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Question 1

Problem description

Since my childhood I was always fascinated and fond of having many different footwear. As a result, I have grown up with a large collection of footwear in my closet and this makes my day to day decisions of what to wear a real hassle.

I am often indecisive to choose a footwear, be it to go to the University or for any other occasions. As a consequence, this delays my daily routine.

So I decided to classify all of my footwear as follows:

$U = \{\text{Garment}\}$

$F = \{\text{Footwear}\}$

$T = \{\text{Sandals, Sneakers, Heels}\}$

$C = \{\text{Light colour footwear}\}$, $C' = \{\text{Dark colour footwear}\}$

$O = \{\text{Casual footwear}\}$, $O' = \{\text{Classic footwear}\}$

- U is the universal set of all garments that are in my closet.
- F is the set containing all my footwear.
 $F \subset U$, F has some elements of U
- T is the set of the types of footwear I have; T^* is sandals, T^{***} is sneakers and T^{***} is heels
- C is the set of the colour of my light coloured footwear and C^* is the set of the colour of my dark coloured footwear.
- O is the set containing casual footwear and O^* is the set containing classic

Relation between sets

$C \cap O$: The footwear is light coloured and casual.

$C \cap O^*$: The footwear is light coloured and classic.

$C^* \cap O$: The footwear is dark coloured and casual.

$C^* \cap O^*$: The footwear is dark coloured and classic.

$T^* \cap C \cap O$: The footwear is a sandal, light coloured and casual.

$T^* \cap C \cap O'$: The footwear is a sandal, light coloured and classic.

$T^* \cap C' \cap O$: The footwear is a sandal, dark coloured and casual.

$T^* \cap C' \cap O'$: The footwear is a sandal, dark coloured and classic.

$T^{**} \cap C \cap O$: The footwear is a sneakers, light coloured and casual.

$T^{**} \cap C \cap O'$: The footwear is a sneakers, light coloured and classic.

$T^{**} \cap C' \cap O$: The footwear is a sneakers, dark coloured and casual.

$T^{**} \cap C' \cap O'$: The footwear is a sneakers, dark coloured and classic.

$T^{***} \cap C \cap O$: The footwear is a heel, light coloured and casual.

$T^{***} \cap C \cap O'$: The footwear is a heel, light coloured and classic.

$T^{***} \cap C' \cap O$: The footwear is a heel, dark coloured and casual.

$T^{***} \cap C' \cap O'$: The footwear is a heel, dark coloured and classic.

SET PROPERTIES:

De Morgan's law:

1. $(C \cup O)^c = C^c \cap O^c$
2. $(C \cap O)^c = C^c \cup O^c$

Let $P = (C \cup O)^c$ and $Q = C^c \cap O^c$

Let x be an arbitrary element of P

$$x \in P \Rightarrow x \in (C \cup O)^c$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (C \cup O)^c$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin (C \cup O)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin C \text{ and } x \notin O$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C^c \text{ and } x \in O^c$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C^c \cap O^c$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in Q$$

$$\therefore P \subset Q \text{ ---- (1)}$$

Let y be an arbitrary element of Q

$$y \in Q \Rightarrow y \in C^c \cap O^c$$

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$$\Rightarrow y \in C^c \text{ and } y \in O^c$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin C \text{ and } y \notin O$$

$$\Rightarrow y \notin (C \cup O)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (C \cup O)^c$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in P$$

$$\therefore Q \subset P \text{ ---- (2)}$$

Combining (1) & (2), we get

$$P=Q, \text{ that is } (C \cup O)^c = C^c \cap O^c$$

Commutative Law:

1. $C \cup O = O \cup C$
2. $C \cap O = O \cap C$

Let $x \in C \cup O$

If $x \in C \cup O$, then $x \in C$ or $x \in O$

($x \in C$ or $x \in O$ also means $x \in O$ or $x \in C$)

$x \in O$ or $x \in C$

$x \in O \cup C$

$\therefore x \in C \cup O \Leftrightarrow x \in O \cup C$ ---- (1)

Taking the first law in reverse, $O \cup C = C \cup O$

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$x \in C$ or $x \in O$

$x \in C \cup O$

$\therefore x \in O \cup C \Leftrightarrow x \in C \cup O$ ---- (2)

Combining (1) & (2), we get

$$C \cup O = O \cup C$$

Associative Law:

