

COUNTING

DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

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

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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
- ...
- Task 75 = choose from 36 choices for 75th character
- = 36^{75}

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75 different calculations
...easy for a computer, not
for a person

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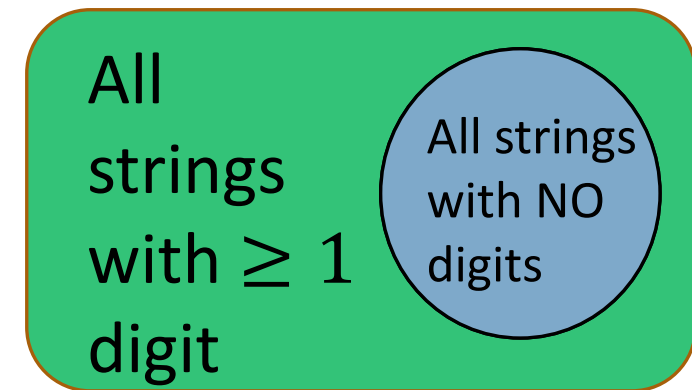
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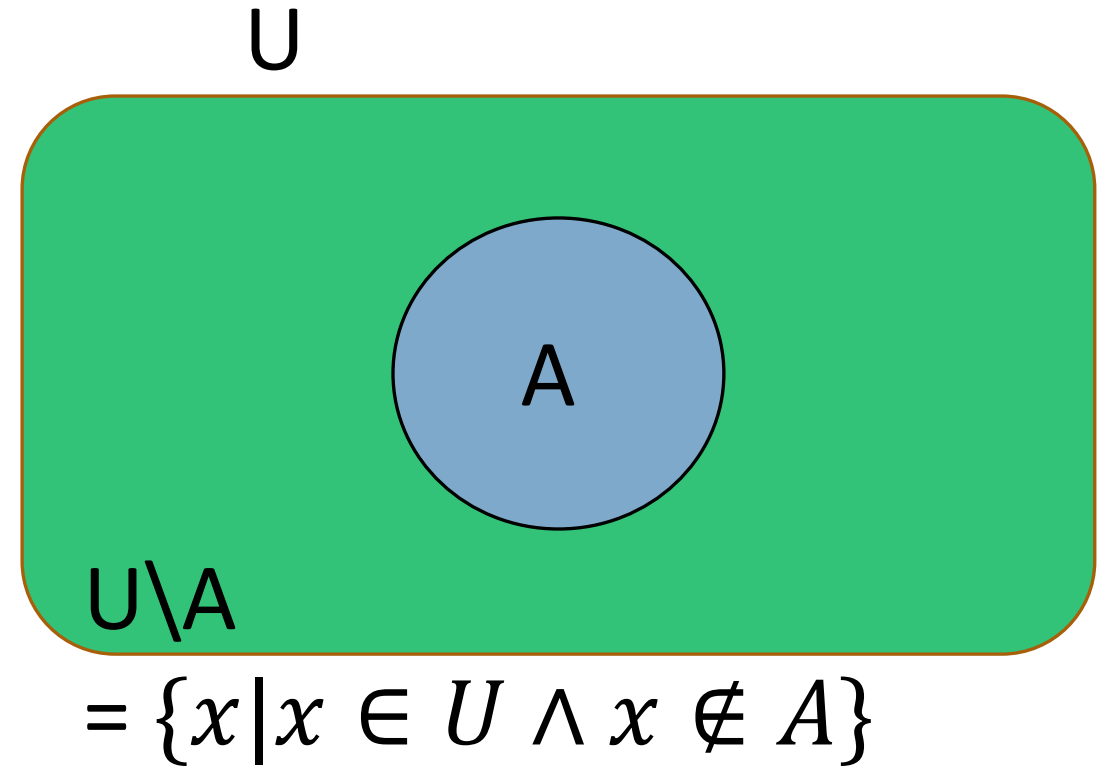
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- Count number of strings with no restrictions = 36^{75} subtract all strings with NO digits = 26^{75}
- All strings with at least one digit = $36^{75} - 26^{75}$
- Known as the **Complement Rule**



