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# Discrete mathematics

## Assignment # 04

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## Question no.1

Prove by mathematical induction for any. For any induction. For any integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $x-y$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are two integers with  $x \neq y$

Solution:

1. Base Step:

For  $n=1$

$$x^1 - y^1 = x - y = x - y$$

which is clearly divisible by  $x-y$ , so the statement is true for  $n=1$

2. Inductive Step:

Suppose the statement is true for  $n=k$  i.e,

$x^k - y^k$  is divisible by  $x-y$  ... ①

we need to prove that  $x^{k+1} - y^{k+1}$  is divisible by  $x-y$

$$x^{k+1} - y^{k+1} = x^k \cdot x - y^k \cdot y$$

$$= x^k \cdot x - x y^k + x y^k - y^k \cdot y \quad (\text{introducing } x y^k)$$

$$= (x^k - y^k) \cdot x + y^k(x - y)$$

The first term on R.H.S is  $(x^k - y^k)$  is divisible by  $x-y$  by inductive hypothesis - ①

The second term containing a factor  $(x-y)$  so is also divisible by  $x-y$ .

Thus  $x^{k+1} - y^{k+1}$  is divisible by  $x-y$ . Hence by mathematical induction  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $x-y$  for any integer  $n \geq 1$ .

## (Question no. 2)

Prove by mathematical induction  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6, for each integer  $n \geq 2$

Solution:

1. Base step:

For  $n=2$

$$n^3 - n = 2^3 - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$$

which is clearly divisible by 6, since  $6 = 1 \cdot 6$   
Therefore, the given statement is true for  $n=2$

2. Inductive step:

Suppose that the statement is true for  $n=k$  i.e.,

$k^3 - k$  is divisible by 6,

Then

$$k^3 - k = 6 \cdot c_1 \quad \dots \quad (1) \text{ for some } c_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

We need to prove that

$(k+1)^3 - (k+1)$  is divisible by 6.

$$\text{Now } (k+1)^3 - (k+1) = (k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) - (k+1)$$

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$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k$$

$$= (k^3 - k) + (3k^2 + 2k + k)$$

$$= (k^3 - k) + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$= (k^3 - k) + 3(k^2 + k)$$

$$= 6q + 3(k^2 + k) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Since  $k$  is an integer, so  $k(k+1)$  being a product of two consecutive integers is an even number.

Let

$$k(k+1) = 2s \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Now eqn ② can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (k+1)^3 - (k+1) &= 6q + 3(2s) \\ &= 6q + 6s \\ &= 6(q+s) \quad q, s \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$  is divisible by 6.

Hence, by mathematical induction,  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6, for each integer  $n \geq 2$ .

### Question no. 3

Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3, whenever  $n$  is a positive integer.

#### Solution:

1. Base step:

For  $n=1$

$$n^3 - n = (1)^3 - 1 = 0$$

which is divisible by 3, since  $0 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Therefore the given statement is true for  $n=1$ .

## 2. Inductive step

Suppose that the statement is true for  $n=k$  i.e,

$k^3 - k$  is divisible by 3. for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Then

$$k^3 - k \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

We need to prove that  $(k+1)^3 - (k+1)$  is divisible by 3

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)^3 - (k+1) &= (k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) - (k+1) \\&= k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k \\&= (k^3 - k) + 3k^2 + 2k + k \\&= 3k^2 + 3(k^2 + k) \\&= 3(k^2 + k + 1)\end{aligned}$$

$(k+1)^3 - (k+1)$  is divisible by 3.

Hence by mathematical induction  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3, whenever  $n$  is a positive integer.

## Question no. 4

Use mathematical induction to prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2^n - 1$  is divisible by 3.

## Solution:

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let  $P(n) : 2^n - 1$  is divisible by 3.

1. Base step:

$P(1)$  is true

$$\text{Now } P(1) : 2^{2^0} - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

which is divisible by 3.

Hence  $P(1)$  is true.

2. Inductive step:

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true. That is  $2^k - 1$  is divisible by 3. Then there exists an integer  $q_1$  such that

$$2^k - 1 = 3q_1 \dots \quad (1)$$

To prove  $P(k+1)$  is true, that is  $2^{k+1} - 1$  is divisible by 3.

