

# Set Theory

## Finite and infinite Sets

- **Infinite Set:** An infinite set is one in which it is not possible to list and count all the members of the set.
- **Example: 1**
  - $E = \{\text{even numbers greater than } 9\}$
  - $E = \{10, 12, 14, 16, \dots\}$
  - Here  $n(E) = \text{infinite}$
- **Example: 2**
  - $G = \{\text{whole numbers greater than } 2000\}$
  - $G = \{2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, \dots\}$
  - Here  $n(G) = \text{infinite}$

• **Classify the following as finite and infinite sets.**

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| a. $A = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\}$      | a. Infinite |
| b. $B = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \text{ is composite}\}$ | b. Infinite |
| c. $C = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 3x - 2 = 0\}$             | c. Finite   |
| d. $D = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x^2 = 9\}$                | d. Finite   |
| e. $E = \{\text{The set of numbers which are multiple of 3}\}$        | e. Infinite |
| f. $F = \{\text{The set of letters in English alphabets}\}$           | f. Finite   |
| g. $G = \{\text{The set of persons living in a house}\}$              | g. Finite   |
| h. $H = \{x : x \in \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P} \text{ is a number}\}$     | h. Infinite |
| i. $I = \{\text{The set of fractions with numerator 3}\}$             | i. Infinite |

# De Morgan's law

For any two finite sets A and B

**(i)**  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$  (which is a De Morgan's law of union).

**(ii)**  $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$  (which is a De Morgan's law of intersection).

# Cartesian Product of 2 non empty set

sets  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$

Cartesian product  $A \times B =$

$\{(a_1, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_1, b_3), (a_2, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_2, b_3), (a_3, b_1), (a_3, b_2), (a_3, b_3)\}.$

If the number of elements of A is h i.e.,  $n(A) = h$  & that of B is k i.e.,  $n(B) = k$ , then the number of ordered pairs in Cartesian product will be

$$n(A \times B) = n(A) \times n(B) = hk.$$

# Cartesian Product

The Cartesian product of sets refers to the product of two non-empty sets in an ordered way. Or, in other words, the assortment of all ordered pairs attained by the product of two non-empty sets. An ordered pair basically means that two elements are taken from each set.

Let  $P$  &  $Q$  be two sets such that  $n(P) = 4$  and  $n(Q) = 2$ . If in the Cartesian product we have  $(m,1), (n,-1), (x,1), (y, -1)$ . Find  $P$  and  $Q$ , where  $m, n, x$ , and  $y$  are all distinct.

Answer :

$P = \text{set of first elements} = \{m, n, x, y\}$  and  $Q = \text{set of second elements} = \{1, -1\}$

## Subsets

- A set A is a subset of a set B, if all the elements of A are contained in/members of the larger set B.
- set A is a subset of B if and only if every element of A is also an element of B.
- We use the notation  $A \subseteq B$  to indicate that A is a subset of the set B.
- The empty set (  $\{ \}$  or  $\phi$  ) is a subset of every set.



- $A = \{3, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{5, 9, 1, 3\}$ ,  $A \subseteq B$  ?

- **Answer:** Yes

- $A = \{3, 3, 3, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{5, 9, 1, 3\}$ ,  $A \subseteq B$  ?

- **Answer:** Yes

- $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $A \subseteq B$  ?

- **Answer:** No

## Number of Subsets

- If,  $M = \{a, b, c\}$
- Then, the subsets of  $M$  are:
- $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{\}$
- Therefore, the number of subsets,  $S = 8$
- And the formula,  $S = 2^n$
- Where,  $S$  is the number of sets And,  $n$  is the number of elements of the set.
- Is the formula used to calculate the number of subsets of a given set.
- So from above,  $M = \{a, b, c\}$
- $S = 2^n, 2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$

## Solution

- Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false.
  - $x \in \{x\}$  **TRUE**
    - ( Because  $x$  is the member of the singleton set  $\{x\}$  )
  - $\{x\} \subseteq \{x\}$  **TRUE**
    - (Because Every set is the subset of itself. Note that every Set has necessarily two subsets  $\emptyset$  and the Set itself, these two subset are known as Improper subsets and any other subset is called Proper Subset)
  - $\{x\} \in \{x\}$  **FALSE**
    - ( Because  $\{x\}$  is not the member of  $\{x\}$  ) Similarly other
  - $\{x\} \in \{\{x\}\}$  **TRUE**
  - $\emptyset \subseteq \{x\}$  **TRUE**
  - $\emptyset \in \{x\}$  **FALSE**

