

Hence  $|S| = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$   
 i.e.  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} \checkmark$

Claim Fix  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}, k \leq n$ . Then

$$\binom{n}{k} k = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

PF: Let  $S$  denote the set of ~~committees~~  
~~of~~ ~~size~~ ~~k~~ ~~from~~ ~~a~~ ~~group~~ ~~of~~ ~~n~~ ~~people~~  
 Committees of  $k$  people from a group of  $n$  people that include a specified chairperson.  
 Such a committee can be

formed by:

- picking the committee members  $\binom{n}{k}$
- from there, picking the chairperson  $\binom{k}{1} = k$

hence  $|S| = \binom{n}{k} k$

or could form a committee by. (2)

- picking a chairperson first  $\binom{n}{1} = n$

- from remaining  $n-1$  people pick remaining  $k-1$  committee members

$$\binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

hence  $|S| = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$  too

hence  $n \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \binom{n}{k} k$ . ✓

In this case, can verify the identity algebraically:

$$\binom{n}{k} k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} k = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n \binom{n-1}{k-1} &= n \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!((n-1)-(k-1))!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} \end{aligned}$$

same

Prop'n: Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then:

$$n 2^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k$$

PF: Let  $S$  be the set of nonempty committees w/ a chairperson chosen from a group of  $n$  people.

Done ✓

... But let's check:

can form committee by:

- choosing the chair  $\binom{n}{1} = n$
- from remaining  $n-1$ , choosing other committee members

(i.e. just choosing a subset from a set of size  $n-1$ )

$$\Rightarrow |S| = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

OTOH we can partition  $S$ :

$$S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$$

where  $A_k$  is the set of committees  
w/ exactly  $k$  people. (23)

above we computed

$$|A_k| = \binom{n}{k} k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } |S| &= |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_n| \\ &= \binom{n}{1} 1 + \binom{n}{2} 2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n} n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

As a bonus, using previous example,  
could ~~re~~write this identity as:

$$n 2^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k = \sum_{k=1}^n n \binom{n-1}{k-1} \quad \checkmark$$

Inclusion / Exclusion:

ROS says: if we write a set  $A$   
as:

$$A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k$$

and then  $A_i$ 's are disjoint, then

$$|A| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_k|.$$

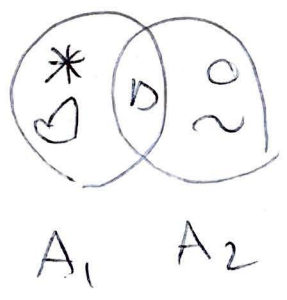
... but what if the  $A_i$ 's are not disjoint? Can we still count  $|A|$  in terms of the  $|A_i|$ 's?

Yes: but need the principle of Inclusion/Exclusion.

ex: let  $A_1 = \{*, \heartsuit, \Delta\}$   
 $A_2 = \{\Delta, \circ, \sim\}$

let  $A = A_1 \cup A_2$

What is  $|A|$ ?



is  $|A| = |A_1| + |A_2|$ ? Not quite — since  $\Delta \in A_1 \cap A_2$ .

but we can think of counting  $|A|$  as  $|A_1| + |A_2| \dots$  then correcting over-counting: (15)

In this case we count the elements in  $A_1 \cap A_2$  (i.e.  $\emptyset$ ) twice, hence

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2| \\ &= 3 + 3 - 1 \\ &= 5 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

and indeed  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 = \{*, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset\}$

$\hookrightarrow$  this is general!

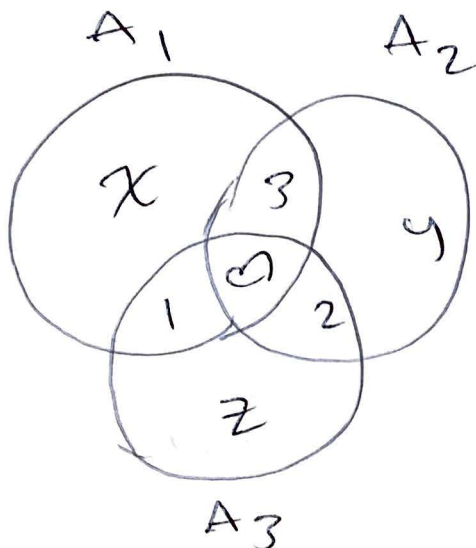
For any <sup>finite</sup> set  $A$ , if  $A = A_1 \cup A_2$

then  $|A| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$

what about 3 sets?