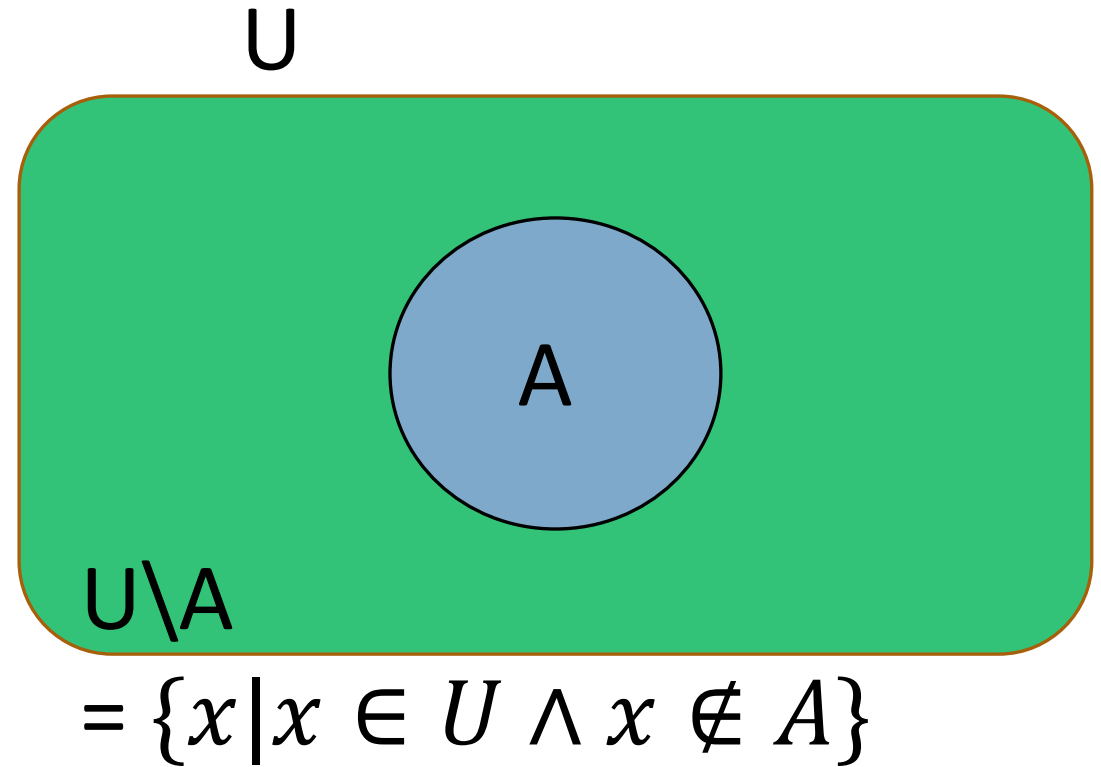
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- Known as the Complement Rule
- If we want to find $|A|$ but it is too difficult, then we can substitute:
- $|A| = |U| - |U \setminus A|$
- In this example U = all strings with either a digit or upper case letter
- $U \setminus A$ = all strings with no digits
- A = all strings with at least one digit



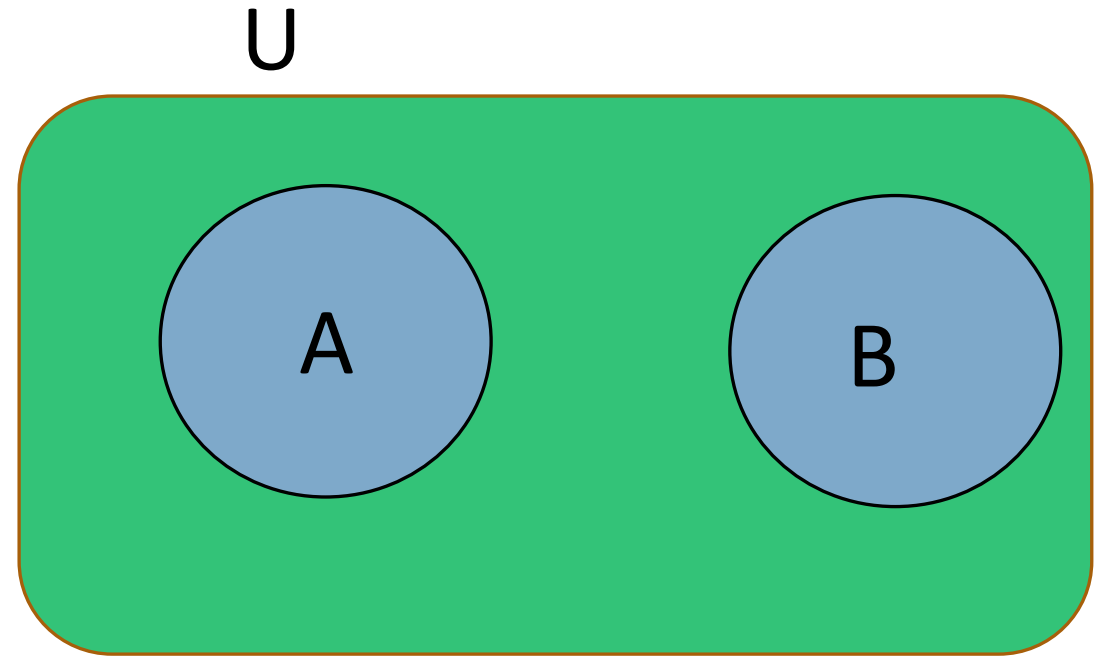
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- Complement Rule
- $|A| = |U| - |U \setminus A|$
- Can be used if we do not know how to count A , or if counting A directly is too painstaking
- but $|U|$ is easy to determine and $|U \setminus A|$ is easy to determine



