

## Number of Disjoint Unions

## Result

We call two sets A, B disjoint or non-overlapping<sup>1</sup> if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 1.** Suppose A and B are disjoint finite sets. Then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$ 

This is often called the addition principle or the rule of sum.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ Future sheets may move this definition elsewhere.

