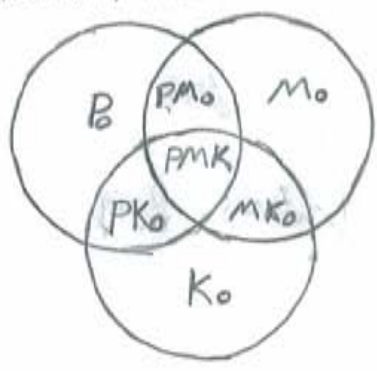


What is The principle Of inclusion and Exclusion?

Suppose a Survey is taken at an academic conference by 100 Scholars. 50 can be grouped as physicists, 40 as mathematicians, 30 as philosophers. More precisely 25 are both physicists and mathematicians, 3 have physics, math and philosophy degrees, 5 are both mathematicians and philosophers, 10 are physicists and philosophers.

How many scholars do not have physics, math or philosophy degrees?  
 $P \equiv$  Physicist |  $M \equiv$  Mathematician |  $K \equiv$  Philosopher |  $S \equiv$  Total number of scholars

- $|S| = 100$
- $|P| = 50$
- $|M| = 40$
- $|K| = 30$
- $|PM| = 25$
- $|PK| = 10$
- $|MK| = 5$
- $|PMK| = 3$



First we start by realizing that 3 scholars have triple degrees in physics, math, and philosophy,  $PMK \equiv 3$ . From this we can find the number of scholars that have only two degrees: Physics and Math ( $PM_0$ ), Physics and Philosophy ( $PK_0$ ) and math and philosophy ( $MK_0$ ).

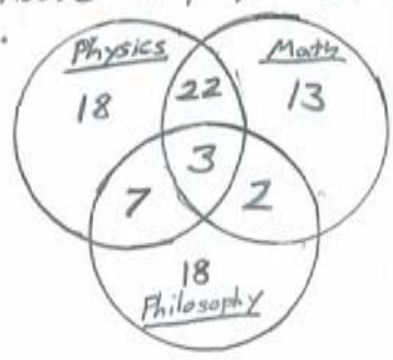
$ PM_0  =  PM  -  PMK $	$ PK_0  =  PK  -  PMK $	$ MK_0  =  MK  -  PMK $
$ PM_0  = 25 - 3$	$ PK_0  = 10 - 3$	$ MK_0  = 5 - 3$
$ PM_0  = 22$	$ PK_0  = 7$	$ MK_0  = 2$

Now that we know the number of scholars with exactly 3 degrees and exactly two degrees we can find the number of scholars with only a physics degree ( $P_0$ ), math degree ( $M_0$ ) or a philosophy degree ( $K_0$ ).

$ P_0  =  P  -  PM_0  -  PK_0  -  PMK $	$M_0 =  M  -  MK_0  -  PM_0  -  PMK $	$K_0 =  K  -  PK_0  -  MK_0  -  PMK $
$ P_0  = 50 - 22 - 7 - 3$	$M_0 = 40 - 2 - 22 - 3$	$K_0 = 30 - 7 - 2 - 3$
$ P_0  = 18$	$ M_0  = 13$	$ K_0  = 18$

Finally we can find the number of scholars who do not have a "physics", math or philosophy degree ( $S$ ). I will call that number  $S_0$ .

$|S_0| = |S| - |P_0| - |M_0| - |K_0| - |PK_0| - |MK_0| - |PM_0| - |PMK|$   
 $|S_0| = 100 - 18 - 13 - 18 - 7 - 2 - 22 - 3$   
 $|S_0| = 17$



Out of 100 Scholars 17 do not have physics, math or Philosophy degrees; nor any combination of those degrees.

This problem initially looks easy, but what makes it hard is taking into consideration the various combination of degrees a scholar can have. There is a much faster way to solve this problem.