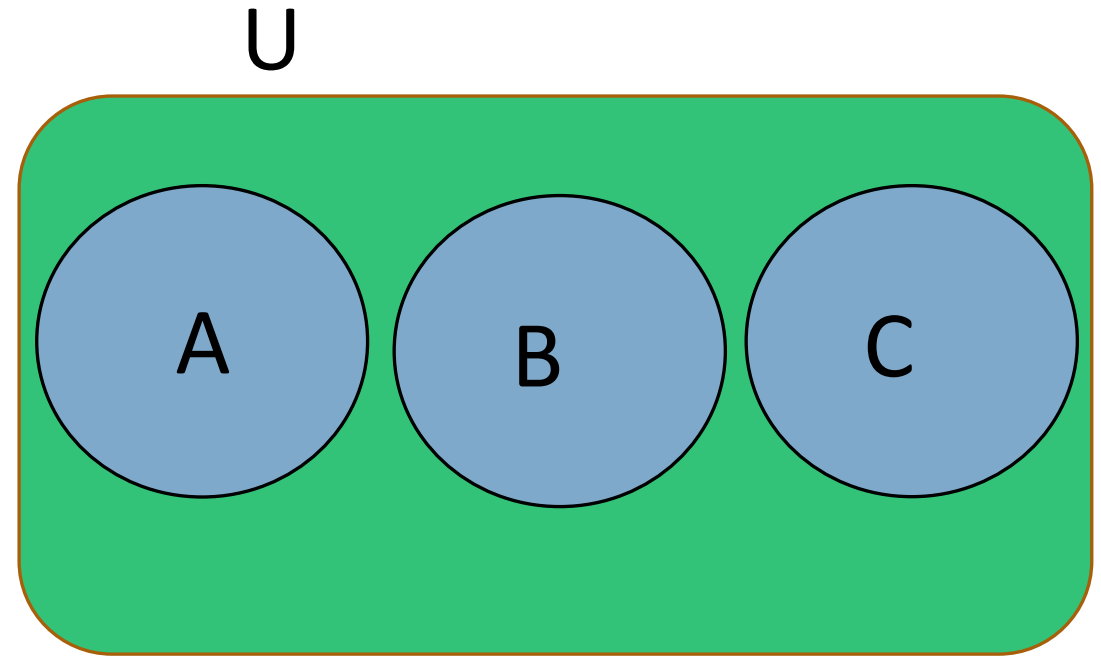
Sum Rule

- If A and B are disjoint then
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
- 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



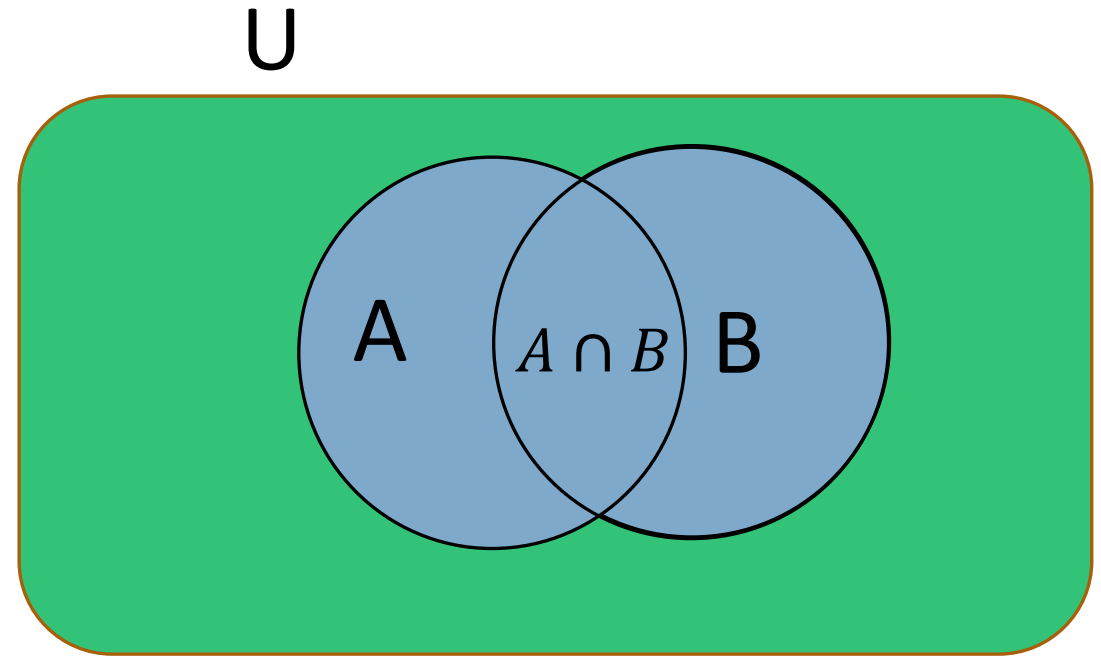
Sum Rule

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



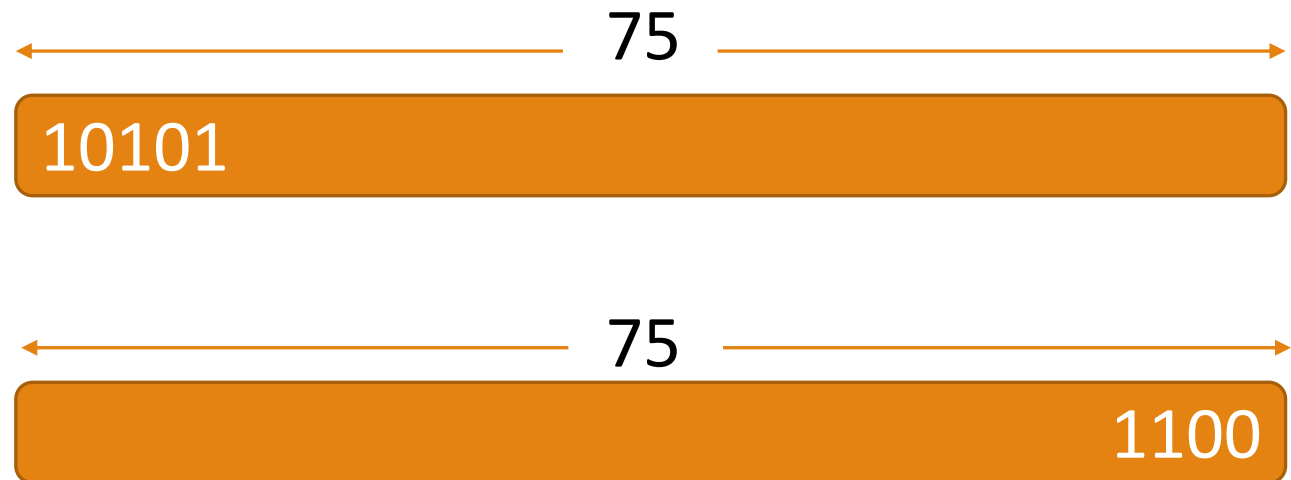
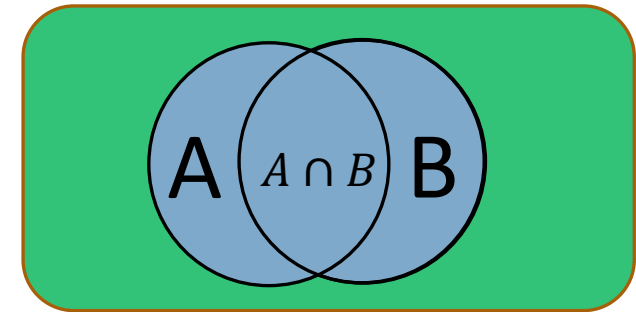
Inclusion - Exclusion

