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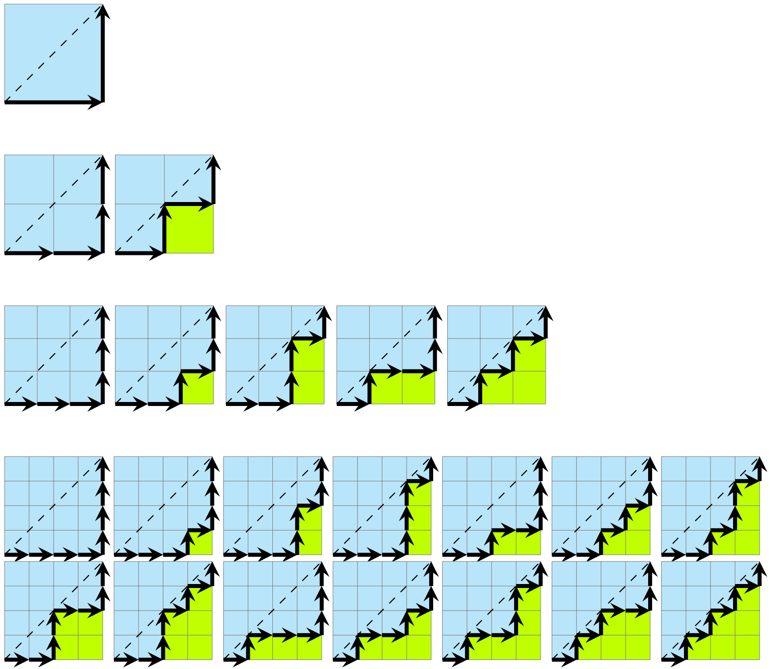

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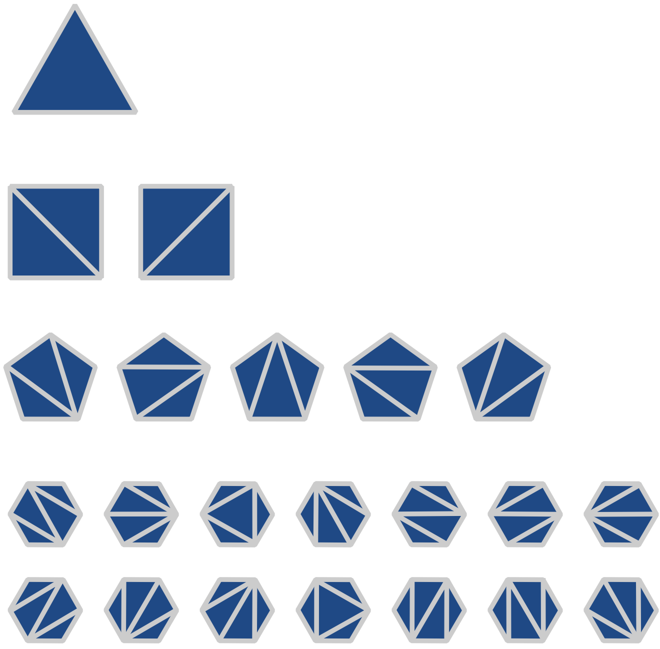

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The Product Rule. Suppose that a procedure can be broken down into a sequence of two tasks. If there are n_1 ways to do the first task and for each of these ways of doing the first task, there are n_2 ways to do the second task, then there are $n_1 n_2$ ways to do the procedure.

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$$32 \cdot 24 = 768$$

There are 768 ways to choose one port in the center:

1. First, you choose a computer (can be done in 32 ways).
2. Then choose a port in that computer (in 24 ways).

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\textbf{for } c := 1 \textbf{ to } 32 \textbf{ do} \\
\quad \textbf{for } p := 1 \textbf{ to } 24 \textbf{ do} \\
\quad\quad scan(c, p)
\end{array}
$$

Generalized Product Rule

If a procedure consists of *k sub-tasks*, and the sub-tasks can be performed in $n_1, \ldots, n_k$ ways, then the procedure can be performed

$$\text{in } (n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot n_k) \text{ ways.}$$

Example:
Count the number of different bit strings of length seven.

