

6 - Venn diagrams

Example 1. In a standard deck of 52 cards, how many cards are a red face card or a black number card?

Answer: 3 (Red J, Q, K) + 10 (A, 2, ..., 10) = 13 . There are no overlaps.

Example 2. Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 12 \leq x \leq 32\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : -37 \leq x \leq -7\}$. Find $|A \cup B|$.

Answer: $|A| = 32 - 12 + 1 = 21$, $|B| = -7 - (-37) + 1 = 31$, so $|A| + |B| = 21 + 31 = 52$ since there is no overlap.

Definition. Sets A and B are disjoint if $A \cap B = \emptyset$, in which case $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$

Example 3. How many 2-digit numbers are not divisible by 5?

Answer: $U = \{\text{2-digit numbers}\} = \{10, 11, \dots, 99\} \Rightarrow |U| = 99 - 10 + 1 = 90$.

$A = \{\text{2-digit numbers divisible by 5}\} = \{10, 15, \dots, 95\}$

$\Rightarrow |A| = 95/5 - 10/5 + 1 = 18$

Notice A and its complement $U - A$ are disjoint so $|U| = |A| + |U - A|$

$\Rightarrow \# \text{ of 2-digit numbers not divisible by 5} = |U - A| = |U| - |A| = 90 - 18 = 72$.

What if sets overlap?

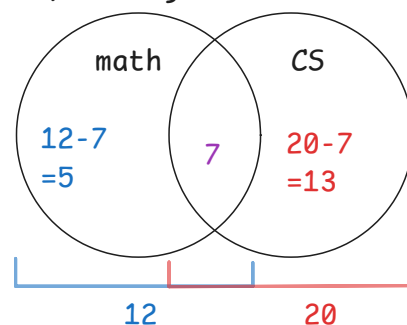
Example 4. In this class, 12 students major in at least math, 20 major in at least CS, and 7 students major in at least math and CS.

(a) How many major in math but not CS? $12 - 7 = 5$

(b) How many major in CS but not math? $20 - 7 = 13$

(c) How many major in math or CS?

$(12 - 7) + 7 + (20 - 7) = 12 + 20 - 7 = 25$



Principle of inclusion-exclusion. (PIE) $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

Example 5. How many 2-digit numbers are divisible by 5 or by 2?

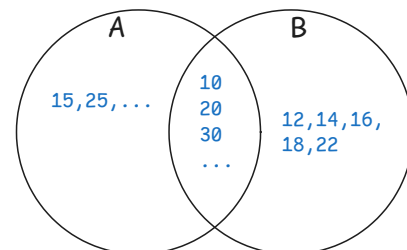
Answer:

$A = \{\text{2-digit numbers divisible by 5}\} \Rightarrow |A| = 18$

$B = \{\text{2-digit numbers divisible by 2}\} \Rightarrow |B| = 4 \times 9 = 45$

$A \cap B = \{\dots \text{divisible by } 10\} \Rightarrow |A \cap B| = 9$

So $|A \cup B| = 18 + 45 - 9 = 63 - 9 = 54$



Answer 2: (Use complements)

$U = \{\text{2-digit numbers}\} \Rightarrow |U| = 90$

$C = \{\text{2-digit numbers are not divisible by 5 nor 2}\} = \{11, 13, 17, 19, \text{etc.}\}$

$\Rightarrow |C| = 4 \times 9 = 36$.

$\Rightarrow |U - C| = 90 - 36 = 54$

Principle of inclusion-exclusion. (PIE)

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

Example 6. How many 2-digit numbers are divisible by 2, 5, or 9?

Answer: A, B as before.

$C = \{2\text{-digit numbers divisible by } 9\} = \{18, 27, \dots, 90, 99\}$

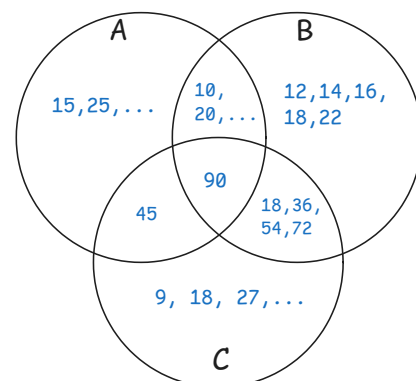
$\Rightarrow |C| = 10$.

$$|A \cap C| = |\{45, 90\}| = 2$$

$$|B \cap C| = |\{18, 36, 54, 72, 90\}| = 5$$

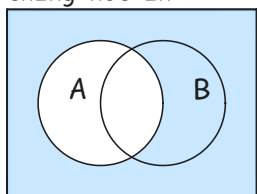
$$|A \cap B \cap C| = |\{90\}| = 1$$

Final Answer: $18 + 45 + 10 - 2 - 5 + 1 = 67$.

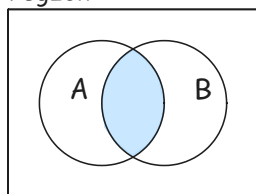


Generic Venn diagrams show relationships that hold for all sets:

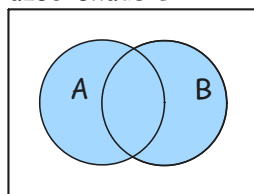
$\sim A$: shade every-
thing not in A



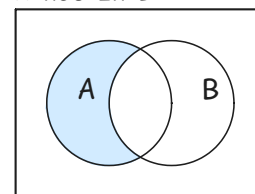
$A \cap B$: shade common
region



$A \cup B$: shade A,
also shade B

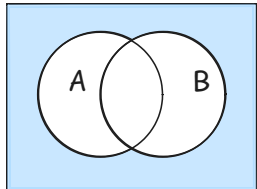


$A - B$: shade part of
A not in B



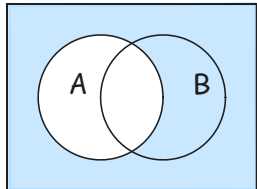
Example 7. Show De Morgan's law $\sim(A \cup B) = (\sim A) \cap (\sim B)$ via (generic) Venn diagrams.

$\sim(A \cup B)$



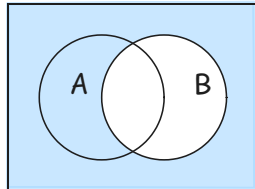
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$\sim A$



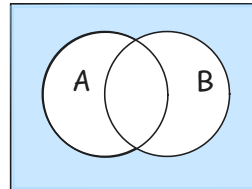
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$\sim B$



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$(\sim A) \cap (\sim B)$



Example 8. Put the Venn diagram (at right) into set notation.

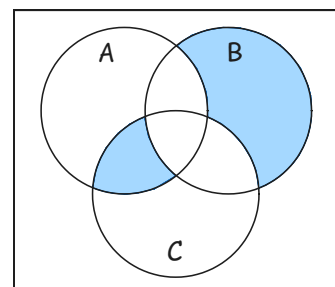
Write as {left part} \cup {right part}

A point in left part is in A and not in B and in C, so

$$\{\text{left region}\} = A \cap \sim B \cap C$$

A point in right part is not in A and in B and not in C, so

$$\{\text{right region}\} = \sim A \cap B \cap \sim C$$



Exercises.

1. Show the other De Morgan's law $\sim(A \cap B) = (\sim A) \cup (\sim B)$ via (generic) Venn diagrams.
2. How many natural numbers less than 100 do not end with a 0?
3. How many standard playing cards are red or have a number (A, 2, 3, ..., 10)?
4. How many numbers taken from 1, 2, 3, ..., 100, when written out in English, do not contain the letter "x"? (E.g. 1 = "one" has no letter "x".)