- What if A and B are NOT disjoint? How do we determine $|A \cup B|$?
- Start with:
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
- But we have counted the elements in $|A \cap B|$ twice.
- Subtract it once to get the correct counting
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$



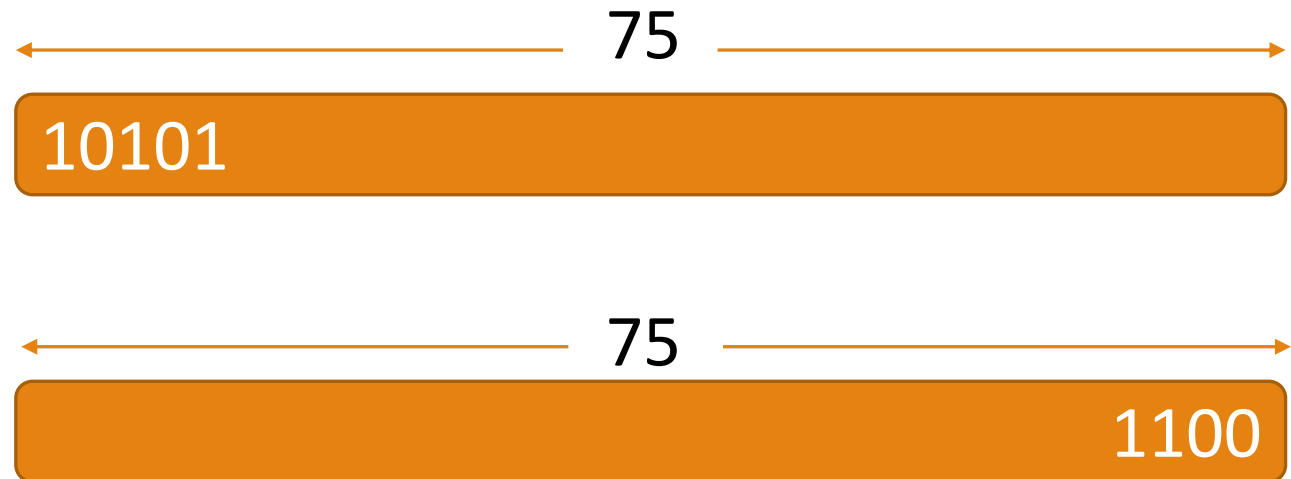
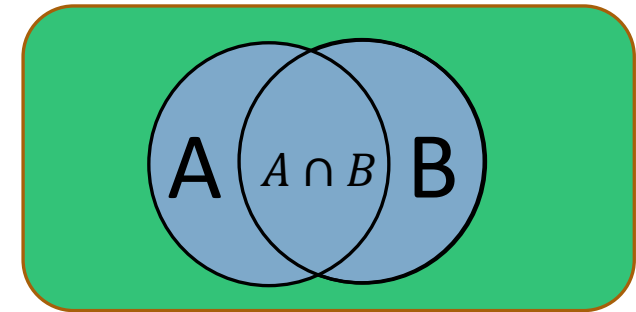
Inclusion - Exclusion

- bitstrings of length 75
 - start with 10101 – set A
 - or end with 1100 – set B
- Cannot apply the sum rule, since we have strings that are in both A and B
- Apply inclusion/exclusion:
 - $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$
- Start by determining A and B individually