1. $(T^* \cap C) \cap O = T^* \cap (C \cap O)$
2. $(T^* \cup C) \cup O = T^* \cup (C \cup O)$

Taking LHS of the first law, $(T^* \cap C) \cap O$

Let $x \in (T^* \cap C) \cap O$

If $x \in (T^* \cap C) \cap O$, then $x \in (T^* \cap C)$ and $x \in O$

$x \in (T^* \cap C)$ and $x \in O$

$x \in (T^* \cap C)$ further means that $x \in T^*$ and $x \in C$

Now having,

$x \in T^*, x \in C$ and $x \in O$

$x \in T^*$ and $x \in (C \cap O)$

$x \in T^* \cap (C \cap O)$

$(T^* \cap C) \cap O \Leftrightarrow T^* \cap (C \cap O)$

$\therefore (T^* \cap C) \cap O \subset T^* \cap (C \cap O)$ ---- (1)

Taking the first law in reverse (RHS), $T^* \cap (C \cap O) = (T^* \cap C) \cap O$

Let $x \in T^* \cap (C \cap O)$

If $x \in T^* \cap (C \cap O)$, then $x \in T^*$ and $x \in (C \cap O)$

$x \in T^*$ and $x \in (C \cap O)$

$x \in (C \cap O)$ further means that $x \in C$ and $x \in O$

Now having,

$x \in T^*, x \in C$ and $x \in O$

$x \in (T^* \cap C)$ and $x \in O$

$x \in (T^* \cap C) \cap x \in O$

$T^* \cap (C \cap O) \Leftrightarrow (T^* \cap C) \cap O$

$$\therefore T^* \cap (C \cap O) \subset (T^* \cap C) \cap O \text{ ---- (2)}$$

Combining (1) & (2), we get $(T^* \cap C) \cap O = T^* \cap (C \cap O)$

Double Complement Law:

$$(C^c)^c = \{x \mid x \notin C^c\}$$

$$(C^c)^c = \{x \mid \neg (x \in C^c)\}$$

$$(C^c)^c = \{x \mid \neg (x \notin C)\}$$

$$(C^c)^c = \{x \mid \neg (\neg (x \in C))\}$$

$$(C^c)^c = \{x \mid x \in C\}$$

$$\therefore (C^c)^c = C$$

Distributive law:

1. $T^* \cup (C \cap O) = (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$
2. $T^* \cap (C \cup O) = (T^* \cap C) \cup (T^* \cap O)$

Taking LHS of first law, $T^* \cup (C \cap O)$

Let $x \in T^* \cup (C \cap O)$

$x \in T^*$ or $x \in (C \cap O)$

$x \in T^*$ or $\{x \in C \text{ and } x \in O\}$

$\{x \in T^* \text{ or } x \in C\}$ and $\{x \in T^* \text{ or } x \in O\}$

$x \in (T^* \cup C)$ and $x \in (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in (T^* \cup C) \cap x \in (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in T^* \cup (C \cap O) \Rightarrow x \in (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$

$\therefore T^* \cup (C \cap O) \subset (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O) \text{ ---- (1)}$

Taking RHS of first law, $(T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in (T^* \cup C)$ and $x \in (T^* \cup O)$

$x \in T^*$ or $x \in C$ and $x \in T^*$ or $x \in O$

$x \in T^*$ or $\{x \in C \text{ and } x \in O\}$

$x \in T^*$ or $\{x \in C \cap O\}$

$x \in T^* \cup \{x \in C \cap O\}$

$x \in T^* \cup (C \cap O)$

$x \in (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O) \Rightarrow x \in T^* \cup (C \cap O)$

$\therefore (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O) \subset T^* \cup (C \cap O) \text{ ---- (2)}$

Combining (1) & (2), we get $T^* \cup (C \cap O) = (T^* \cup C) \cap (T^* \cup O)$

Absorption law:

1. $C \cup (C \cap O) = C$
2. $C \cap (C \cup O) = C$

Let $x \in C \cup (C \cap O)$

$\Rightarrow x \in C$ or $x \in (C \cap O)$

$\Rightarrow x \in C$ or $(x \in C \text{ and } x \in O)$

Specifically, $x \in C$

Thus, $C \cup (C \cap O) \subset C$

Showing that $C \subset C \cup (C \cap O)$

Using the definition of union, $x \in C \cup (C \cap O)$ since $x \in C$

Thus, $C \subset C \cup (C \cap O)$

Therefore, by the above results,

$$C \cup (C \cap O) = C$$

Truth table

Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ x is a sandal”

