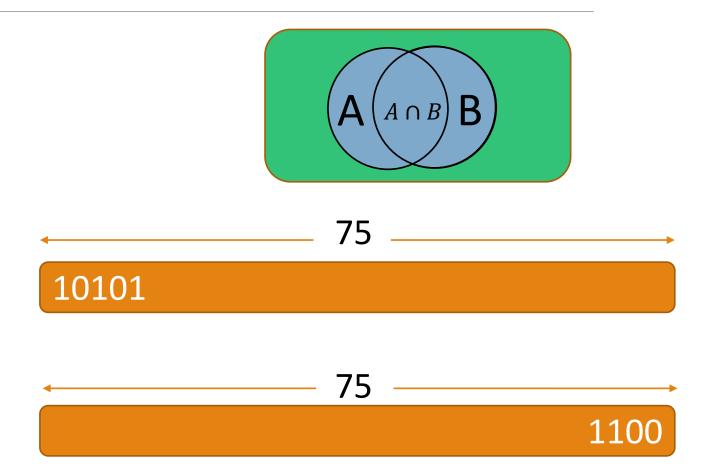
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• Thus:

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

$$|A \cup B| = 2^{70} + 2^{71} - 2^{66}$$



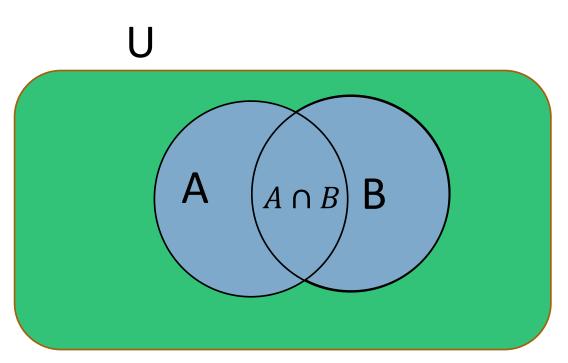
- Inclusion Exclusion still applies if A and B are disjoint
- However it means that  $|A \cap B| = 0$

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

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

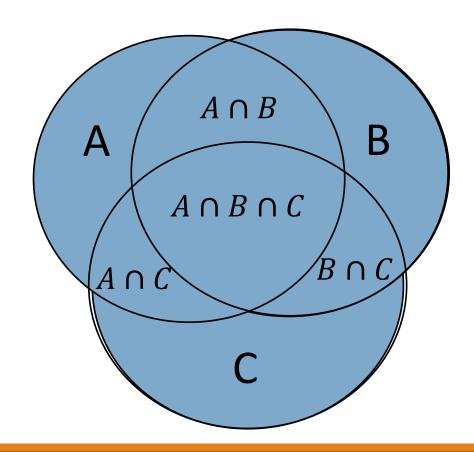
Which is the sum rule



- With 3 sets:
- If we count |A| + |B| + |C| what have we counted?
- $|A \cap B|$  twice once with |A| and once with |B|
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- $|A \cap B \cap C|$  three times with |A|, with |B|, and with |C|

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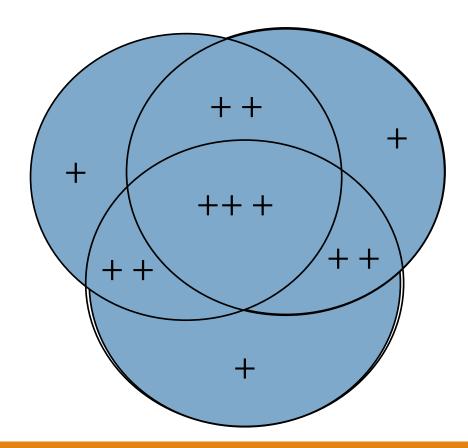
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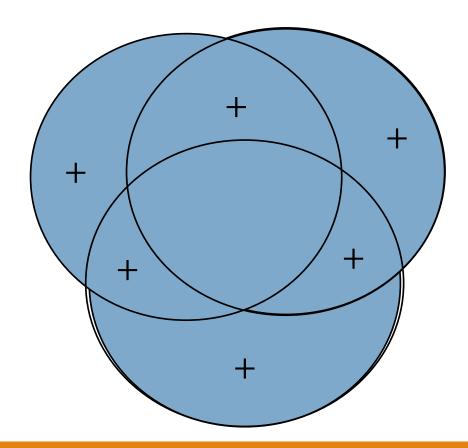
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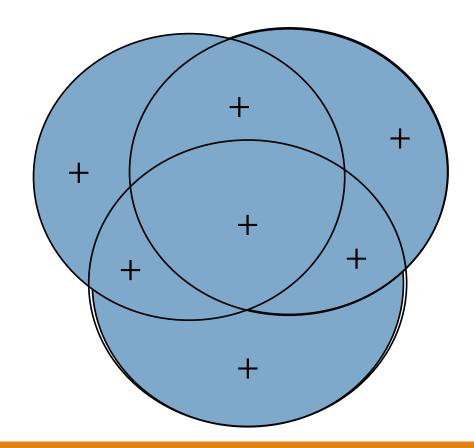
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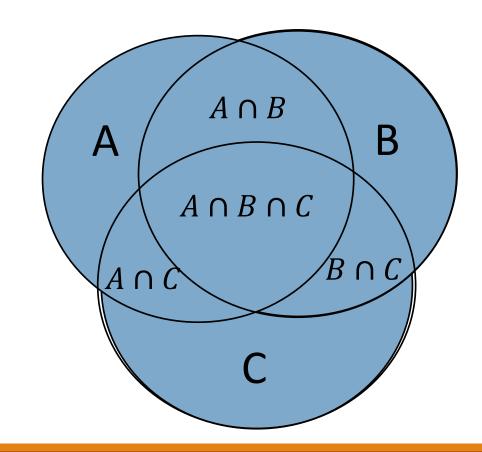
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- We've subtracted  $|A \cap B \cap C|$  three times
- Since |A| + |B| + |C| counts  $|A \cap B \cap C|$  three times, and we've subtracted it three times, now we have not counted it at all. So add it back in:
- $|A \cap B \cap C| = |A| + |B| + |C| |A \cap B| |B \cap C| |A \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$