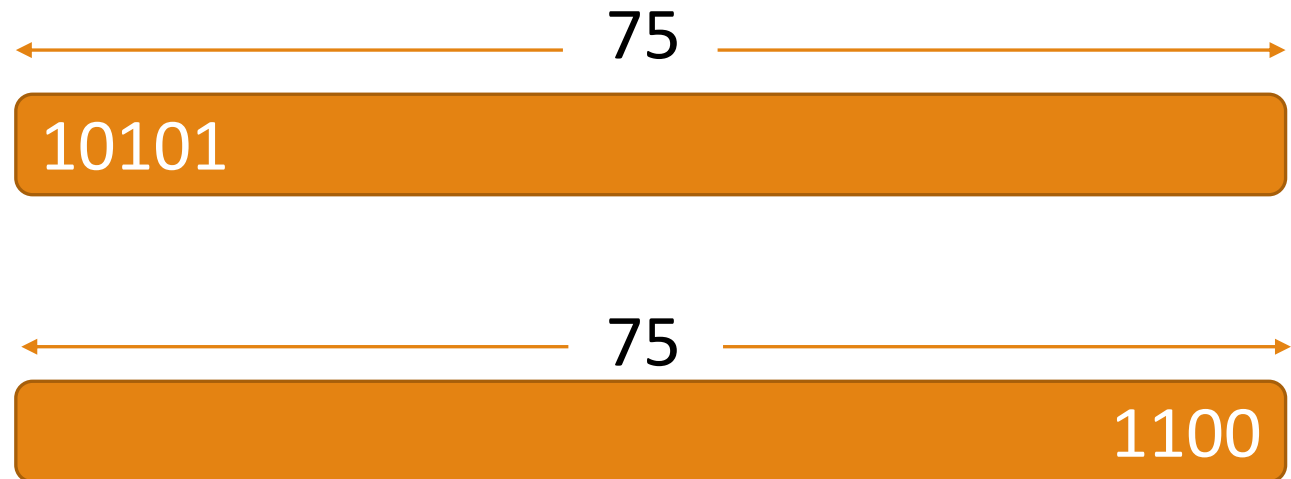
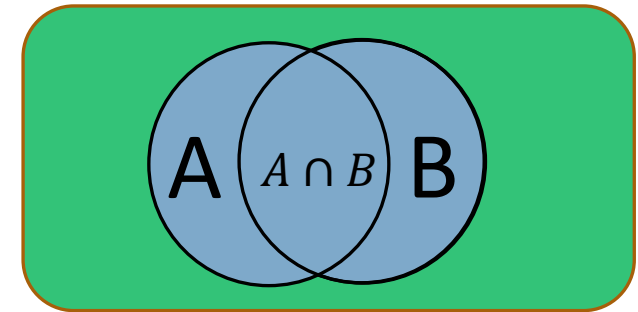
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- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$
- Start by determining A and B individually
- A has first 5 bits fixed so:
 - $|A| = 2^{75-5} = 2^{70}$
- B has last 4 bits fixed so:
 - $|B| = 2^{75-4} = 2^{71}$
- $A \cap B$ has 9 bits fixed so
 - $|A \cap B| = 2^{75-9} = 2^{66}$



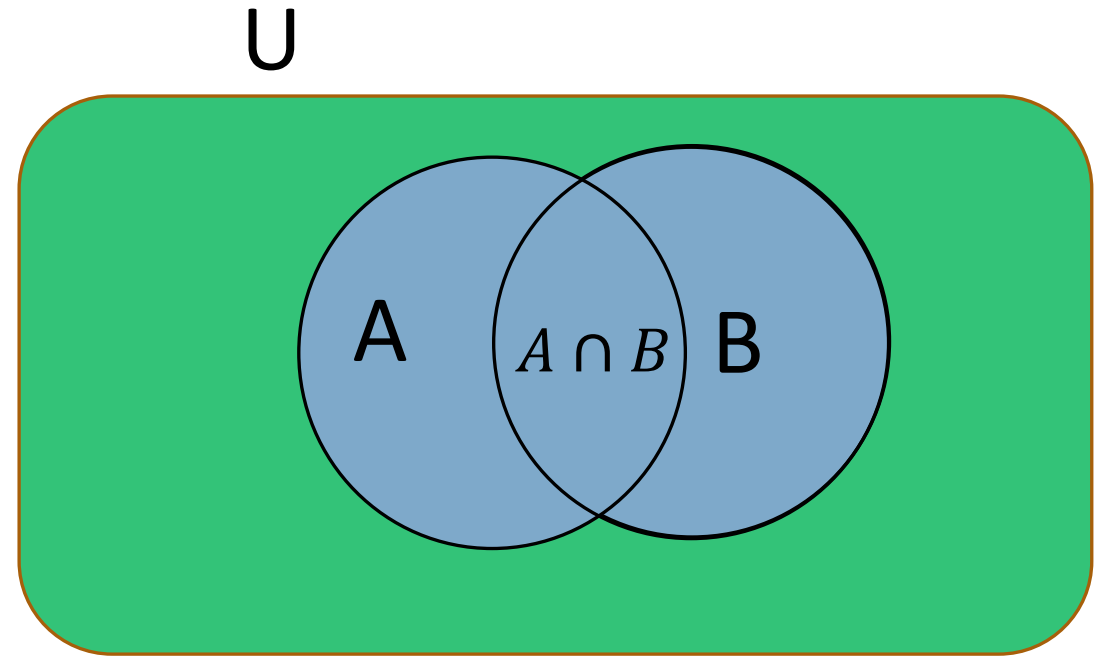
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- Thus:
 - $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$
 - $|A \cup B| = 2^{70} + 2^{71} - 2^{66}$



Inclusion - Exclusion

- Inclusion - Exclusion still applies if A and B are disjoint
- However it means that $|A \cap B| = 0$
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - 0$
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
- Which is the sum rule

