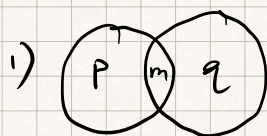


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divide  $A \cup B$  into three parts,

$$p = A \cap (\neg B) \quad q = (\neg A) \cap B.$$

$$m = A \cap B$$

$$A \Delta B = p \cup q, \quad (A \cup B) \Delta (A \cap B)$$

$$= (p \cup m \cup q) \Delta m = p \cup q.$$

$$\therefore A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \Delta (A \cap B).$$

- 2) Because there're only 2 sets, so we just need to determine there're how many conditions in the first set.

$$S_n = C_n^1 + C_n^2 + \dots + C_n^{n-1}$$

$$= (C_n^1 + \dots + C_n^n) - C_n^n$$

$$= 2^{n-1} - 1.$$

3)  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \dots - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

4) If  $n$  is odd,  $t_n = C_n^1 \cdot 2^{n-1} + C_n^3 \cdot 2^{n-3} + \dots + C_n^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$

$$t_{n-1} = C_{n-1}^1 \cdot 2^{n-2} + C_{n-1}^3 \cdot 2^{n-4} + \dots + C_{n-1}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}$$

If  $n$  is even,  $t_n = C_n^1 \cdot 2^{n-1} + C_n^3 \cdot 2^{n-3} + \dots + C_n^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}}$

$$t_{n-1} = C_{n-1}^1 \cdot 2^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1}^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}}$$

$$t_n - t_{n-1} = 3^{n-1}$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 3^{n-1}.$$

Bonus:

$$t_1 - t_0 = 1$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = 3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$t_n - t_{n-1} = 3^{n-1}$$

$$\therefore t_n = 1 + 3 + \dots + 3^{n-1}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1 - 3^n}{1 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{3^n - 1}{2}$$