

ELEMENTARY COMBINATORICS & PROBABILITY

Lecture 3

Permutations and combinations

LAST TIME

- Basic counting principles
 - Sum rule
 - Product rule
 - Their combo
- The principle of inclusion-exclusion
 - Size of a union of several sets

Graded assignment 1 is out!
See Google classroom.

Deadline: tomorrow, end of the day.

TODAY

- Problem set 2: review.
- Counting the number of possible arrangements
 - Permutations
 - Combinations
- Problem set 3

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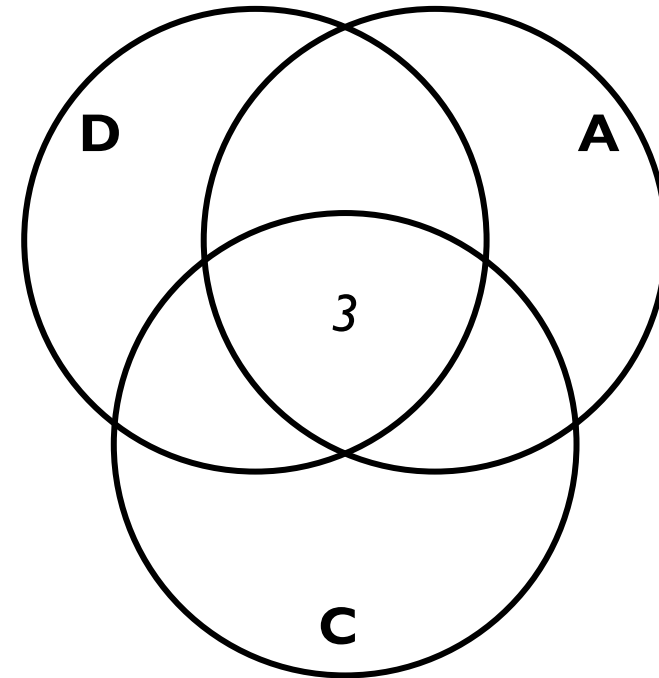
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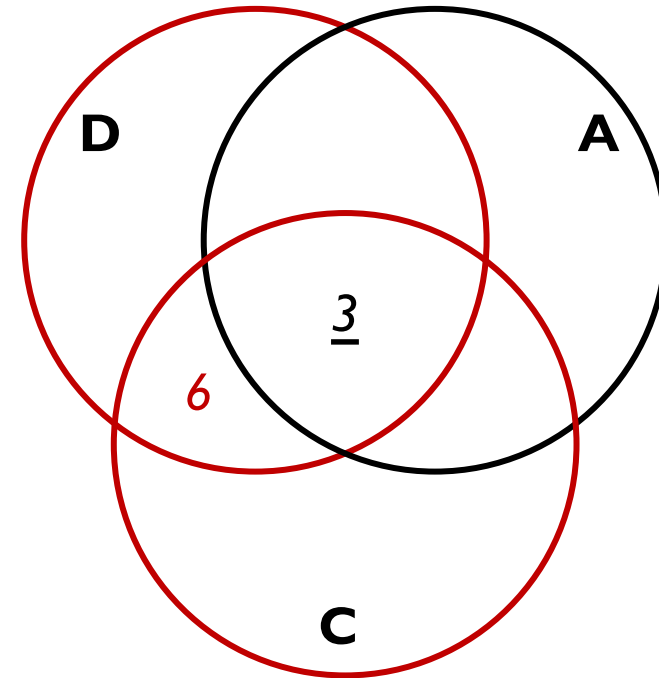