The value for each bit can be chosen in two ways (0 or 1). Therefore:

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^7 = 128$$

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$$26^3 \cdot 10^4 = 175,760,000$$

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The Sum Rule. If a task can be done either in one of n_1 ways or in one of n_2 ways, where none of the set of n_1 ways is the same as any of the set of n_2 ways, then there are $n_1 + n_2$ ways to do the task.

Note that it's important that the two groups don't have common elements (We say that the sets are disjoint).

A new object

Def. A *set* is an unordered collection of objects. The objects are called elements.

If e is an element of the set A, we write $a \in A$.

Otherwise, if it's not in A, we write $a \notin A$.

Example:

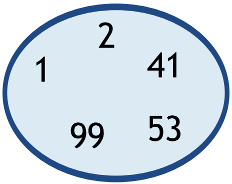
$$A = \{1, 2, 97, 3, 15\}.$$

$$1 \in A.$$

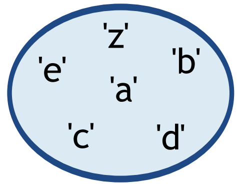
$$4 \notin A.$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

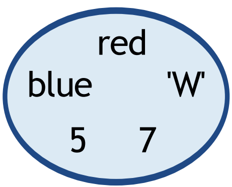
Sets



A = {1, 2, 41, 53, 99}



B = {'a', 'z', 'e', 'd', 'c', 'b'}



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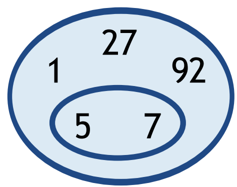

D = {27, 1, {5,7}, 92}

Some important sets

Natural numbers

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0,\ 1,\ 2,\ 3,\ \ldots\}$$

Integer numbers

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\ldots,\ -3,\ -2,\ -1,\quad 0,\quad 1,\quad 2,\quad 3,\ \ldots\}$$

Empty set

$$\varnothing = \{\ \}$$

Set Builder Notation

We can describe sets using predicates:

$$A = \{x \mid P(x)\}$$

"Set A is such that $x \in A$ if and only if $P(x)$."

Example. Positive integers:

$$Z^+ = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0\} = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$$

More complex predicates are fine too. Odd and even numbers:

$$Even = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}\,(n = 2k)\}$$
$$Odd = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}\,(n = 2k + 1)\}$$

Union, ∪

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Examples:

$$\{1,\ 2\}\ \cup\ \{\text{‘a’},\ \ \text{‘b’}\} = \{1,\ 2,\ \text{‘a’},\ \text{‘b’}\}$$
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Sets A and B are called *disjoint* if their intersection is empty: $A \cap B = \varnothing$.

Number of the elements of a finite set

Def. If set A is finite, and there are exactly n elements in S, then n is the *cardinality* of the set A. We write

$$|A| = n.$$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{3,\ 4,\ 5,\ 6\} \\ |A| &= 4 \\ B &= \{\{3,\ 4\},\ \{5,\ 6\},\ 7\} \\ |B| &= 3 \\ |\varnothing| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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This is the same *rule of sum*, right?

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Why do we insist on the sets being disjoint?

Really, who cares?

Because

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$$B = \{3,\ 4\}$$

$$\text{Their union: } A \cup B = \{1,\ 2,\ 3,\ 4\}$$

$$|A| + |B| = \big|\{1,\ 2\ ,3\}\big| + \big|\{3,\ 4\}\big| = 3 + 2 = 5$$

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So, in general, $|A \cup B| \neq |A| + |B|$, and if we try to use the sum rule when the sets are not disjoint, we *overcount*, and this is really bad.