## Power Sets

- A Power Set is a set of all the subsets of a set.
- The power set of  $S$  is denoted by  $P(S)$ .
- **Notation:**
- The number of members of a set is often written as  $|S|$ , so we can write:

$$|P(S)| = 2^n$$

## Power Sets

- **A = { a, b, }**

- The power set of A is  $2^4 = 16$
- $P(A) = \{ \{ \}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\} \}$ .

- **B = {1, 2, 3}**

- The power set of B is  $2^3 = 8$
- $P(B) = \{ \{ \}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\} \}$

# Power Set

- $C = \{a, 1, b, 2, c\}$
- The power set of B is  $2^4 = 16$
- $P(C) = \{\}, \{a\}, \{1\}, \{a, 1\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{1, b\}, \{a, 1, b\}, \{2\}, \{a, 2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{a, 1, 2\}, \{b, 2\}, \{a, b, 2\}, \{1, b, 2\}, \{a, 1, b, 2\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{1, c\}, \{a, 1, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{1, b, c\}, \{a, 1, b, c\}, \{2, c\}, \{a, 2, c\}, \{1, 2, c\}, \{a, 1, 2, c\}, \{b, 2, c\}, \{a, b, 2, c\}, \{1, b, 2, c\}, \{a, 1, b, 2, c\}.$

# Partition of a set

Partition of a set, say  $S$ , is a collection of  $n$  disjoint subsets, say  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  that satisfies the following three conditions –

- $P_i$  does not contain the empty set.

$$[ P_i \neq \{ \emptyset \} \text{ for all } 0 < i \leq n ]$$

- The union of the subsets must equal the entire original set.

$$[ P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \dots \cup P_n = S ]$$

- The intersection of any two distinct sets is empty.

$$[ P_a \cap P_b = \{ \emptyset \}, \text{ for } a \neq b \text{ where } n \geq a, b \geq 0 ]$$