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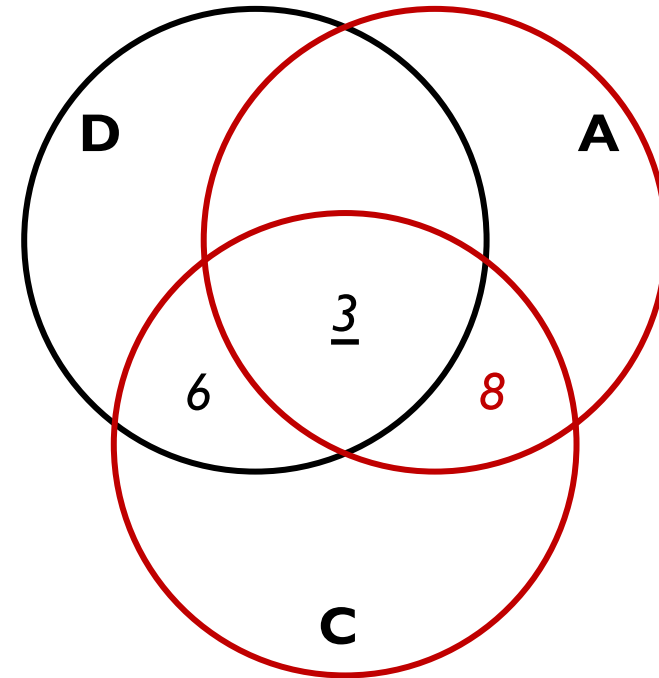


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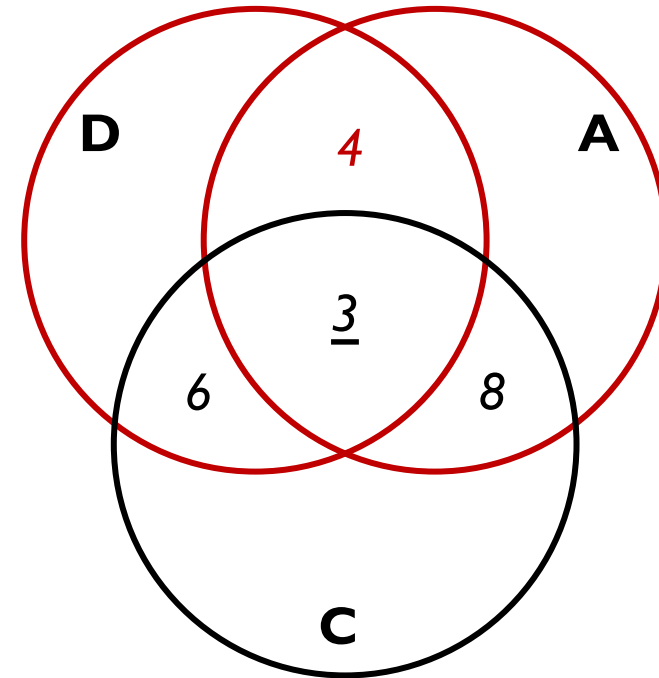


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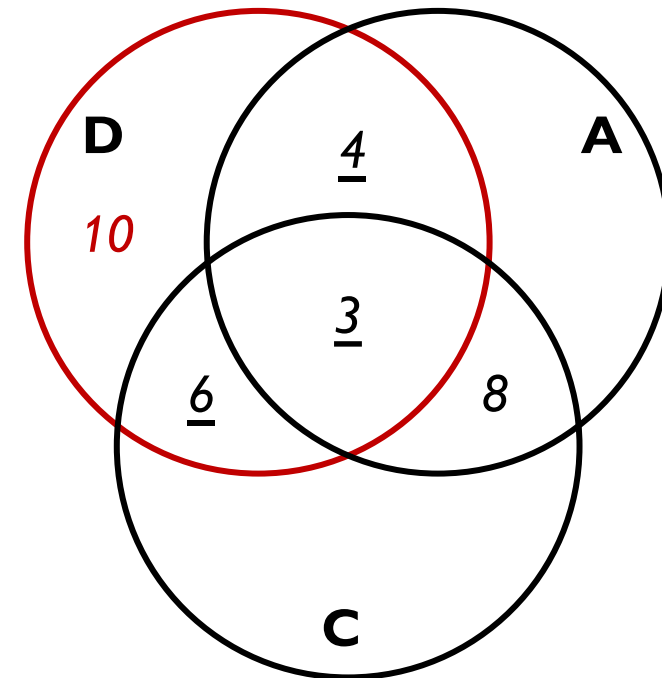