Let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ x is a light colored sandal”

Let $R(x)$ be the statement “ x is a casual sandal”

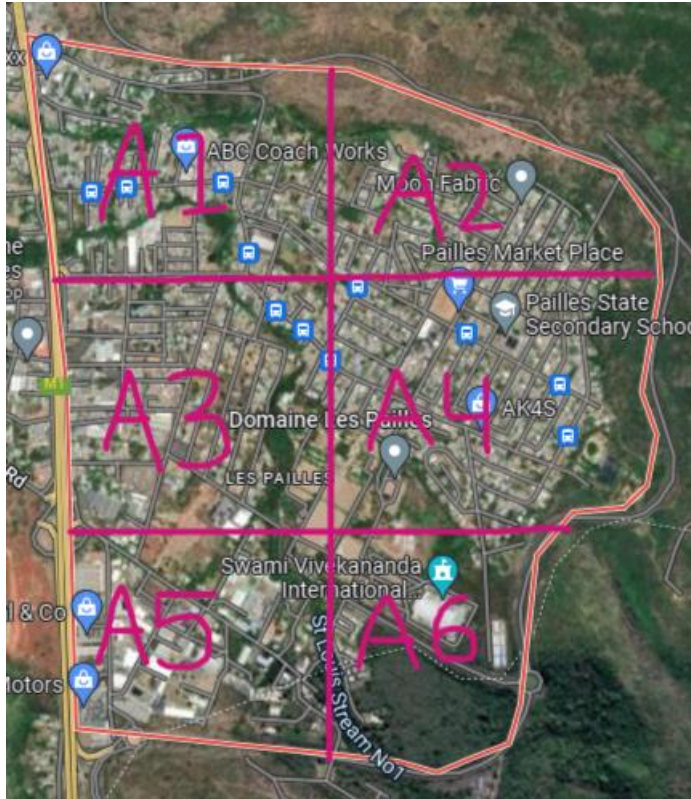
Statement	Proposition
I wear a sandal.	$\exists x(P(x))$
I wear a light colored sandal.	$\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
I wear a light colored sandal or a casual sandal.	$\exists x(Q(x) \vee R(x))$
I do not wear a light colored sandal or a casual sandal.	$\forall x \neg(P(x) \vee Q(x) \vee R(x))$
I wear a sandal which is a light colored and casual.	$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x) \wedge R(x))$

Proposition	True when	False when
$\exists x(P(x))$	There is an x for which $P(x)$ is true.	$P(x)$ is false for every x .
$\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$	There is an x for which $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ is true.	$P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ is false for every x .
$\exists x(Q(x) \vee R(x))$	$Q(x)$ or $R(x)$ is true for every x .	There is an x for which $Q(x)$ or $R(x)$ is false.
$\forall x \neg(P(x) \wedge Q(x) \wedge R(x))$	$P(x)$ or $Q(x)$ or $R(x)$ is true for every x .	There is an x for which $P(x)$ or $Q(x)$ or $R(x)$ is false.
$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x) \wedge R(x))$	$P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$ are true for every x .	There is an x for which $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$ is false.

Question 2

Village: Pailles

Total number of residents: 10,622



(Source of information: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/cities/mauritius>)

Number of residents per area:

Area	Number of residents
A1	1800
A2	1800
A3	1800
A4	1800
A5	1800
A6	1622

6 areas = 1 hour each slot

30 seconds = 1 test

1 second = $1/30$

1 hour (3600 seconds) = $1/30 * 3600$

=120 tests

1 officer = 120 tests

15 officers = $120 * 5$

=1800 tests

1800 people are to be tested in each area.

Let break = B

Let working slot = S

Case 1: Assume that only one break can be taken between 2 working time slots, no break at the start and at the end

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S B S B S B S B S B S

Therefore,

Number of ways to arrange the working slots= $6!$

=720

Number of ways to choose the breaks= $5C2$

=10

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total number of ways} &= 720 \times 10 \\ &= 7200\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: 2 breaks can be taken one after the other between 2 working time slots

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S BB S BB S BB S BB S BB S

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of ways to arrange the working slots} &= 6! \\ &= 720\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Number of ways to choose the breaks} = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total number of ways} &= 720 \times 5 \\ &= 3600\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total number of unique schedules} &= 7200 + 3600 \\ &= 10800\end{aligned}$$

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