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2(k+1)} - 1 &= 2^{2k+2} - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \cdot 2^2 - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \cdot 4 - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k}(3+1) - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + (2^{2k} - 1) \\ &= 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + 3q_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3(2^k + q)$$

$2^{k+1} - 1$  is divisible by 3.

Accordingly, by mathematical induction,  $2^n - 1$  is divisible by 3, for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .

## Question no. 5

Use mathematical induction to show that the product of any two positive consecutive positive integers is divisible by 2.

### Solution:

Let  $n$  and  $n+1$  be two consecutive positive integers we need to prove that  $n(n+1)$  is divisible by 2.

#### 1. Base step:

For  $n=1$

$$n(n+1) = 1(1+1) = 1(2) = 2$$

which is divisible by 2

#### 2. Inductive step:

Suppose the given statement is true for  $n=k$  that is  $k(k+1)$  is divisible by 2, for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  we must show that

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)(k+1+1) &= (k+1)(k+2) \\&= k(k+1) + 2(k+1) \\&= 2q + 2(k+1) \\&= 2(q+k+1)\end{aligned}$$

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Hence  $(k+1)(k+2)$  is divisible by 2

Accordingly, by mathematical induction, the product of any two positive integers is divisible by 2.

## Question no. 6

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Use mathematical induction to prove that for all integers  $n \geq 3$ ,  $2^n + 1 < 2^n$

Solution:

1. Base step:

For  $n=3$ 

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2(3) + 1 = 6 + 1 = 7$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = 2^3 = 8$$

Since  $7 < 8$ , so the statement is true for  $n=3$

2. Inductive step:

Suppose that the statement is true for  $n=k$  i.e.,

$$2^k + 1 < 2^k \quad \dots \textcircled{1} \quad k \geq 3$$

We need to show that the statement is true for  $n=k+1$  i.e.

$$2^{(k+1)} + 1 < 2^{(k+1)} \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Consider the L.H.S of eq \textcircled{2}

$$= 2^{(k+1)} + 1$$

$$= 2^k + 2 + 1$$

$$= (2^k + 1) + 2$$

$$< 2^k + 2$$

$$< 2^k + 2^k$$

$$< 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$$

Thus,  $2(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$  proved

## Question no. 8

Solve all examples, discussed in online class

### Exercise 1

Compute each of the following

a,  $\frac{7!}{5!}$       b,  $(-2)!$       c,  $\frac{(n+1)!}{n!}$       d,  $\frac{(n-1)!}{(n+1)!}$

Solution:

a,  $\frac{7!}{5!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5!} = 7 \times 6 = 42$

b,  $(-2)!$  is not defined

c,  $\frac{(n+1)!}{n!} = \frac{(n+1) \cdot n!}{n!} = n+1$

d,  $\frac{(n-1)!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(n+1) \cdot n \cdot (n-1)!} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n^2+n}$

## Exercise 2

Write in terms of factorials

a,  $25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22$

b,  $n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)$

c,  $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (\delta-1)\delta}$

Solution:

a,  $25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22$

$$= \frac{25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22 \cdot 21!}{21!} = \frac{25!}{21!}$$

b,  $n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)(n-\delta)!}{(n-\delta)!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-\delta)!}$$

c,  $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (\delta-1)\delta}$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)}{\delta!(n-\delta)!}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\delta+1)(n-\delta)!}{\delta!(n-\delta)!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{\delta!(n-\delta)!}$$

## Exercise 3

How many possible outcomes are there when a fair coin is tossed three times.

Solution:

Each time a coin is tossed its outcome is either a head (H) or a tail (T).

Hence in successive tosses, H and T are repeated. Also the order in which they appear is important. Accordingly, the problem samples from a set of two elements H and T.  $[k=3, n=2]$

Hence number of samples

$$n^k \\ = 2^3 = 8$$

These 8 samples may be listed as

HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT

## Exercise 4

Suppose repetition of digits is permitted

Part A:

How many three digits can be formed from the six digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9

Given distinct elements =  $n = 6$

Digits can be chosen =  $k = 3$

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While forming numbers, order of digits is important. Also digits may be repeated. Hence this is a case of three samples from 6 elements.

$$\text{Number of 3 digit numbers} = n^k = 6^3 = 216$$

**Part B:**

How many of these numbers are less than 400?