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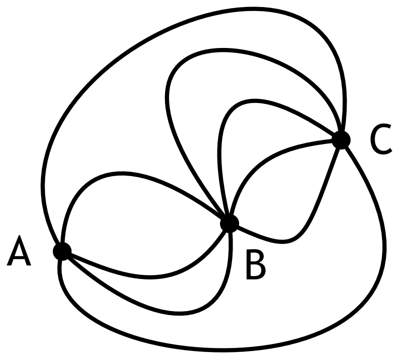

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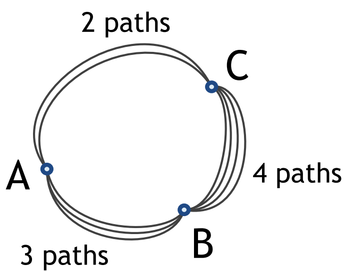

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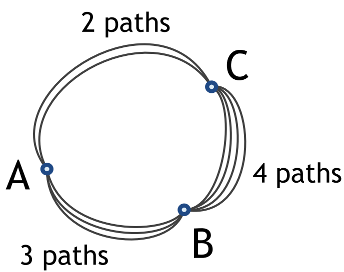

$A \to C$ or $A \to B \to C$:

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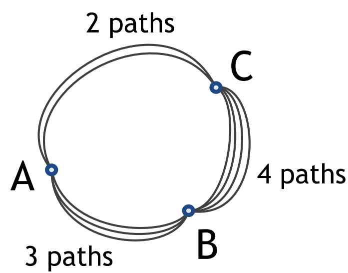

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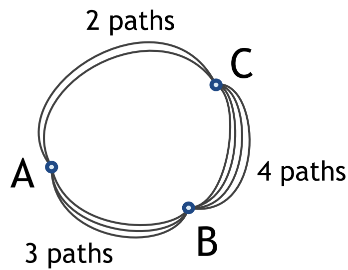

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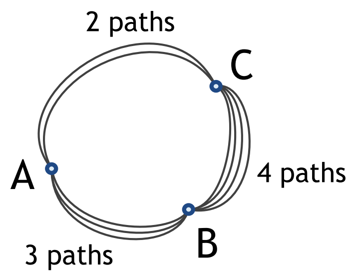

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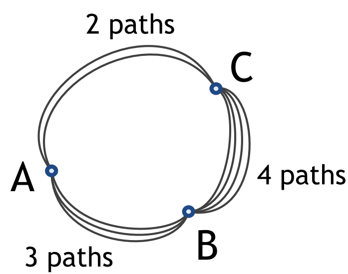

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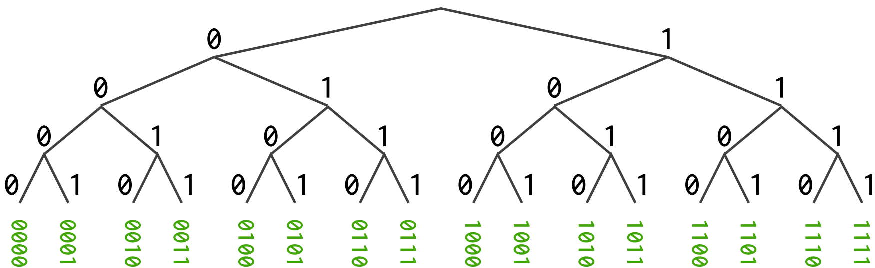

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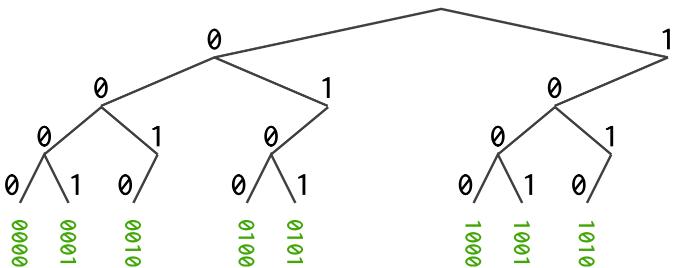

8 strings.