First notice that adding the elements of the sets  $P, M \text{ \& } K$  produce a number larger than the number of elements in the set  $S$

$$|S| = 100$$

$$|P| + |M| + |K| = 50 + 40 + 30 = 120$$

Why is  $|P| + |M| + |K| > |S|$ ? It is because we count some sets twice such as  $|PM_0|, |PK_0|, |MK_0|$  twice and we count the set  $|PMK|$  three times:

$$|P| + |M| + |K| = \underbrace{(|P_0| + |PM_0| + |PK_0| + |PMK|)}_{|P|} + \underbrace{(|M_0| + |MK_0| + |PM_0| + |PMK|)}_{|M|} + \underbrace{(|K_0| + |PK_0| + |MK_0| + |PMK|)}_{|K|}$$

$$|P| + |M| + |K| = |P_0| + |M_0| + |K_0| + 2|PM_0| + 2|PK_0| + 2|MK_0| + 3|PMK|$$

Ideally I would like to solve this problem quickly given only the sets;  $|S|, |P|, |M|, |K|, |PM|, |PK|, |MK|$  and  $|PMK|$  which were given at the beginning and required no additional calculations to get  $|PM_0|$ , etc. Since I counted some sets twice if I subtracted the sets once from  $|P| + |M| + |K|$  then in actuality I counted them  $2-1 = \text{one time}$ .

$$|P| + |M| + |K| - |PM| - |PK| - |MK| = |P| + |M| + |K| - \underbrace{(|PM_0| + |PMK|)}_{|PM|} - \underbrace{(|PK_0| + |PMK|)}_{|PK|} - \underbrace{(|MK_0| + |PMK|)}_{|MK|}$$

As you can see  $|P| + |M| + |K| - (|PM| + |PK| + |MK|)$  counts  $|PM_0|, |PK_0|, |MK_0|$  once, but  $|P| + |M| + |K|$  counts  $|PMK|$  3 times and  $|PM| + |PK| + |MK|$  counts  $|PMK|$  3 times. This means that  $(|P| + |M| + |K|) - (|PM| + |PK| + |MK|)$  counts  $|PMK|$   $(3) - (3) = 0$  times.

Therefore we add the set  $|PMK|$  and are able to get the correct number of scholars that have either a physics, math or philosophy degree:

$$|PUMUK| = (|P| + |M| + |K|) - (|PM| + |PK| + |MK|) + (|PMK|)$$

$$|PUMUK| = (50 + 40 + 30) - (25 + 10 + 5) + (3)$$

$$|PUMUK| = (120) - (40) + (3) = 83$$

If the conference has 100 scholars ( $|S| = 100$ ) and 83 scholars have either a physics, math, or philosophy degree or some combination of those degrees ( $|PUMUK| = 83$ ) then the number of scholars without those degrees is:

$$|S_0| = |S| - |PUMUK| = 100 - 83 = 17 \checkmark$$

These types of problems are easy if we can group things in a small number of ways. In order to solve problems where the number of groups and combinations are large we must create a general method.

Essentially the Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion is counting...

# The Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion

Suppose we have a collection of  $n$  distinct objects which have one or more properties we will label as  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{i-1}, P_i, P_{i+1}, \dots, P_{m-1}, P_m$ .

$N_0 \equiv$  The number of objects that have none of the properties.

$N(P_i) \equiv$  The number of objects that have the  $i^{\text{th}}$  property,  $P_i$ .

$N_i(P_i, P_j) \equiv$  The number of objects that have both the  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  properties,  $P_i \cap P_j$ .

$N_i(P_i, P_j, \dots, P_m) \equiv$  The number of objects that have a combination of the properties  $(P_i, P_j, \dots, P_m)$ .

$$N_0 = N - \sum N(P_i) + \sum N(P_i, P_j) - \sum N(P_i, P_j, P_k) + \dots + (-1)^m \sum N(P_1, \dots, P_m) + \dots + (-1)^m N(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m)$$

The number of objects that satisfy the  $i^{\text{th}}$ ,  $j^{\text{th}}$  and  $k^{\text{th}}$  property

The number of objects that satisfy any number of  $m$  properties that also satisfy the  $i^{\text{th}}$  property

The term for the number of objects that satisfy all the properties.

We finally have the equation for the derangement! (oops I mean  $n!$ )

$N = n! \equiv$  The total number of permutations ( $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)$ ) for any set.

$N_0 = n_i \equiv$  The total number of permutations in which no object remains in its original position.

$P_i \equiv$  The property that the  $i^{\text{th}}$  element of the set  $(1, 2, \dots, i, \dots, n)$  remains in its original position.

$N(P_i) \equiv$  The number of permutations where the  $i^{\text{th}}$  element remains in its original position.

and  $N(P_i) = (n-1)!$  because  $i$  is one element and  $(n-1)!$  is the number of permutations where  $i$  is fixed. In other words out of  $n$  objects we choose that object  $i$  is fixed and arrange the remaining  $(n-1)$  objects.