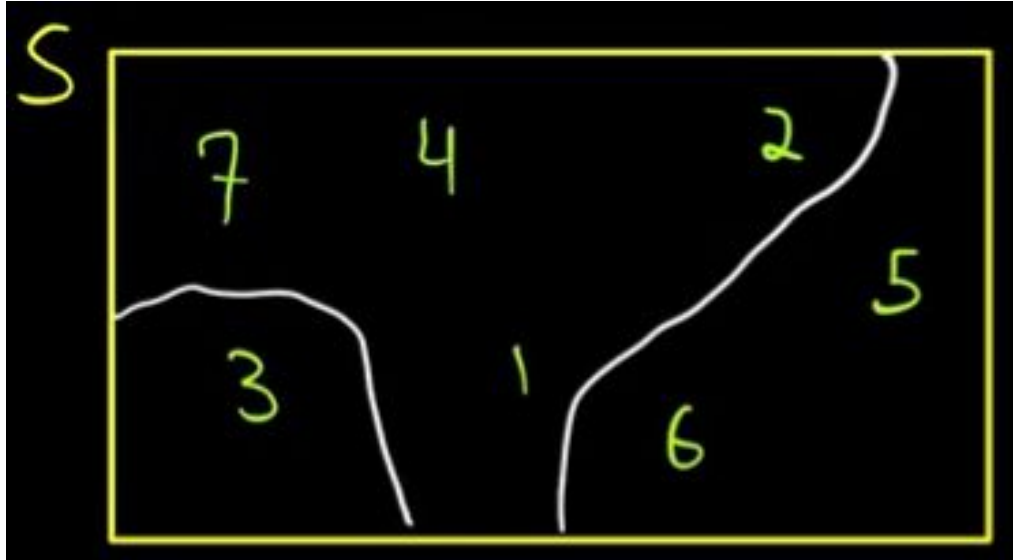
## Example

Let  $S = \{ a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h \}$

One probable partitioning is  $\{ a \}, \{ b, c, d \}, \{ e, f, g, h \}$

Another probable partitioning is  $\{ a, b \}, \{ c, d \}, \{ e, f, g, h \}$

## Partition of a set

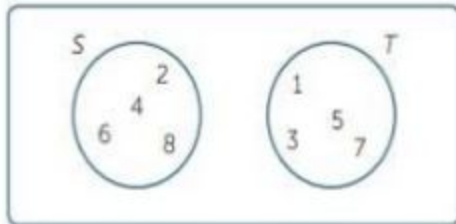


$$P = \{ \{3\}, \{1,2,4,7\}, \{5,6\} \}$$



## Disjoint Sets

- **Disjoint sets:**
  - Two sets are called disjoint if they have no elements in common.
- **For Example:**
  - The sets  $S = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  and  $T = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  are disjoint.



## Disjoint Sets

- Another way to define disjoint sets is to say that their intersection is the empty set,
- Two sets A and B are disjoint if  $A \cap B = \{ \}$ .
- In the example above,
- $S \cap T = \{ \}$  because no number lies in both sets.
- The overlapping region of two circles represents the intersection of the two sets.
- When two sets are disjoint, we can draw the two circles without any overlap.

• Which of the following sets are disjoint or overlapping:

a.  $A = \{\text{The set of boys in the school}\}$

$B = \{\text{The set of girls in the school}\}$

b.  $P = \{\text{The set of letters in the English alphabets}\}$

$Q = \{\text{The set of vowels in the English alphabets}\}$

c.  $X = \{x : x \text{ is an odd number, } x < 9\}$

$Y = \{x : x \text{ is an even number, } x < 10\}$

d.  $E = \{9, 99, 999\}$

$F = \{1, 10, 100\}$

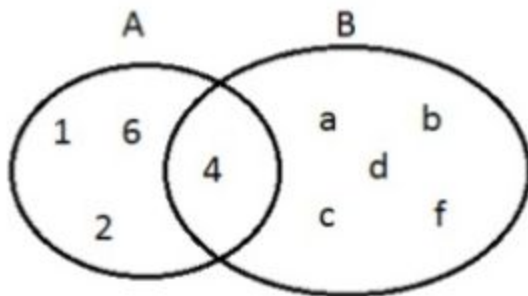
- a. Disjoint Sets
- b. Overlapping Sets
- c. Disjoint Sets
- d. Disjoint Sets

## Union of Sets

- Combining all the elements of any two sets is called the Union of those sets.
- Union of two sets A and B is obtained by combining all the members of the sets and is represented as  $A \cup B$
- **Examples of Union of Sets**
- If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and
- $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$ ,
- Then the union of these sets is  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

## Examples of Union of Sets

- $A = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $B = \{4, a, b, c, d, f\}$
- Then the union of these sets is  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 4, 6, a, b, c, d, f\}$



## Union of Sets

- **Examples of Union of Sets**

- $A = \{x / x \text{ is a number bigger than 4 and smaller than 8}\}$
- $B = \{x / x \text{ is a positive number smaller than 7}\}$
  
- $A = \{5, 6, 7\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
- Or  $A \cup B = \{x / x \text{ is a number bigger than 0 and smaller than 8}\}$

## Union of Sets

- **Examples of Union of Sets**

- $A = \{\#, \%, \$\}$
- $B = \{ \}$
- Then,  $A \cup B = \{\#, \%, \$\}$

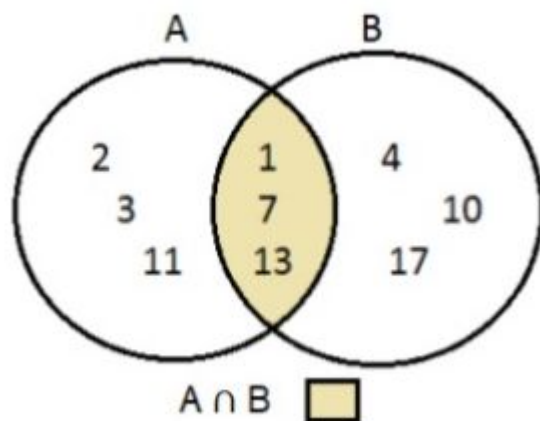
- **Examples of Union of Sets**

- $N = \{-5, -4, 0, 6, 8\}$  and  $O = \{-4, 0, 8, 9\}$
- Then,  $N \cup O = \{-5, -4, 0, 6, 8, 9\}$



