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coefficient of $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_k^{n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!} = \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$

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A man wearing a face mask and glasses is pointing at the second table with a yellow marker. He is holding a piece of paper in his left hand.

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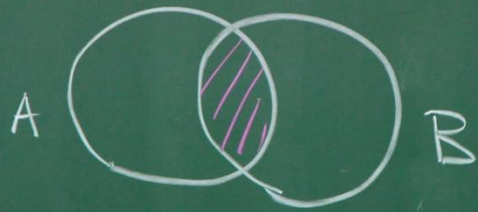
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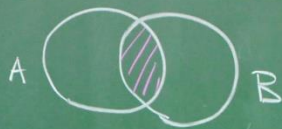
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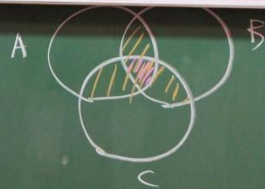


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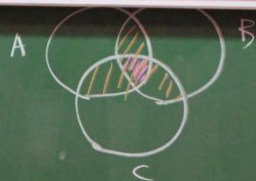
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b c
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xx	
x	x
	xx

xx
xy

Theorem If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are finite sets, then

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \alpha_n$$

where α_i is the sum of the cardinalities of the intersections of the sets taken i at a time, $1 \leq i \leq n$.