

Math 170- Worksheet 6.1-6.2 (Selected Solutions)

Problem 1) Let $U = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ be the universal set. $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ and $C = \{2, 8, 4\}$. For each of the following sets, (i) list the elements and (ii) determine the cardinality of the given set.

(a) $A \cup B$

(b) $A \cap C$

(c) $B \cap C$

(d) $A \cap A'$

(e) $A \cap (B \cup C)$

Solution: We note that $B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$. Now the elements A shares with $B \cup C$ include 2, 4, 8. So $A \cap (B \cup C) = \{2, 4, 8\}$. We have that $n(A \cap (B \cup C)) = 3$.

(f) $A \cap B \cap C$

Solution: We first remark that the intersection operation is associative. That is, $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$. It does not matter if you evaluate $A \cap B$ first or $A \cap C$ first. We note that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. So $(A \cap B) \cap C = \emptyset \cap C = \emptyset$. So $n(A \cap B \cap C) = 0$.

You may also arrive at this conclusion by observing that $A \cap B \cap C$ contains precisely the elements that belong to A and belong to B and belong to C .

Problem 2) Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ be our universal set. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{2, 4\}$. For each of the following sets, (i) list the elements and (ii) determine the cardinality of the given set.

(a) $A \times B \times A$

Solution: The set $A \times B \times A = \{(x, y, z) | x \in A, y \in B, \text{ and } z \in A\}$. Listing out the ordered triples, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A \times B \times A = \{ & (1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 3), (1, 4, 1), (1, 4, 2), (1, 4, 3), \\ & (2, 2, 1), (2, 2, 2), (2, 2, 3), (2, 4, 1), (2, 4, 2), (2, 4, 3), \\ & (3, 2, 1), (3, 2, 2), (3, 2, 3), (3, 4, 1), (3, 4, 2), (3, 4, 3)\}. \end{aligned}$$

We note that $n(A \times B \times A) = n(A) \cdot n(B) \cdot n(C) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 18$.

(b) $(A \times B) \cap (B \times B)$

(c) $(A \cap B) \times A'$

Problem 3) Let S be the set of outcomes when two distinguishable 6-sided dice are rolled. Let $E \subseteq S$ be the set in which at least one die shows an even number, and let $F \subseteq S$ be the set of outcomes in which at least one die shows an odd number. List the elements in each of the following subsets of S .

(a) E'

(b) $E \cup F$

- (c) $E' \cup F'$
- (d) $(E \cap F)'$
- (e) $E' \cap F'$

Remark: The set of outcomes for rolling a single die is $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. So $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. In particular, note that E and F consist of *ordered pairs*. Start by listing out the elements in E and F if you are struggling with this problem. On a quiz or exam, the listing problems will be much shorter. Given the somewhat tedious nature of this problem, I will **not** discuss it during review time in class. However, I will be happy to discuss this with you in office hours.

Problem 4) In November 2011, a Google search for “asteroid” yielded 25 million hits. A search for “comet” on Google yielded 93.5 million hits. A search for both “asteroid” and “comet” yielded 3.1 million hits. How many hits contained “asteroid”, “comet”, or both?

Problem 5) The dining hall offers a total of 14 desserts, of which 8 have ice cream as a main ingredient and 9 have fruit as a main ingredient. Assuming that all of them have either ice cream, fruit, or both as a main ingredient, how many have both?

Solution: Let D be the set of desserts. Let I be the set of desserts with ice cream, and let F be the set of desserts with fruit. By the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion, we have that:

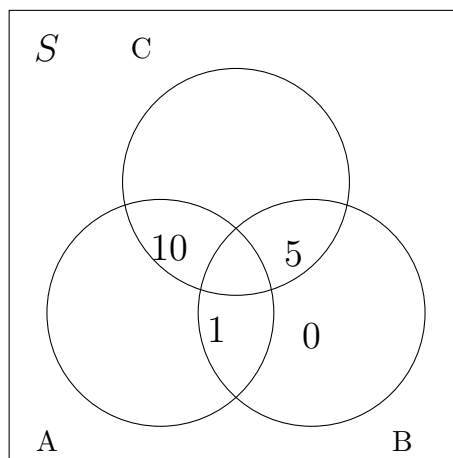
$$n(D) = n(I) + n(F) - n(I \cap F).$$

So $14 = 8 + 9 - n(I \cap F)$. Solving for $n(I \cap F)$, we have that $n(I \cap F) = 3$.

Problem 6) In a study of Tibetan children, a total of 1556 children were examined. Of these, 615 had cavities. Of the 1313 children living in non-urban areas, 504 had cavities.

- (a) How many children living in urban areas had cavities?
- (b) How many children living in urban areas did not have cavities?

Problem 7) Using the information given, complete the following venn diagram: $|A| = 16$, $|B| = 11$, $|C| = 30$, and $|S| = 40$. [Note: S is the universal set.]



Problem 8) Of the 4700 students at Medium Suburban College (MSC), 50 play soccer, 60 play lacrosse, and 96 play football. Only 4 students play both soccer and lacrosse, 6 play soccer and football, and 16 play both lacrosse and football. No students play all three sports.

- (a) Set up and complete the venn diagram.
- (b) How many students play no sports?
- (c) How many students play only soccer?