From a given 6 digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, a three digit number would be less than 400 if and only if its first digit is either 2 or 3.

The next two digits positions may be filled with anyone of the six digits.

Hence by product rule there are

$$2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 72$$

three digit numbers less than 400.

**Part C:**

How many are even?

A number is an even if its right most digit is even. Thus a three digit number formed by the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 is even if its last digit is 2 or 4. Thus the right / last digit position may be filled in 2 ways only while each of the first two position may be filled in 6 ways.

Hence there are

$$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 = 72$$

3-digit even numbers

Part D:

How many are odd?

A number is odd if its right most digit is odd. Thus a three digit number is formed by the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9. It is odd if its last digit is one of 3, 5, 7 and 9. Thus, the last digit is filled by 4 ways, while each of the first two positions may be filled in 6 ways.

Hence there are ..

$$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 = 144$$

3 digit odd numbers.

Part E:

How many are multiples of 5?

A number is a multiple of 5 if its right most digit is either 0 or 5. Thus a digit number is formed by the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9. It is a multiple of 5 if its last digit is 5. Thus the position of last digit is filled in only one way, while each of the first two positions may be filled in 6 ways.

Hence there are ..

$$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 1 = 36$$

3-digit numbers that are  
multiple of 5.

## Exercise 5

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A box contains 10 different coloured light bulbs

Find the number of ordered sample of size 3  
with replacement.

Solution:

Numbers of light bulb =  $n = 10$

Bulbs can be drawn =  $k = 3$

Since, bulbs can be drawn with replacement, so repetition is allowed. Also while drawing a sample order of elements in the sample is important.

Hence number of sample size =  $3 = n^k$

$$\Rightarrow 10^3 = 1000$$

## Exercise 6

A multiple choice contains 10 questions;  
These are four possible answers for each question

Part A :

How many ways a student answers the question on the test if every question is answered?

Each question can be answered in 4 ways

Suppose answers are labeled as A, B, C, D.

Since Table A may be used as the answer of more than one question. So repetition is allowed. Also the order in which A,B,C,D are chosen as answers for 10 question is important. Hence this is one of the k-sample in which

$$n = \text{no. of distinct labels} = 4$$

$$k = \text{no. of labels selecting from answering} = 10$$

$$\text{No. of way to answer 10 question} = n^k$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{10} = 1048576$$

Part B:

How many way a student can answer the question on the test if the student can leave answers blank?

If the student can leave answers blank, then in addition, to the four answers, a fifth option to leave answers blank is possible. Hence in such case

$$n = 5$$

$$\text{and } k = 10 \text{ (as before)}$$

$$\text{No. of possible answers} = n^k$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{10} = 9765625$$

## Exercise 7

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How many 2-permutation are there of  $\{w, x, y, z\}$ ? Write them all.

Solution:

Number of 2-permutation of 4 elements is

$$P(4,2) = {}^4 P_2 = \frac{4!}{(4-2)!}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2!}{2!} = 4 \cdot 3 = 12$$

These 12 permutation are

- wx, wy, wz
- xw, xy, xz
- yw, yx, yz
- zw, zx, zy

## Exercise 8

Find

a,  $P(8,3)$     b,  $P(8,8)$     c,  $P(8,1)$     d,  $P(6,8)$

Solution:

$$P(8,3) = \frac{8!}{(8-3)!} = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = 336$$

$$P(8,8) = \frac{8!}{(8-8)!} = \frac{8!}{0!} = 8! = 40320$$

as  $0! = 1$

$$P(8,1) = \frac{8!}{(8-1)!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7!}{7!} = 8$$

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$P(6,8) \rightarrow$  is not defined, since the second integer cannot exceed the first integer

## Exercise 9

Find  $n$  if

Part A

$$P(n,2) = 72$$

Given  $P(n,2) = 72$

$n(n-1) = 72$  by using definition of permutation

$$n^2 - n = 72$$

$$n^2 - n - 72 = 0$$

$$n = 9 ; n = -8$$

Since  $n$  must be positive, so the only acceptable value of  $n = 9$ .

