

CISC 1400
Discrete Structures
Chapter 1
Sets

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- Basic definitions
- Naming and describing sets
- Comparison relations on sets
- Set operations
- Principle of Inclusion/Exclusion

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- Less standard (but useful) notations:
 - \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of positive integers.
 - \mathbb{Z}^- is the set of negative integers.
 - $\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ is the same as \mathbb{N} .
 - $\mathbb{R}^{>7}$ is the set of all real numbers greater than seven.

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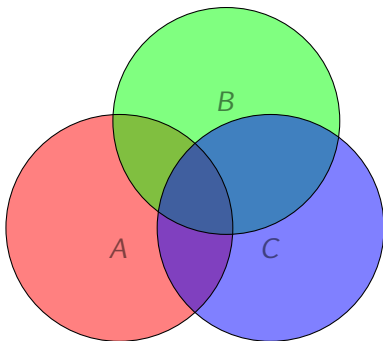
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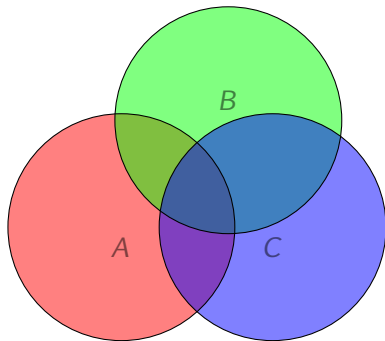
Venn Diagram

Diagram for visualizing sets and set operations



When necessary, indicate universal set via rectangle surrounding the set circles.

Venn Diagram (cont'd)



For example, might have

$A = \{\text{Fordham students who've taken CISC 1400}\}$

$B = \{\text{Fordham students who've taken CISC 1600}\}$

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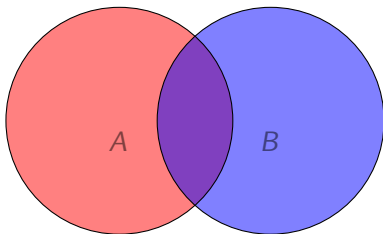
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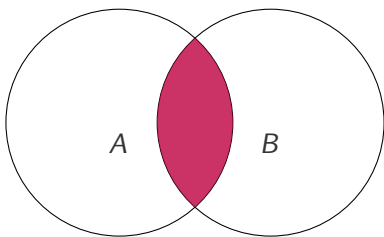
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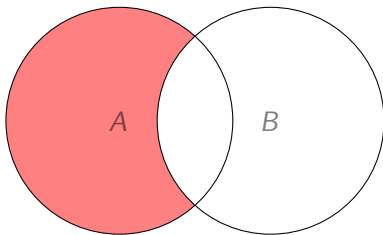
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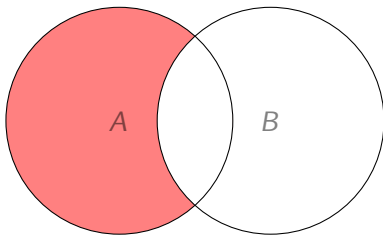
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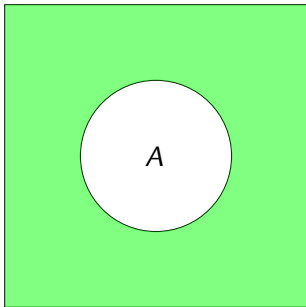
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Set operations: Complement

Set of all elements (of the universal set) that do *not* belong to a given set:

$$A' = U - A.$$

Venn diagrams dealing with complements generally use a surrounding rectangle to indicate the universal set U :



If U and A are finite sets, then

$$|A'| = |U - A| = |U| - |A|.$$

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i.e.,

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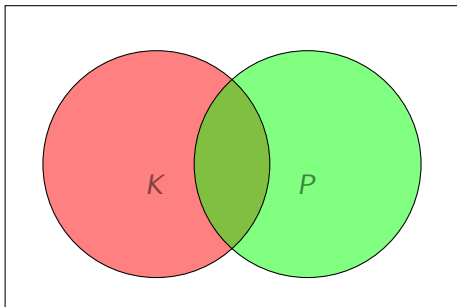
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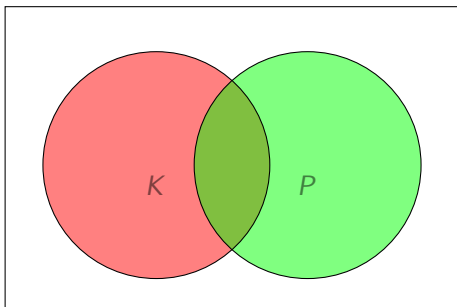
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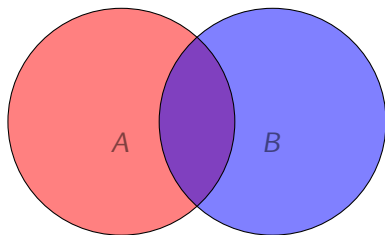
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Since we don't want to count $K \cap P$ twice, we have

$$|K \cup P| = |K| + |P| - |K \cap P| = 25 + 35 - 15 = 45.$$

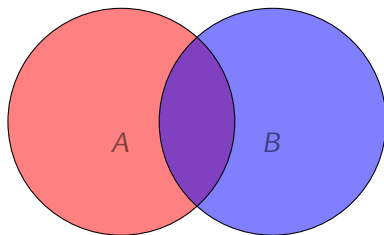
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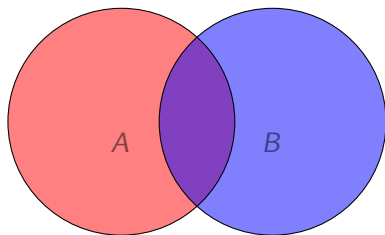
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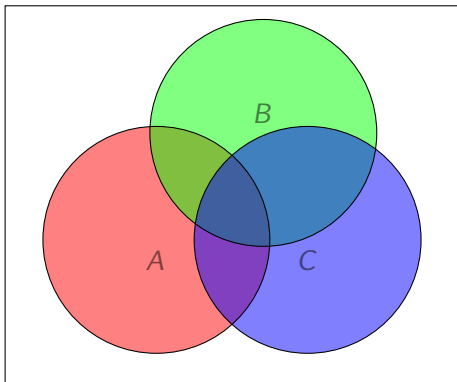
- If A and B are disjoint, then

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

- See the **example** that animates this concept.
- What about three sets (hamburger eaters who like ketchup, pickles, and tomatoes)?

Principle of Inclusion/Exclusion

For three sets:



$$|A \cup B \cup C| =$$

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