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# Counting

9.1 Basics of Probability and Counting

9.2 Possibility Trees and the Multiplication Rule



**9.3 Counting Elements of Disjoint Sets: Addition Rule**

9.5 Counting Subsets of a Set: Combinations

9.6 r-Combinations with Repetition Allowed



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## 9.3 Counting Elements of Disjoint Sets: Addition Rule

In this lecture:



Part 1: **Addition Rule**

Part 2: **Difference Rule**

Part 2: **Inclusion Rule**

Apply these rules to count elements of union and disjoint sets

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## Additional Rule

*e.g., Number of students in this class = Number of Girls +  
Number of boys, in this class*

### Theorem 9.3.1 The Addition Rule

Suppose a finite set  $A$  equals the union of  $k$  distinct mutually disjoint subsets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ . Then

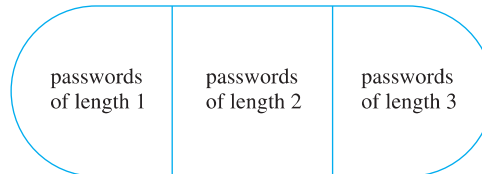
$$N(A) = N(A_1) + N(A_2) + \dots + N(A_k).$$

The number of elements in a union of **mutually disjoint** finite sets equals the sum of the number of elements in each of the component sets.

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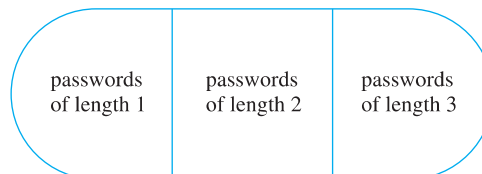
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Number of passwords of length 1 =  $26$  (because there are 26 letters in the alphabet)

Number of passwords of length 2 =  $26^2$  (two-step process in which there are 26 ways to perform each step)

Number of passwords of length 3 =  $26^3$

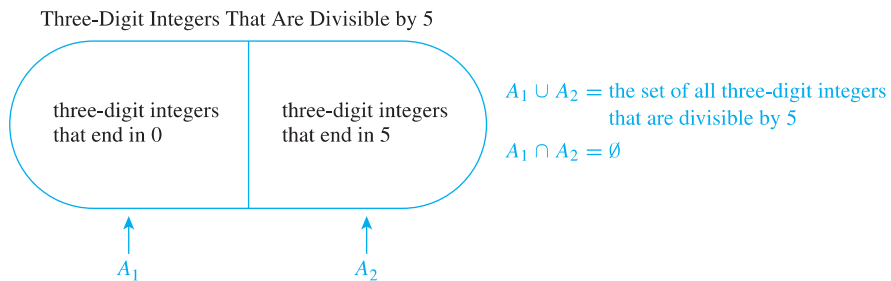
**Total =  $26 + 26^2 + 26^3 = 18,278$ .**

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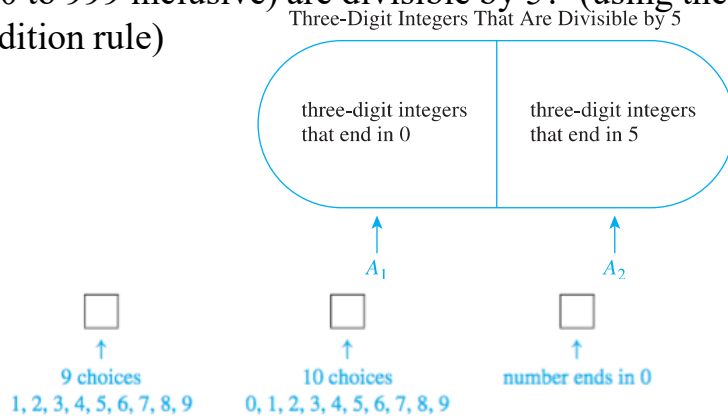
Integers that are divisible by 5 end either in 5 or in 0. Thus the set of all three-digit integers that are divisible by 5 can be split into two mutually disjoint subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$



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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{the number of} \\ \text{three-digit integers} \\ \text{that are divisible by 5} \end{array} \right] = N(A_1) + N(A_2) = 90 + 90 = 180.$$