Part B

$$P(n,4) = 42 P(n,2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) = 42 n(n-1) \quad \therefore \text{definition of permutation}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-2)(n-3) = 42 \quad \text{if } n \neq 0; n \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 5n + 6 = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 5n - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-9)(n+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9 ; n = -4$$

Since  $n$  must be positive number

So  $n=9$ ;

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## Exercise 10

Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 3$

$$P(n+1, 3) - P(n, 3) = 3P(n, 2)$$

Solution:

Suppose  $n$  is an integer greater than or equal to 3.

$$\text{Now L.H.S} = P(n+1, 3) - P(n, 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1)n(n-1) - n(n-1)(n-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)[(n+1) - (n-2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)[n+1 - n+2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n(n-1)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = 3P(n, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n(n-1)$$

Thus L.H.S = R.H.S Hence the result

## Exercise 11

Part A

How many way can 5 of the letters of the word ALGORITHM be selected and written in a row?

The answer equals the number of 5-permutation  
of a set of 9 elements and

$$P(9,5) = \frac{9!}{(9-5)!} = 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 15120$$

Part B:

How many ways can 5 of letters of the word  
ALGORITHM be selected and written in  
a row if the first two letters must be TH?

Since of the first two letters must be TH, Hence we  
need to choose the remaining three letters of the  
left  $9-2 = 7$  alphabets.

Hence, the answer is the number of 3-permutation  
of a set of 7 elements. which is

$$P(7,3) = \frac{7!}{(7-3)!} = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 210$$

## Exercise 12

Find the number of ways that a party of  
seven person can arrange themselves in a row  
of seven chairs.

Solution:

The seven persons can arrange themselves  
in a row in  $P(7,7)$  ways.

$$P(7,7) = \frac{7!}{(7-7)!} = \frac{7!}{0!} = 7!$$

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## Exercise 13

A debating team consists of three boys and two girls. Find the number of ways they can sit in a row if the boys and girls are each sit together.

### Solution:

There are two ways to distribute them according to sex: BBBGG or GGBBB

In each case, the boy can sit in a row in

$$P(3,3) = 3! = 6 \text{ ways}$$

the girl can sit in  $P(2,2) = 2! = 2$  ways

Every row consist of boys and girls which is

$$2! = 2, \text{ Thus.}$$

$$\text{total number of ways} = n = 2 \cdot 3! \cdot 2!$$

$$2 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 = 24$$

## Exercise 14

Find the number  $n$  of ways that five large books, four medium sized book and three small books can be placed on the shelf so that all books of the same size are together.

### Solution:

In each case, the large books can be arranged among themselves in

$$P(5,5) = 5! \text{ ways, the medium size books}$$

$$P(4,4) = 4! \text{ ways, the small books}$$

$$P(3,3) = 3! \text{ ways,}$$

These give three block of books can be arranged on the shelf in  $P(3,3) = 3!$  ways

thus

$$n = 3! \cdot 5! \cdot 4! \cdot 3!$$

$$= 103680$$

### Example

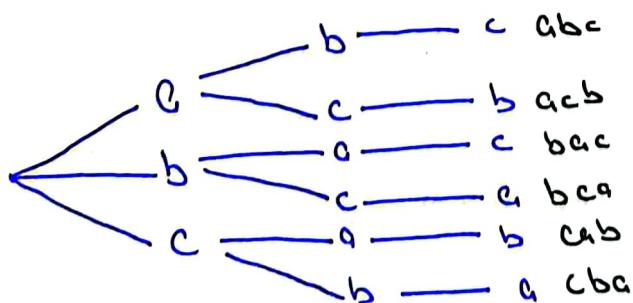
Find the permutation of {a, b, c}

### Solution:

The number of permutation of 3 numbers are

$$P(3,3) = \frac{3!}{(3-3)!} = 3! = 6$$

We find the six permutation by constructing the alphabetic tree diagram. The six permutation are listed on the right of the diagram



## Exercise 15

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Find the product set  $A \times B \times C$ , where