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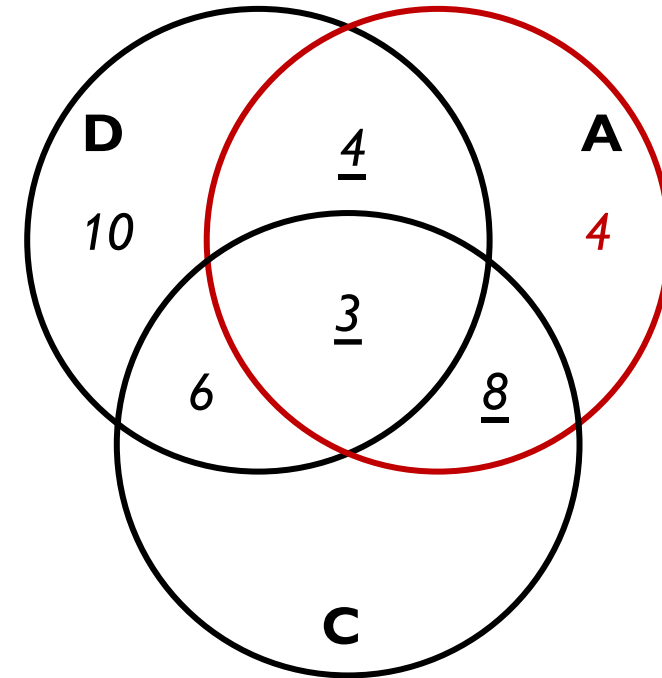


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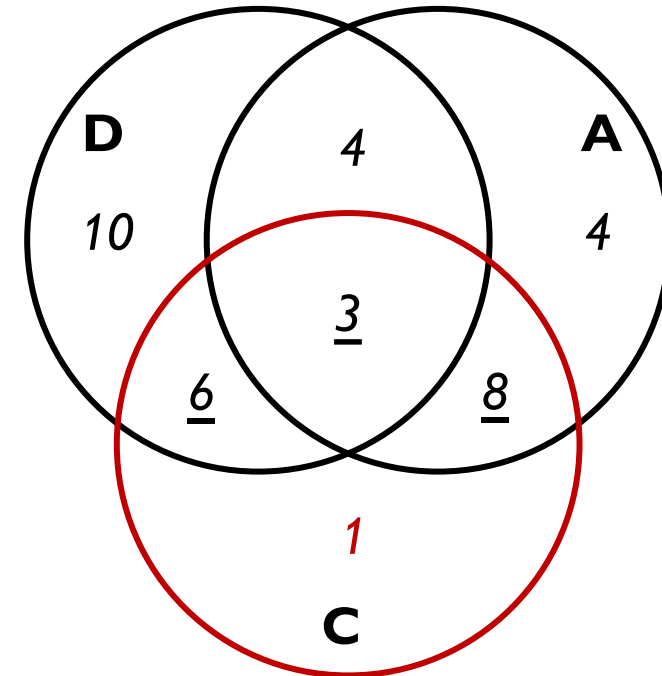


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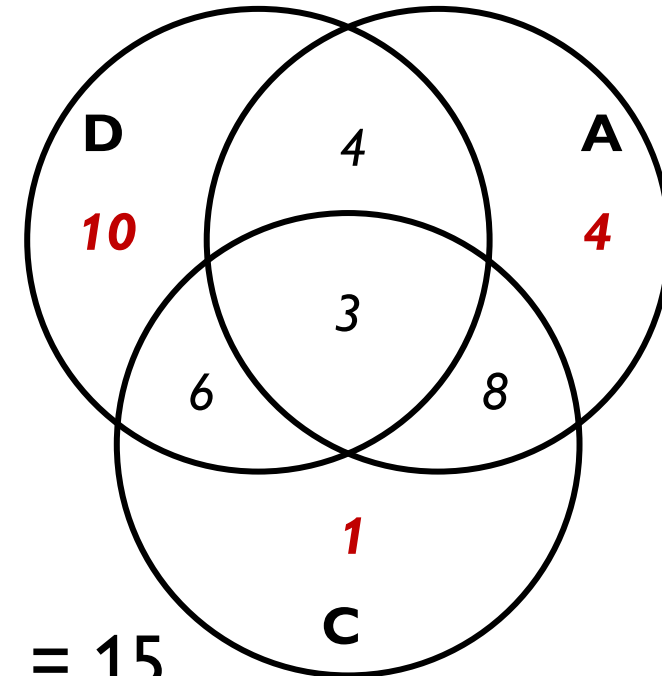
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$$3 \cdot 2^6 - 3 \cdot 2^4 + 2^2 = 3 \cdot 64 - 3 \cdot 16 + 4 = 148$$