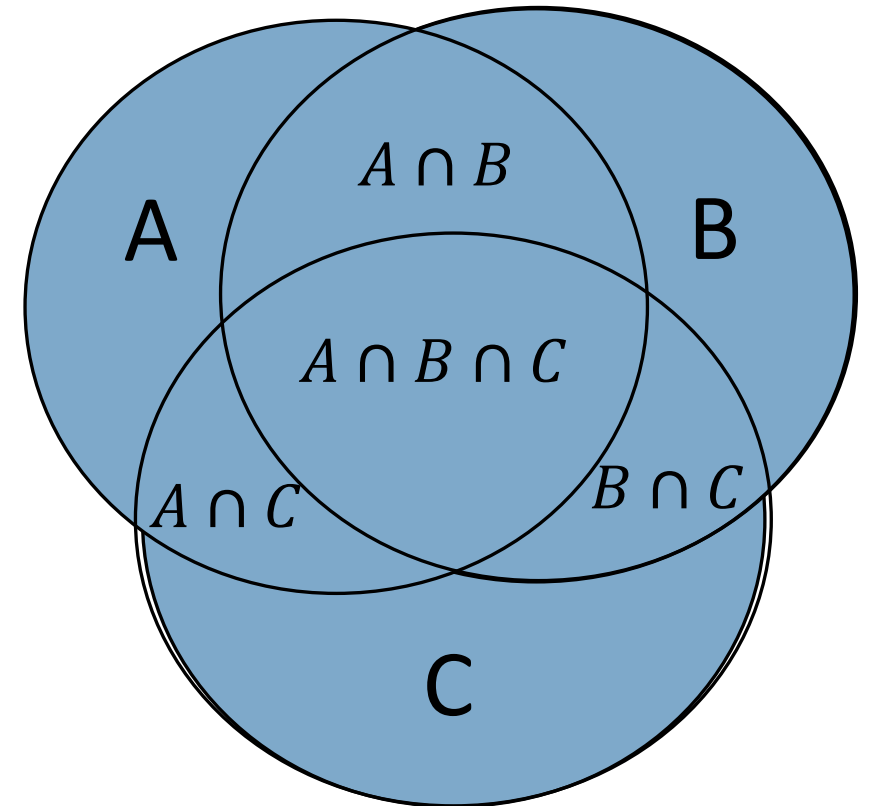


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- $|B \cap C|$ twice – once with $|B|$ and once with $|C|$
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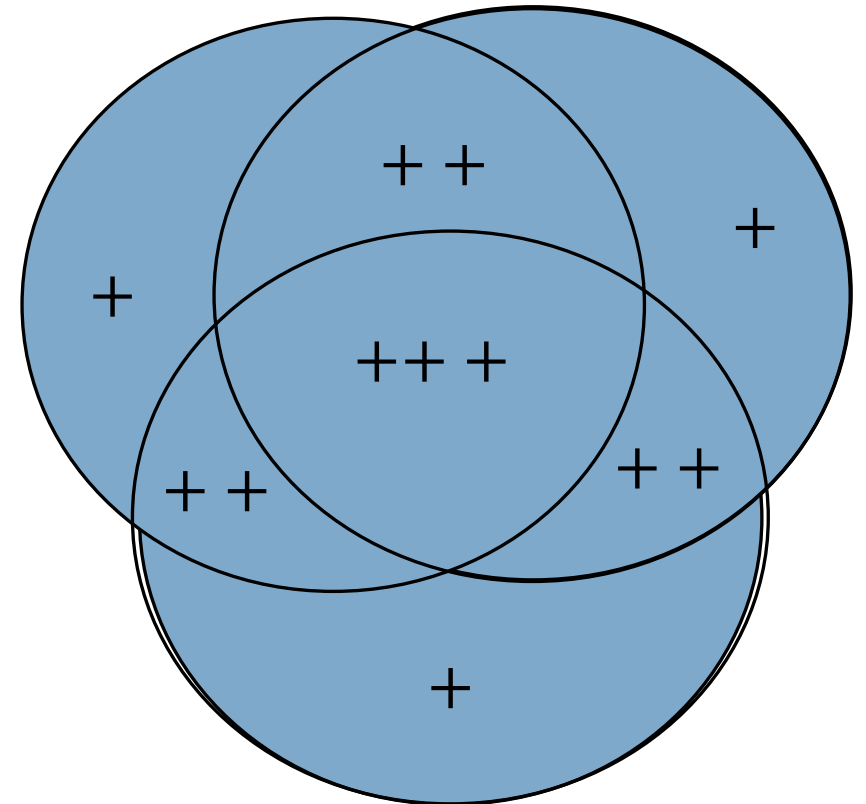


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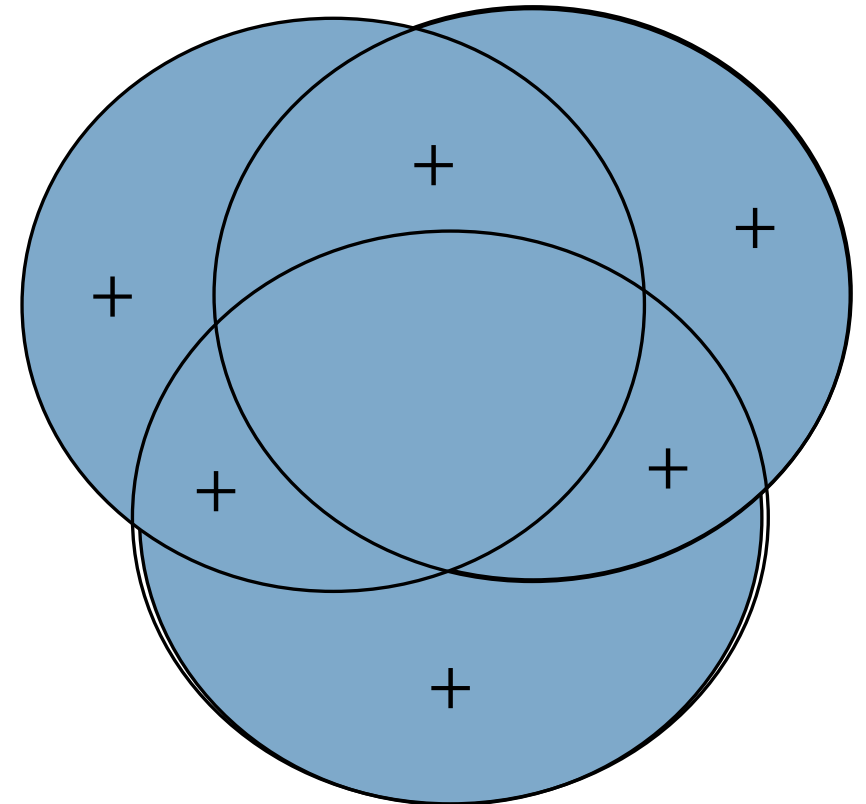