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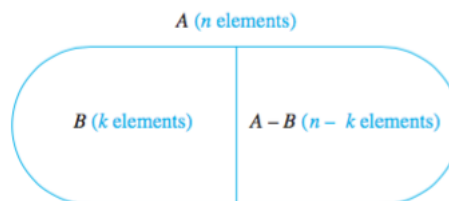
## The Difference Rule

Number of students without girls =  
number of all students – number of girls

### Theorem 9.3.2 The Difference Rule

If  $A$  is a finite set and  $B$  is a subset of  $A$ , then

$$N(A - B) = N(A) - N(B).$$



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## Exercise

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a) How many PINs contain repeated symbols?

$$1,679,616 - 1,413,720 = 265,896$$

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One way

$$\frac{265,896}{1,679,616} \cong 0.158 = 15.8\%.$$

Another way

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(S - A) &= \frac{N(S - A)}{N(S)} && \text{by definition of probability in the equally likely case} \\
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 &= \frac{N(S)}{N(S)} - \frac{N(A)}{N(S)} && \text{by the laws of fractions} \\
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### Formula for the Probability of the Complement of an Event

If  $S$  is a finite sample space and  $A$  is an event in  $S$ , then

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A).$$

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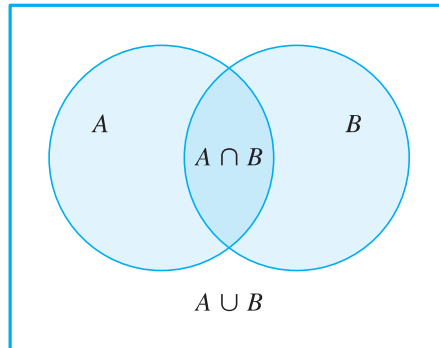
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## The Inclusion/Exclusion Rule

- Until now, we learned to count union of sets that they are **disjoint**.
- Now, we learn how to count elements in a union of sets when some of the sets **overlap** (i.e., they are **not disjoint**)



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$$\begin{aligned}
 N(A \cup B) &= N(A) + N(B) - N(A \cap B) \\
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$$1,000 - 467 = 533$$

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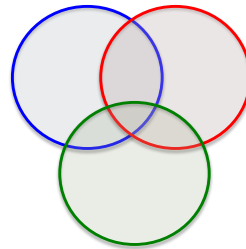
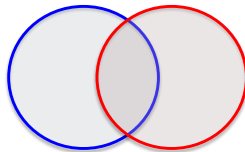
### Theorem 9.3.3 The Inclusion/Exclusion Rule for Two or Three Sets

If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are any finite sets, then

$$N(A \cup B) = N(A) + N(B) - N(A \cap B)$$

and

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



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$$N(P) + N(C) + N(J) - N(P \cap C) - N(P \cap J) - N(C \cap J) + N(P \cap C \cap J)$$

$$47 = 30 + 26 + 18 - 9 - 16 - 8 + N(P \cap C \cap J).$$

$$N(P \cap C \cap J) = 6.$$

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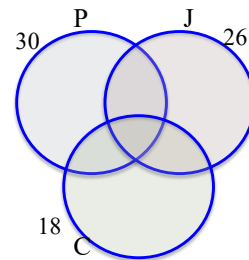
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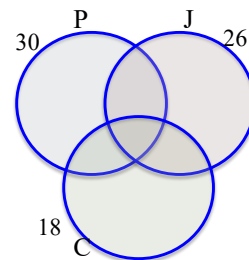
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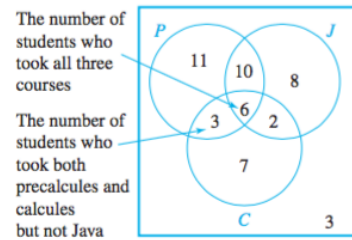
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$$N(P) - (N(P \cap C)) - N(P \cap J) + N(P \cap C \cap J) = ?$$

$$30 - 9 - 16 + 6 = 11$$

$$N(P) - (N(P \cap C) - N(P \cap C \cap J)) - ((P \cap J) - N(P \cap C \cap J))$$

$$30 - 13 - 6 = 11$$