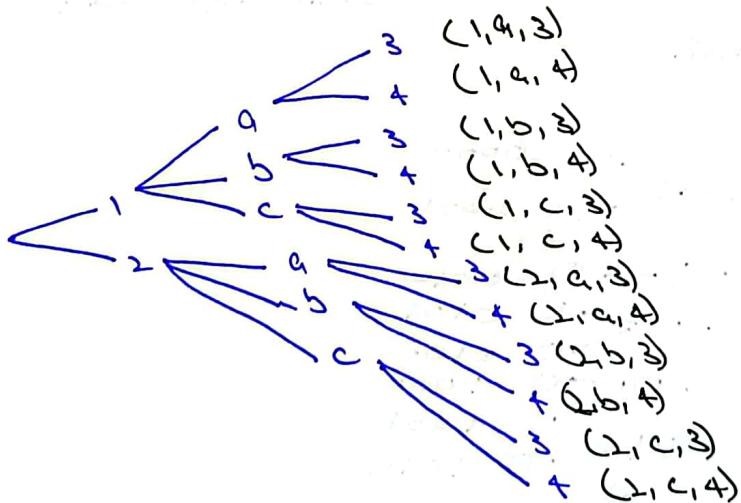
$$A = \{1, 2\}, \quad B = \{a, b, c\} \quad C = \{3, 4\}$$

by constructing the appropriate tree diagram

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Solution:

The required diagram is shown next. Each path is beginning of the tree to the end point designates an element of  $A \times B \times C$  which is listed to the right of the tree.

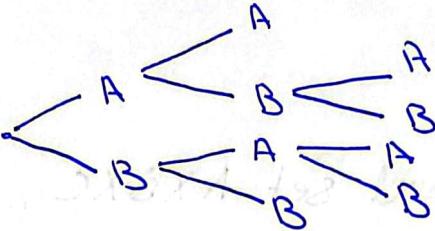


## Exercise 16

Team A and team B play in a tournament, the first team win two games the tournament. Find the numbers of possible ways in which the tournament can occurs

Solution:

We construct the appropriate tree diagram



The tournament can occurs in 6 ways

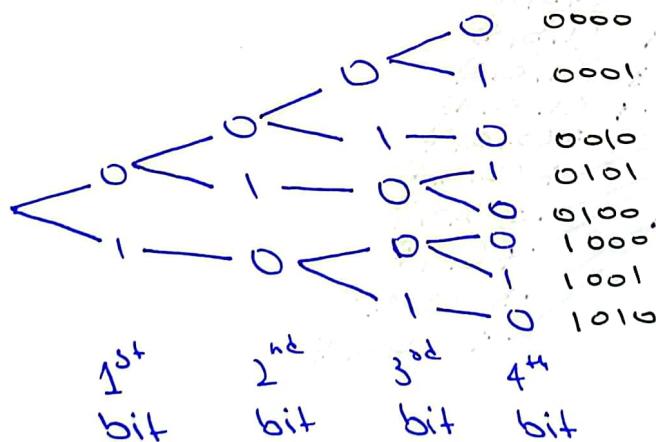
AA, ABA, ABB, BAA, BAB, BB

### Exercise 17

How many bit strings of length four do not have two consecutive 1's

Solution:

The following tree diagrams display all the bit strings of length four without two consecutive 1's. Clearly these are 8 bit strings