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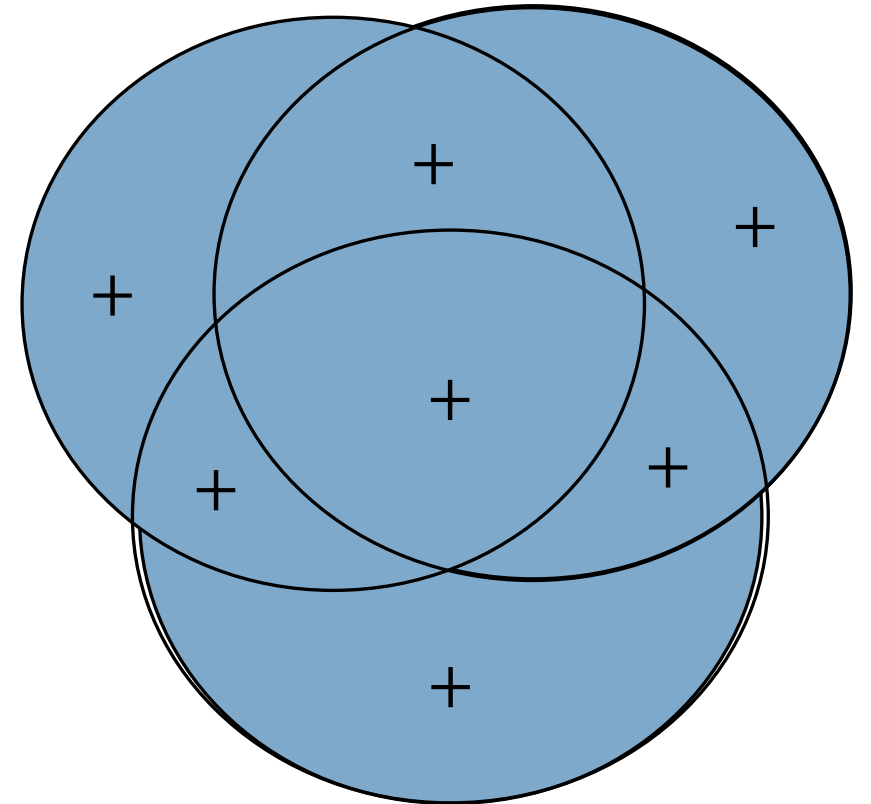
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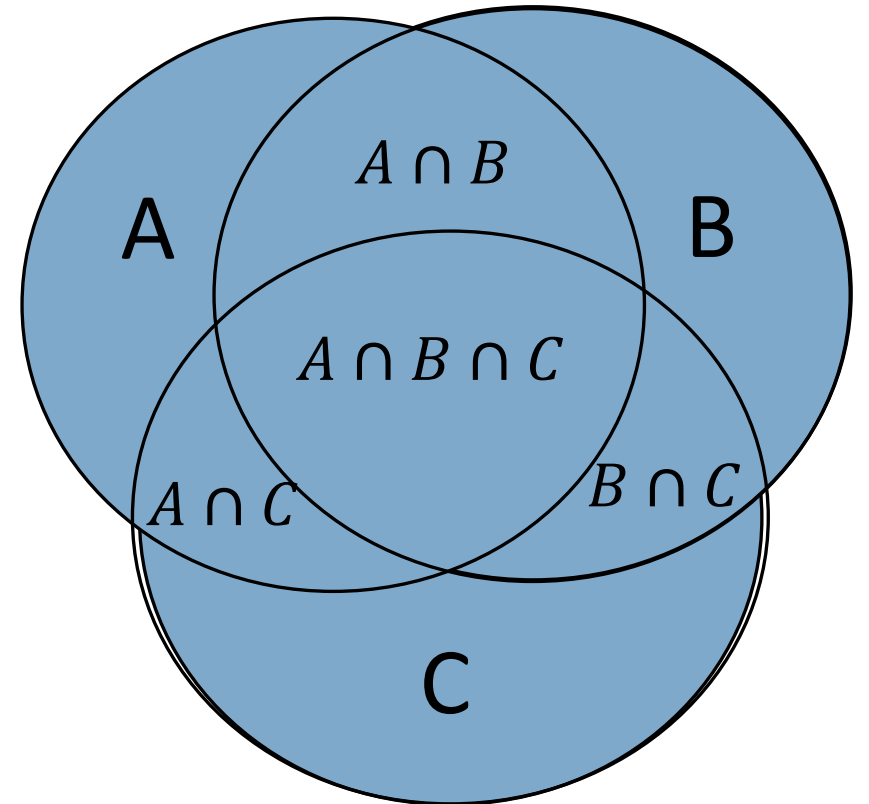
- We've subtracted $|A \cap B \cap C|$ three times
- Since $|A| + |B| + |C|$ counts $|A \cap B \cap C|$ three times, and we've subtracted it three times, now we have not counted it at all. So add it back in:
- $|A \cap B \cap C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - |A \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap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