## Intersection of Sets

- Intersection of Sets is defined as the grouping up of the common elements of two or more sets.
- It is denoted by the symbol  $\cap$
- **Example of Intersection of Sets**
- When Set A = {1, 2, 3, 7, 11, 13} and Set B = {1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 17},
- $A \cap B$  is all the common elements of the set A and B.
- Therefore,  $A \cap B = \{1, 7, 13\}$ .
- This can be shown by using Venn diagram as:



## Difference of Sets

- The difference set of any two sets A and B. is the set of the members of set A which is not the members of set B.
- **Example of Difference of Sets**
- $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $B = \{2, 3\}$
- The difference set is  $\{0, 1\}$ .
- We can write it as  $A - B$  or  $A \setminus B$ . We say: 'A difference B'.
- $B - A$  or  $B \setminus A = \{ \}$

- $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$ .
- Find the difference between the two sets:
- (i)  $A$  and  $B$
- (ii)  $B$  and  $A$

- The two sets are disjoint as they do not have any elements in common.
- (i)  $A - B = \{1, 2, 3\} = A$
- (ii)  $B - A = \{4, 5, 6\} = B$

- **Given three sets P, Q and R such that:**

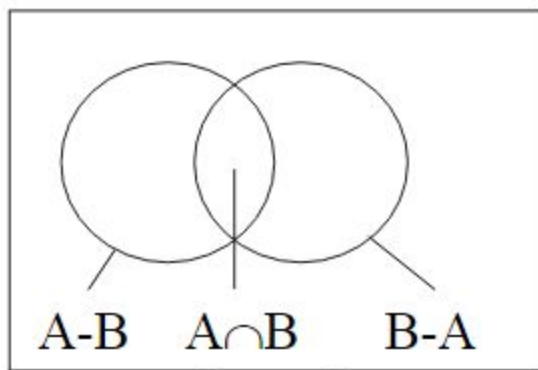
- $P = \{x : x \text{ is a natural number between } 10 \text{ and } 16\},$
- $Q = \{y : y \text{ is a even number between } 8 \text{ and } 20\}$  and
- $R = \{7, 9, 11, 14, 18, 20\}$
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- (i) Find the difference of two sets P and Q
- (ii) Find  $Q - R$
- (iii) Find  $R - P$
- (iv) Find  $Q - P$

- According to the given statements:
- $P = \{11, 12, 13, 14, 15\}$
- $Q = \{10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$
- $R = \{7, 9, 11, 14, 18, 20\}$
- (i)  $P - Q = \{\text{Those elements of set } P \text{ which are not in set } Q\}$   
 $= \{11, 13, 15\}$
- (ii)  $Q - R = \{\text{Those elements of set } Q \text{ not belonging to set } R\}$   
 $= \{10, 12, 16\}$
- (iii)  $R - P = \{\text{Those elements of set } R \text{ which are not in set } P\}$   
 $= \{7, 9, 18, 20\}$
- (iv)  $Q - P = \{\text{Those elements of set } Q \text{ not belonging to set } P\}$   
 $= \{10, 16, 18\}$

## Universal Set

- The universal set is the set of all elements that are considered in a specific theory. We'll note the universal set with  $U$ .
- We'll choose as universal set:  $U = \{6,7,8,9,15,16,17,18,20,21\}$ .
- We have to determine the sets:
- $M = \{x / x \text{ are the multiple of } 3\}$
- $N = \{x / x \text{ are the multiple of } 5\}$
- The elements of  $M$  and  $N$  have to be chosen from the universal set  $U$ .
- To determine  $M$ , we'll identify the multiples of 3 from  $U$ :  
 $\{6,9,15,18,21\}$
- $M = \{6,9,15,18,21\}$
- To determine  $N$ , we'll identify the multiples of 5 from  $U$ :  
 $\{15,20\}$ .
- $N = \{15,20\}$

# Principle of Inclusion Exclusion



S: universal set

$A-B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $B-A$  are mutually disjoint sets.

i.e.  $x \in A-B$ , then  $x \notin B$ ,  
and therefore  $x \notin B-A$ ,  
 $x \notin A \cap B$ .