ex: sps  $A_1 = \{x, 1, 3, \emptyset\}$   
 $A_2 = \{y, 2, 3, \emptyset\}$   
 $A_3 = \{z, 1, 3, \emptyset\}$





$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3|$$

$$- |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_3|$$

$$- |A_2 \cap A_3|$$

$$+ |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$$

el'ts  $\rightarrow$   
 here counted  
 twice

$\rightarrow$   
 el'ts here counted twice, then  
 subtracted three times!  
 so need to add back!

Reasoning more generally like (27)  
this yields:

Theorem (Principle of Inclusion/Exclusion) (PIE)

IF  $A$  is finite and

$$A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k$$

then:  $|A| = |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k|$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k |A_i| \quad \leftarrow \binom{k}{1} \text{ terms}$$

$$- \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |A_i \cap A_j| \quad \leftarrow \binom{k}{2} \text{ terms}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j < l \leq k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_l| \quad \leftarrow \binom{k}{3} \text{ terms}$$

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⋮

$$+ (-1)^{k-1} |A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_k| \quad \leftarrow \binom{k}{k} \text{ terms}$$



Ex (i) Sps in a group of ~~50 ppl~~ 50 ppl (28)

- 30 have brown hair
- 25 have blue eyes
- 10 have both

(i) How many have either brown hair or blue eyes (or both)?

(ii) How many have neither?

Sol'n: Let  $A_{\text{brown}}$  = set of brown ~~hair~~ hair  
 $A_{\text{blue}}$  = set of blue eyes

then, by PIE:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad |A_{\text{brown}} \cup A_{\text{blue}}| &= |A_{\text{brown}}| + |A_{\text{blue}}| \\ &\quad - |A_{\text{brown}} \cap A_{\text{blue}}| \\ &= 30 + 25 - 10 \\ &= 45 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad \text{So } \# \text{ w/ neither} = \text{So} - 45 = 5$$

Ex 2 How many integers between 1 and 1000 are not divisible by any of ~~5, 7, 11~~ the #'s 5, 7, 11?

Sol'n  
Let  $A_k$  = set of integers between 1 and 1000 divisible by  $k$

$$\text{So } A_5 = \{5, 10, 15, \dots, 1000\}$$

$$|A_5| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{5} \right\rfloor = 200$$

$$A_7 = \{7, 14, \dots, 994\}$$

$$|A_7| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{7} \right\rfloor = 142$$

~~$A_{11} = \{11, 22, \dots, 990\}$~~

$$\text{and } |A_{11}| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{11} \right\rfloor = 90$$

Now:  $A_5 \cap A_7$  = set of  $n \leq 1000$   
divis by both 5, 7  
(i.e. divis by 35  
=  $\text{lcm}(5, 7)$   
=  $A_{35}$ )

hence  $|A_5 \cap A_7| = |A_{35}|$   
 $= \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{35} \right\rfloor = 28$

Similarly:  $|A_5 \cap A_{11}| = |A_{55}|$   
 $= \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{55} \right\rfloor = 18$

$|A_7 \cap A_{11}| = |A_{77}|$   
 $= \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{77} \right\rfloor = 12$

Finally  $|A_5 \cap A_7 \cap A_{11}|$   
 $= |A_{385}| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{385} \right\rfloor$   
 $= 2$

So: by PIE:

$$|A_5 \cup A_7 \cup A_{11}| = |A_5| + |A_7| + |A_{11}|$$

$$- |A_5 \cap A_7| - |A_5 \cap A_{11}| - |A_7 \cap A_{11}|$$

$$+ |A_5 \cap A_7 \cap A_{11}|$$

(31)

$$= 200 + 142 + 90 - 28 - 18 - 12 + 2$$

$$= 376$$

We're interested in the complement of this set

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \# \text{ of } n \leq 1000 \text{ divisible by} \\ \text{none of } 5, 7, 11 &= 1000 - 376 \\ &= 624 \end{aligned}$$