Similarly:  $N(P_i, P_j) = (n-2)!$  and  $N(P_i, P_j, P_k) = (n-3)!$

Therefore by applying this to the equation for the principle of inclusion and exclusion we get:

$$n_i = n! - \sum_i (n-1)! + \sum_{i,j} (n-2)! - \sum_{i,j,k} (n-3)! + \dots + (-1)^m \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m} (n-m)! + \dots + (-1)^n \underbrace{(n-n)!}_{\text{Note } (n-n)! = 0! = 1}$$

$$n_i = n! - \sum_i (n-1)! + \sum_{i,j} (n-2)! - \sum_{i,j,k} (n-3)! + \dots + (-1)^m \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m} (n-m)! + \dots + (-1)^n (n-n)! = n(n-1)!$$

What is  $\sum_i (n-1)!$ ?  
It means we add  $(n-1)!$   $n$  times  $((n-1)!_1 + \dots + (n-1)!_n) = n(n-1)!$

We can rewrite  $n(n-1)!$  using the binomial coefficient as:

$$\binom{n}{1} (n-1)! \Rightarrow \left( \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} \right) (n-1)! \Rightarrow \left( \frac{n \cdot (n-1)!}{(n-1)!} \right) (n-1)! \Rightarrow n(n-1)!$$

Similarly:

$$\sum (n-2)! = \binom{n}{2} (n-2)!$$

$$\sum (n-3)! = \binom{n}{3} (n-3)!$$

$$\sum (n-m)! = \binom{n}{m} (n-m)!$$

Writing the  $\sum (n-m)!$  in terms of the binomial coefficients  $\binom{n}{m} (n-m)!$  allows us to rewrite:

$$n_i = n! - \sum_i (n-1)! + \sum_{i,j} (n-2)! - \sum_{i,j,k} (n-3)! + \dots + (-1)^m \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m} (n-m)! + \dots + (-1)^n$$

To an equation with binomial coefficients:

$$n_i = n! - \binom{n}{1} (n-1)! + \binom{n}{2} (n-2)! - \binom{n}{3} (n-3)! + \dots + (-1)^m \binom{n}{m} (n-m)! + \dots + (-1)^n$$

We can simplify the equation by using summation notation as:

$$n_i = \sum_m (-1)^m \binom{n}{m} (n-m)!$$

Lets examine  $\binom{n}{m} (n-m)!$ :

$$\binom{n}{m} (n-m)! = \frac{n!}{m! (n-m)!} (n-m)! = \frac{n!}{m!} \text{ therefore } n_i = \sum_m (-1)^m \frac{n!}{m!} (n-m)! \text{ becomes:}$$

$$n_i = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-1)^m}{m!}$$

The Taylor expansion of  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$  ( $x = -1$  for the derangement)

$$n_i = n! e^{-1}$$

In general the number of permutations of an  $n$  element set in which no object remains in its original position is:

$$n_i = \left[ \frac{n!}{e} \right] \quad ([ ] \text{ is the nearest integer function})$$

The probability any permutation ( $n!$ ) is a derangement ( $n_i$ ) is:

$$\frac{n_i}{n!} = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} = 0.368 \Rightarrow 36.8\% \text{ of the time any permutation is a derangement.}$$

The probability that the first permutation is a derangement is:  $\text{Prob}(1) = \frac{n_i}{n!}$  and the probability a second permutation is a derangement is  $\text{Prob}(1,2) = \text{Prob}_2(2) = \frac{n_i}{n!}$ . Because  $\text{Prob}(1) = \text{Prob}_2(2)$  we say that the events are independent of each other:

$$\text{Prob}(1,2) = \frac{n_i}{n!} \cdot \frac{n_i}{n!} = \left( \frac{n_i}{n!} \right)^2 = e^{-2}$$

In general then:

$$\text{Prob}(1,2, \dots, n) = e^{-n}$$

Any permutation of  $n$  objects like an einstein solid with  $g$  dots of energy and  $n$  bars of oscillators ( $\dots | \dots | \dots$ ) can be understood using derangements and partial derangements (see my essay).

$$\text{Entropy} \equiv \text{Derangements}$$

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