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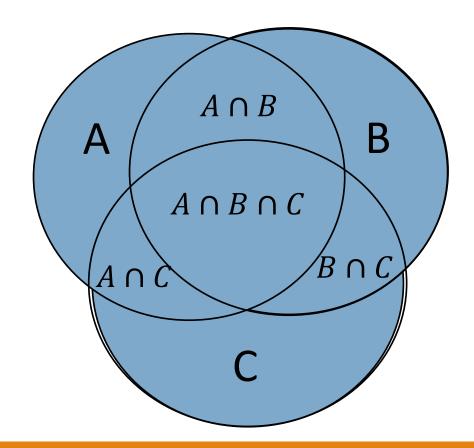
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Can be done with 4 sets:

$$|A| + |B| + |C| + |D| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - |A \cap C| - |A \cap C| - |A \cap D| - |C \cap D| + |A \cap B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C \cap D| + |A \cap C \cap D| + |B \cap C \cap D| - |A \cap B \cap C \cap D|$$

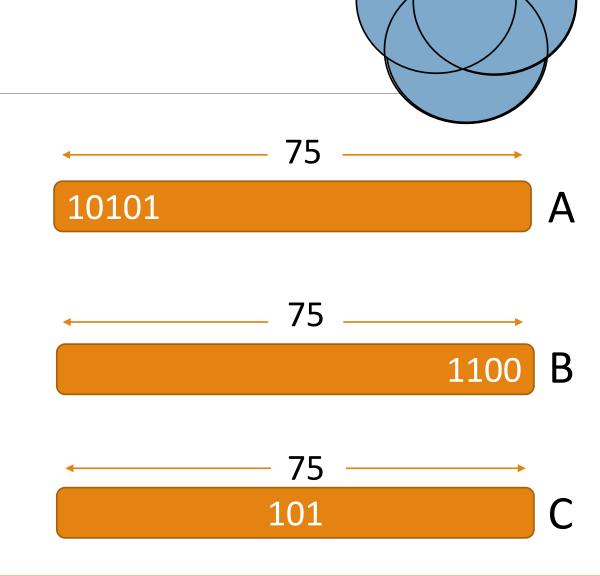
- Can be done for any number of sets, alternating including and excluding
- In this course we will only go up to 3 sets



- bitstrings of length 75
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  - or have 101 at 36,37,38 set C

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

$$= 2^{70} + 2^{71} + 2^{72} -2^{66} - 2^{67} - 2^{68} +2^{63}$$



Permutation of a set S: an ordered sequence where each element of S appears exactly once

Example: for a set  $S = \{a, b, c\}$  the permutations are:

abc, acb, bac, bca, cab, cba

For |S| = n, we can count the number of permutations using the product rule.

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Task 1: n choices for the 1<sup>st</sup> location
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Task 2: n-1 choices for the 2<sup>nd</sup> location

Task 3: n-2 choices for the 3<sup>rd</sup> location

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Task n-1: 2 choices

Task *n*: 1 choice

Number of choices for each element of the sequence:

n n-1 n-2 n-3 ... 3 2 1

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Number of permutations for a set S, |S| = n are:

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
= n!

Number of permutations for a set S, |S| = n is n!



Another way to say this is that the number of distinct **sequences** of n elements is n!

n n-1 n-2 n-3 ... 3 2 1

Note this is very similar to the technique we used to count 1-to-1 functions.

Consider a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , where |A| = |B| = n.

n! is the number of bijective functions for sets of size n.

$$S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

How many subsets of size 3?

(These are sets, so their order does NOT matter)

All subsets of size 3 that contain a are:

 ${a,b,c}$  ${a,b,d}$  ${a,b,e}$ 

 $\{a, c, d\}$ 

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All subsets of size 3 that do not contain a are:

{b, c, d} {b, c, e} {b, d e} {c, d, e} 10 subsets total.

What if we had a set of size 1 000 000?

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For a set S, |S| = n, what is:

$$\binom{n}{1} = ?$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = ?$$

$$\binom{n}{0} = ?$$

What is:

$$\binom{75}{77} = ?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = ?$$

What is:

$$\binom{75}{77} = 0$$

$$\binom{0}{0} = 1$$

What is a general formula for  $\binom{n}{k}$ ? Our claim is:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

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$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!}$$

$$= \frac{5!}{3! (2)!} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (1 \cdot 2)}$$

$$=\frac{4\cdot 5}{2}=10$$

We will prove this.