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If among n elements $k \leq n$ elements are not unique, with n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k repetitions respectively, then the number of possible permutations is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!}$$

SPOT A PROBLEM IN THE TEXT



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Anagrams:

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SPOT A PROBLEM HERE



Example 3. *In how many ways can a set of two positive integers less than 100 be chosen?*

Solution. $99 \times 98 = 9702$ ways.



Source: [UC Berkeley](#)

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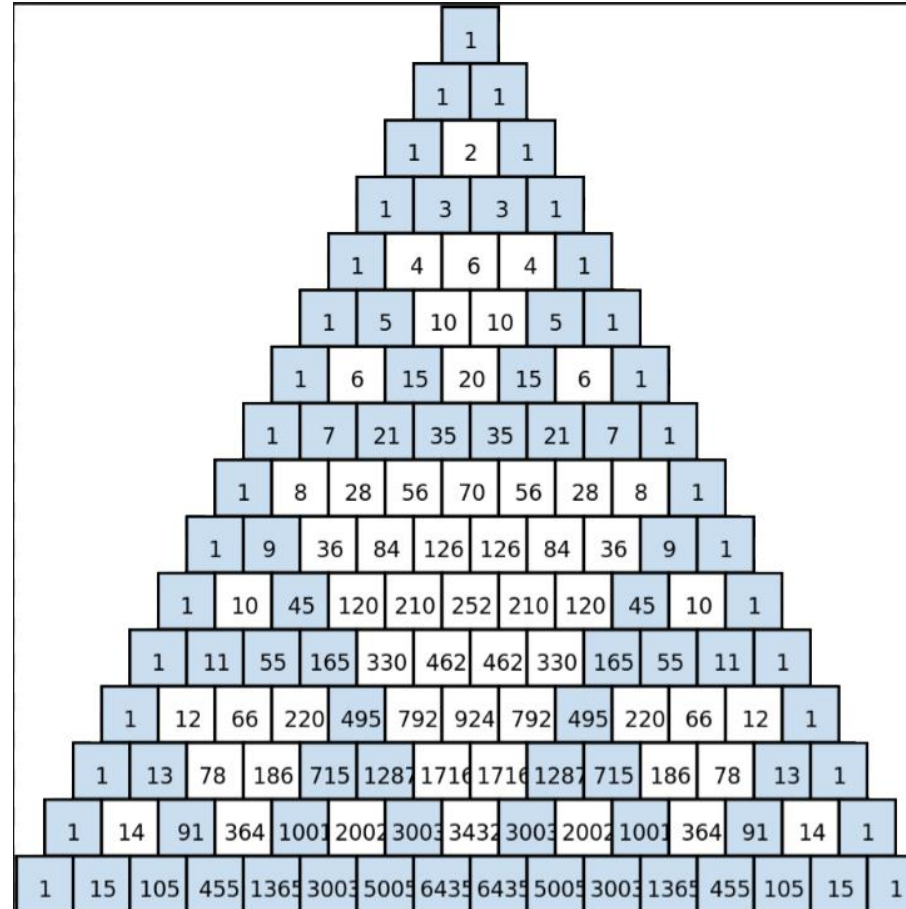
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<https://youtu.be/XMriWTvPXHI>

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TO SUM UP

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NOT ORDERED	<i>COMBINATIONS</i> In how many ways can we chose k out of n different candies in a bag?	In how many ways can we distribute n identical candies among k kids?

PRACTICE

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19EoiAc5JypihiBKOUOFcarzgiCXHAUbv9sQBg47Kelg/edit?usp=sharing>