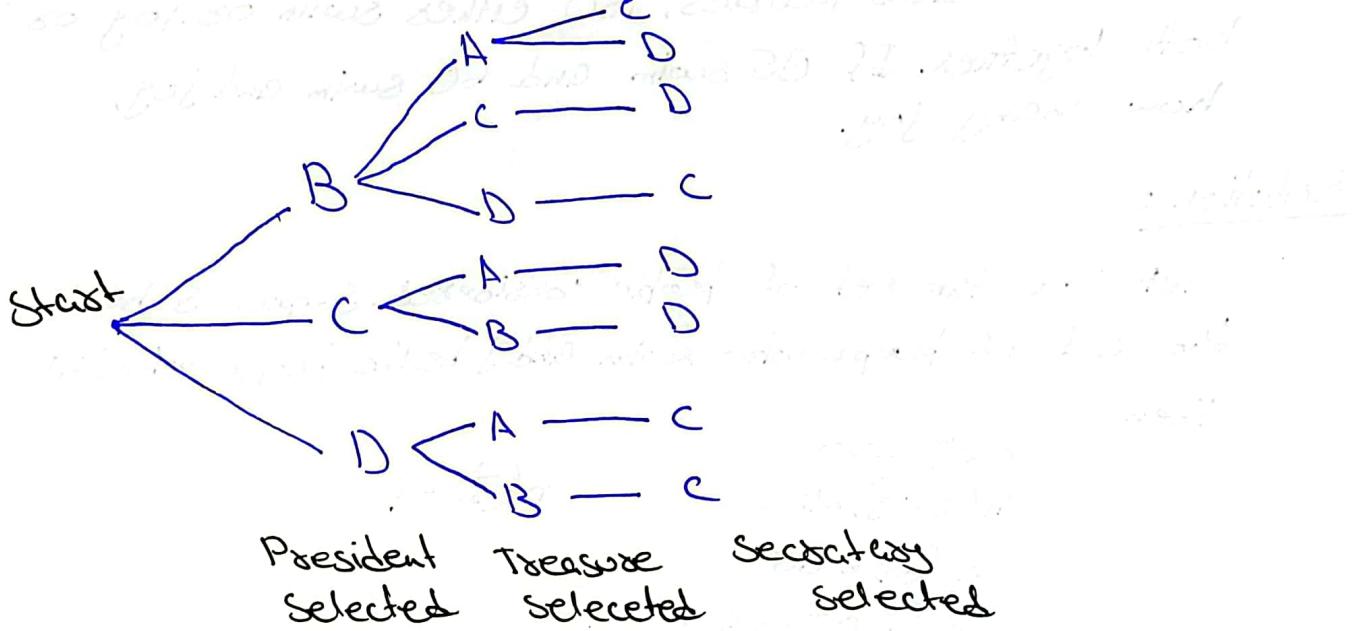
### Exercise 18

Three officers, a president, a treasurer and a secretary are to be chosen from among four possible: A, B, C and D. Suppose A cannot be president and either C or D must be secretary. How many ways can the officers can be chosen.

## Solution:

We construct the possibility tree to see all the possible choices. From the tree given below, see that there are only 8 ways possible to choose.

The offices under the given condition



## Example

There are 15 girls students and 25 boys students in a class. How many student are there in total.

## Solution:

let G be the girls student and B be the boys student

Then

$$n(G) = 15$$

$$n(B) = 25$$

$$n(G \cup B) = ?$$

Since, the set of boys and girls students are  
these total numbers of students are

$$\text{and we see } n(G \cup B) = n(G) + n(B)$$

$$\text{but we needed only } 15 + 25, \text{ instead of adding } 2 \times 40$$

### Exercise 19

Among 200 people, 150 either swim or jog or both together. If 85 swim and 60 swim and jog, how many jog.

Solution :

Let  $U$  be the set of people considered. Suppose  $S$  be the set of people who swim and  $J$  be the people who jog. Then

$$n(J) = 200$$

$$n(S \cup J) = 150$$

$$n(S) = 85$$

$$n(S \cap J) = 60$$

$$n(J) = ?$$

By inclusion-exclusion principle,

$$n(S \cup J) = n(S) + n(J) - n(S \cap J)$$

$$150 = 85 + n(J) - 60$$

$$n(J) = 150 - 85 + 60$$

$$n(J) = 125$$

Hence 125 people jog.

### Exercise 20

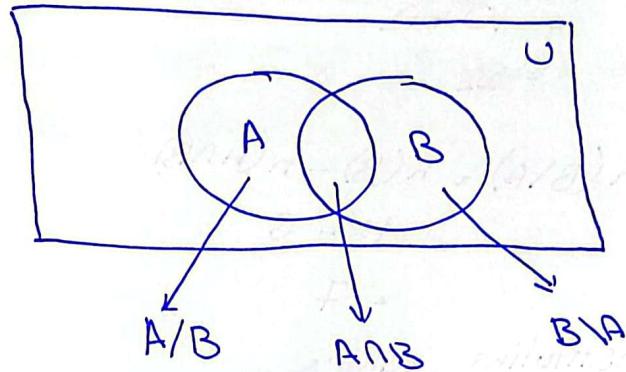
Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets. Show that

$$n(A/B) = n(A) - n(A \cap B)$$

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Solution:

Set A may be written as the union of two disjoint sets  $A \setminus B$  and  $A \cap B$ .



$$\text{i.e. } A = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \cap B)$$

Hence by using inclusion and exclusion principle

$$n(A) = n(A \setminus B) + n(A \cap B)$$

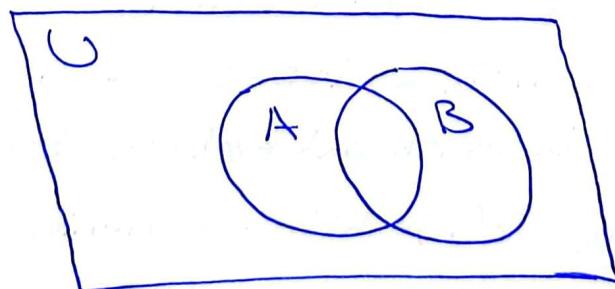
$$n(A \setminus B) = n(A) - n(A \cap B)$$

## Exercise 21

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $U$  with  $n(A) = 10$ ,

$n(B) = 15$ ,  $n(A') = 12$  and  $n(A \cap B) = 8$

$$\text{find } n(B \cup A')$$

Solution:

From the diagram  $(A \cup B)' = U \setminus (B \setminus A)$

$$n(A \cup B)' = n(U \setminus (B \setminus A))$$

$$= n(U) - n(B \setminus A)$$

$$\text{Now } U = A \cup A'$$

$$n(U) = n(A) + n(A')$$

$$= 10 + 12$$

$$= 22$$

Also

$$n(B \setminus A) = n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

$$= 15 - 8$$

$$= 7$$

Substituting values

$$n(A \cup B)' = n(U) - n(B \setminus A)$$

$$= 22 - 7$$

$$= 15$$

## Exercise 22

let A and B are subset of U with  $n(U) = 100$ ;

$$n(A) = 50; n(B) = 60; n((A \cup B)') = 20$$

find

$$n(A \cap B)$$

### Solution:

$$\text{Since } (A \cup B)' = U \setminus (A \cup B)$$

$$n((A \cup B)') = n(U) - n(A \cup B)$$

$$20 = 100 - n(A \cup B)$$

$$n(A \cup B) = 100 - 20 = 80$$

Now by inclusion and exclusion principle

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

$$80 = 50 + 60 - n(A \cap B)$$

$$n(A \cap B) = 50 + 60 - 80 = 30$$

### Exercise 23

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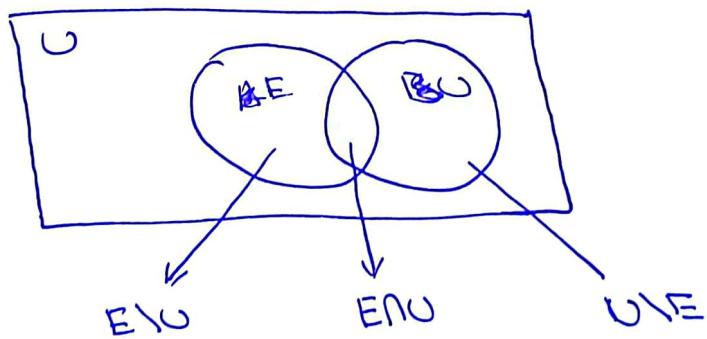
Suppose 18 people read English newspapers (E) or Urdu newspapers (U) or both. Given 5 people read only English newspaper and 7 read both. find the number of "x" of people who read only Urdu newspaper.

Solution:

Given

$$n(E \cup U) = 18 \quad n(E \setminus U) = 5 \quad n(E \cap U) = 7$$
$$x = n(U \setminus E) = ?$$

From the diagram



$$E \cup U = (E \setminus U) \cup (E \cap U) \cup (U \setminus E)$$

and the union is disjoint therefore,  
 $n(E \cup U) = n(E \setminus U) + n(E \cap U) + n(U \setminus E)$

$$18 = 5 + 7 + x$$

$$x = 18 - 5 - 7 = 6$$