

1) Given three sets A, B and C, prove that:

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When we find cardinality, we count values only once, and do not count duplicates, therefore we need to count each part only once. We can use principle of the inclusion-exclusion, but let us verify this using Venn diagram:

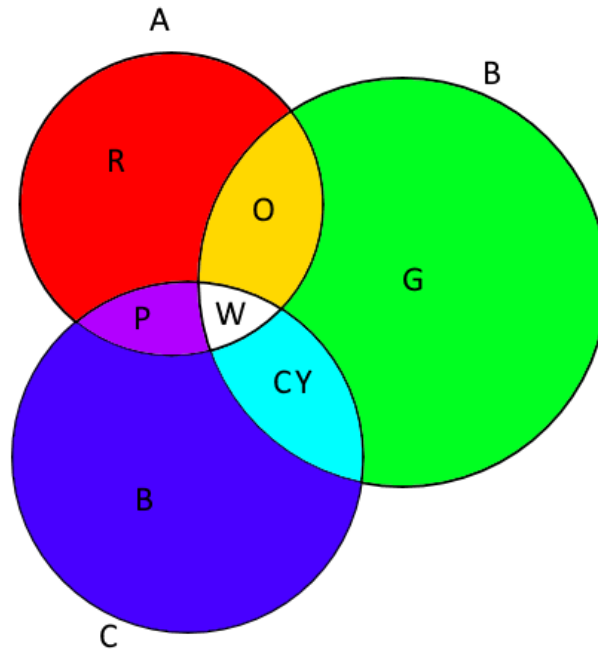


Figure 1 – Venn diagram

$|A \cup B \cup C| = |\text{Red}| + |\text{Green}| + |\text{Blue}| + |\text{Orange}| + |\text{Purple}| + |\text{Cyan}| + |\text{White}|$ . Let us establish each part (to shorten the writing we will use first capital letters):

$ R  =  A  -  O  -  P  -  W $	$ O  =  A \cap B  -  W $
$ G  =  B  -  O  -  CY  -  W $	$ P  =  A \cap C  -  W $
$ B  =  C  -  P  -  CY  -  W $	$ CY  =  B \cap C  -  W $
	$ W  =  A \cap B \cap C $

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then, } |A \cup B \cup C| &= |A| - |O| - |P| - |W| + |B| - |O| - |CY| - |W| + |C| - |P| - |CY| - |W| + + |O| + |P| + |CY| + |W| = \\
 &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |O| - |P| - |CY| - |W| - |W| = \\
 &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| + |W| - |A \cap C| + |W| - |B \cap C| + |W| - |W| - |W| = \\
 &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |W| = \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

2) Let A and B two subsets of the universal set  $U = \{x: x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq x < 20\}$ . A is the set of even numbers in U, where B is the set of odd numbers in U.

Use the listing method to list the elements of the following sets:  $A \cap \overline{B}$ ,  $\overline{A \cap B}$ ,  $\overline{A \cup B}$ ,  $\overline{A \oplus B}$

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First, let us define subsets A and B using listing method:

$A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$ , and  $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$ .

We can also state that subsets A and B are a partition of the universal set U ( $A \cup B = U$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ), and they are complementing sets (i.e.  $\overline{A} = B$  and vice versa), therefore:

$$2.1) A \cap \overline{B} = A \cap A = A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18\};$$

$$2.2) \overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} = B \cup A = U = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19\};$$

Alternatively, we can show that:  $\overline{\overline{A \cap B}} = \overline{\emptyset} = U = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19\};$

$$2.3) \overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B} = B \cap A = \emptyset;$$

Alternatively, we can show that:  $\overline{\overline{A \cup B}} = \overline{U} = \emptyset;$

$$2.4) \overline{A \oplus B} = \overline{(A \cup B) - (A \cap B)} = \overline{U - \emptyset} = \overline{U} = \emptyset;$$

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When we find cardinality, we count values only once, and do not count duplicates, therefore we need to count each part only once. We can use principle of the inclusion-exclusion, let substitute  $(A \cup B)$  for D:

1.1) We use the inclusion-exclusion principle for the  $D \cup C$ :

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |D \cup C| = |D| + |C| - |D \cap C| \quad (1)$$

1.2) We use the inclusion-exclusion principle for the  $A \cup B$ :

$$|D| = |A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \quad (2)$$

1.3) We use the inclusion-exclusion principle for the  $(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |D \cap C| &= |(A \cup B) \cap C| = |A \cap C| \cup |B \cap C| \\ &= |A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |A \cap C \cap B \cap C| \\ &= |A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |A \cap B \cap C| \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

1.4) Now we use (2) and (3) and put them into (1):

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |D \cup C| = |D| + |C| - |D \cap C| = \\ &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |C| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C| = \\ &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|. \end{aligned}$$