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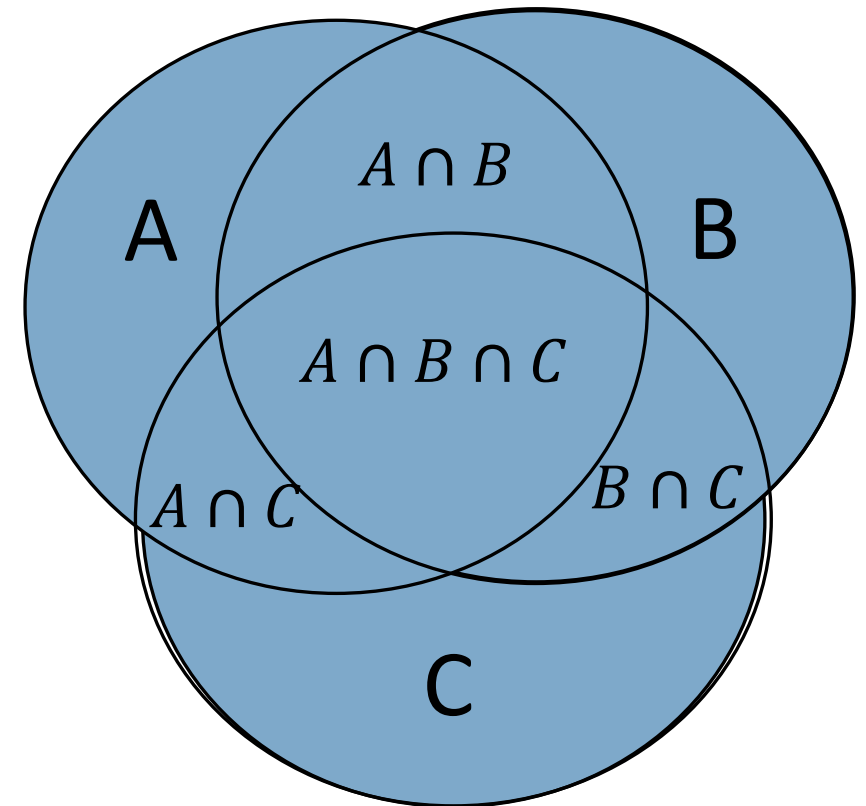


Inclusion - Exclusion

Can be done with 4 sets:

$$\begin{aligned} &|A| + |B| + |C| + |D| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - \\ &|A \cap C| - |A \cap D| - |B \cap D| - |C \cap D| + \\ &|A \cap B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap D| + |A \cap C \cap D| + \\ &|B \cap C \cap D| - |A \cap B \cap C \cap D| \end{aligned}$$

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

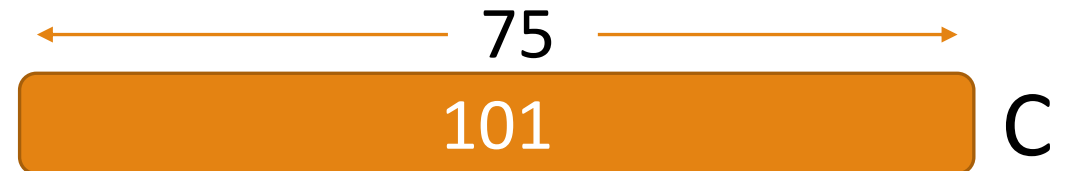
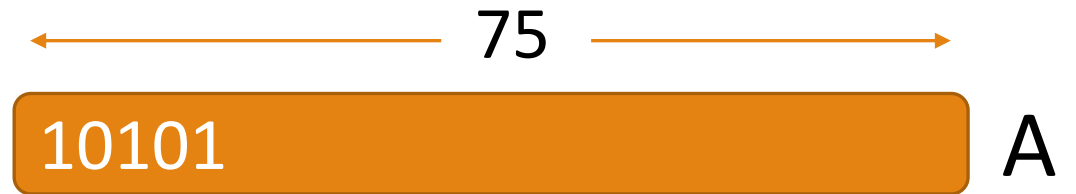
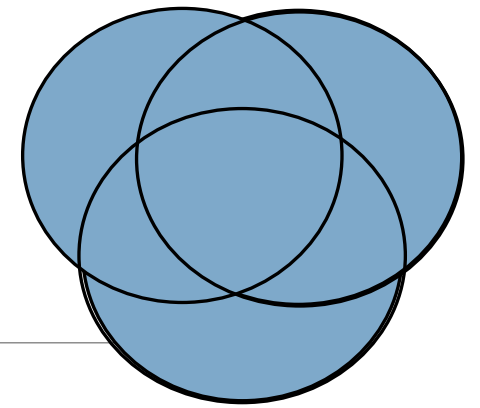


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 - or have 101 at 36,37,38 – set C

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



Permutations of a Finite Set S

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 2: $n - 1$ choices for the 2nd location

Task 3: $n - 2$ choices for the 3rd location

...

Task $n - 1$: 2 choices

Task n : 1 choice

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$$\begin{aligned} & n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ &= n! \end{aligned}$$

Permutation of a Finite Set S

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 $n!$

Subsets of Set S

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

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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$\{a, d, e\}$

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:

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

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

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

Subsets of Set S

What is:

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

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

Subsets of Set S

What is:

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

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

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

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

Subsets of Set S

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

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

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

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

We will prove this.