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

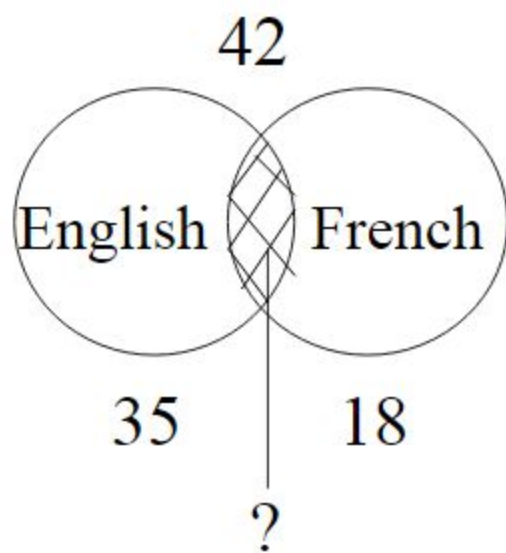
$$|A-B| = |A| - |A \cap B|$$

$$|B-A| = |B| - |A \cap B|$$

$\therefore$  e.g.  $|A \cap B|$  can be computed in several ways  
depends on the information given.



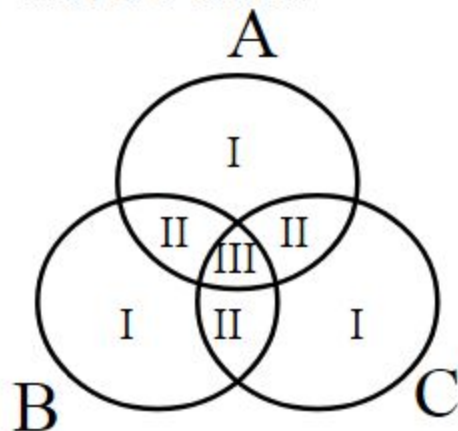
e.g. In a group of 42 tourists, everyone speaks English or French; there are 35 English speakers and 18 French speakers. How many speak both English & French?



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} |A \cup B| & = & |A| & + & |B| & - & |A \cap B| \\ 42 & & 35 & & 18 & & \end{array}$$

$$\therefore |A \cap B| = 11$$

e.g. What if we have 3 sets:



For  $|A| + |B| + |C|$ :

I: counted 1 time

II: counted 2 times

III: counted 3 times

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = |A \cup (B \cup C)|$$

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

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

$$= |A| + |B| + |C| - |B \cap C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

eg: a survey of 150 college students reveals that:

83 own Cars,

97 own Bikes,

28 own Motorcycles,

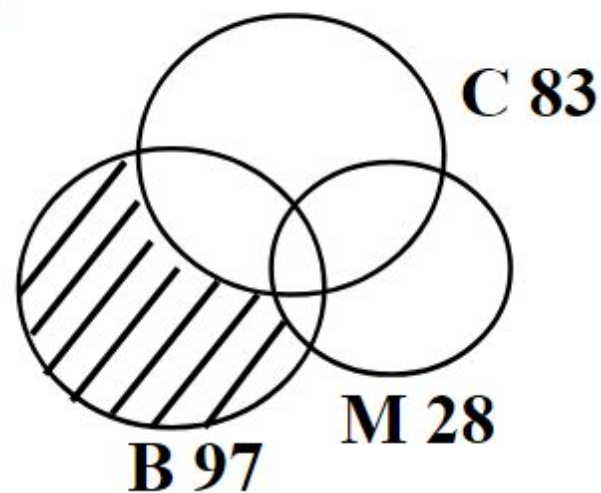
53 own a car and a bike,

14 own a car and a motorcycle,

7 own a bike and a motorcycle,

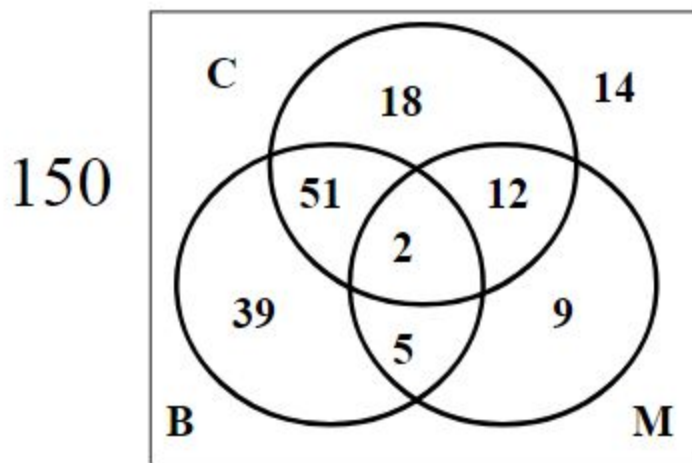
2 own all three.

a. How many own a bike and nothing else?



$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{C} \cup \mathbf{M})| \\ &= |\mathbf{B}| - |\mathbf{B} \cap (\mathbf{C} \cup \mathbf{M})| \\ &= |\mathbf{B}| - |(\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{C}) \cup (\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{M})| \\ &= |\mathbf{B}| - (|\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{C}| + |\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{M}| - |\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{C} \cap \mathbf{M}|) \\ &= 97 - (53 + 7 - 2) \\ &= 39 \end{aligned}$$

b. How many students do not own any of the three?



$$\begin{aligned} &150 - |C \cup B \cup M| \\ &= 150 - (83 + 97 + 28 - 53 - 14 - 7 + 2) \\ &= 150 - 136 \\ &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

# Find the no of integers between 1 to 100 which are divisible by 3 and 5

Let's see how many numbers between 1 to 100 are divisible by 3 and 5. To be divisible by 3 and 5 simultaneously, a number has to be divisible by 15 ( $3 \times 5$ ). Between 1 and 100, there are  $100/15=6.66$  and so 6 numbers (you can check that by multiplying 15 by 6 and 7 which gives us 90 and 105 respectively)-15,30,45,60,75 and 90.

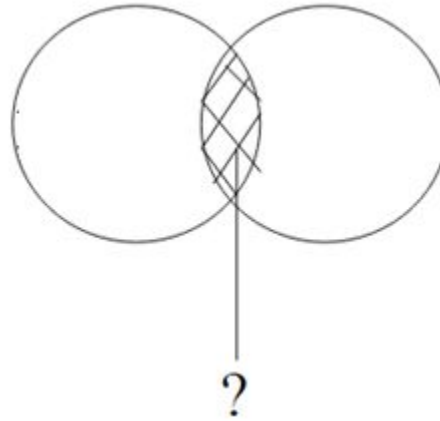
Therefore, there are 94 ( $100-6$ ) numbers between 1 and 100 that are not divisible by 3 and 5 simultaneously.

Find the no of integers between 1 to 100 which are divisible by 3 or 5

A = divisible by 3,  $n(A) = 33$

B = divisible by 5,  $n(B) = 20$

Divisible by 3 and 5 = 6



$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

$$\therefore |A \cap B| = 6$$

$$33 + 20 - 6 = 47$$

Find the no of integers between 1 to 100 which are neither divisible by 3 nor by 5

$$n(\text{Total}) - n(A \cup B)$$

$$100 - 47 = 53$$



Find the number of positive integers from 1 to 100, which are neither divisible by 2 nor by 3 nor by 5.

A : Divisible by 2

B : Divisible by 3

C : Divisible by 5

$A \cap B$  : Divisible by 2 and 3  $\Rightarrow$  Divisible by 6

$B \cap C$  : Divisible by 3 and 5  $\Rightarrow$  Divisible by 15

$C \cap A$  : Divisible by 5 and 2  $\Rightarrow$  Divisible by 10

$A \cap B \cap C$  : Divisible by 2, 3 and 5  $\Rightarrow$  Divisible by 30

$$\begin{aligned}n(A \cup B \cup C) &= (103) - (32) + (3) \\&= 74\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Final Ans} &= \text{Total} - n(A \cup B \cup C) \\&= 100 - 74 \\&= \textcircled{26}\end{aligned}$$