

Sept 2 Slides

Sidebar: Set Cover Problem

A very famous and useful problem in combinatorics and CS! One of the original problems to be proven **NP-Complete**.

One Example: Given a “universe” U (big set with everything else in the problem inside) and a set of sets, S

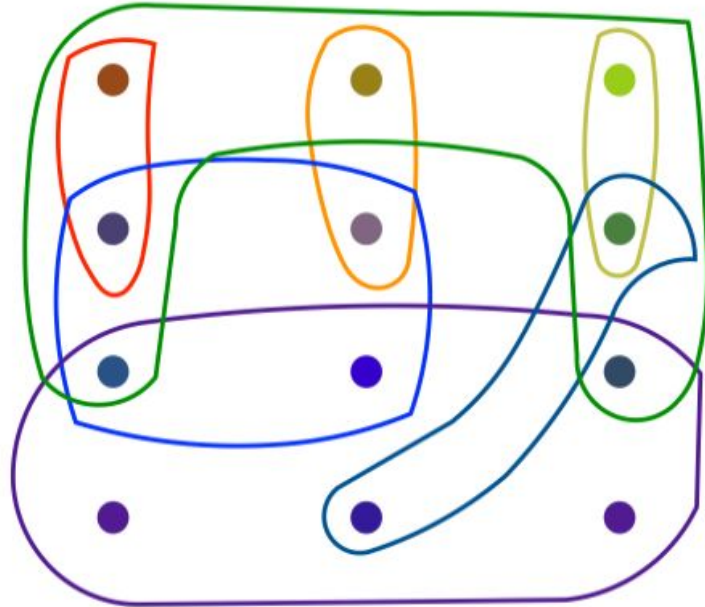
$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$S = \{ \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\} \}$$

What is the *minimum number* of sets in S needed to cover everything in U ?

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Your turn!



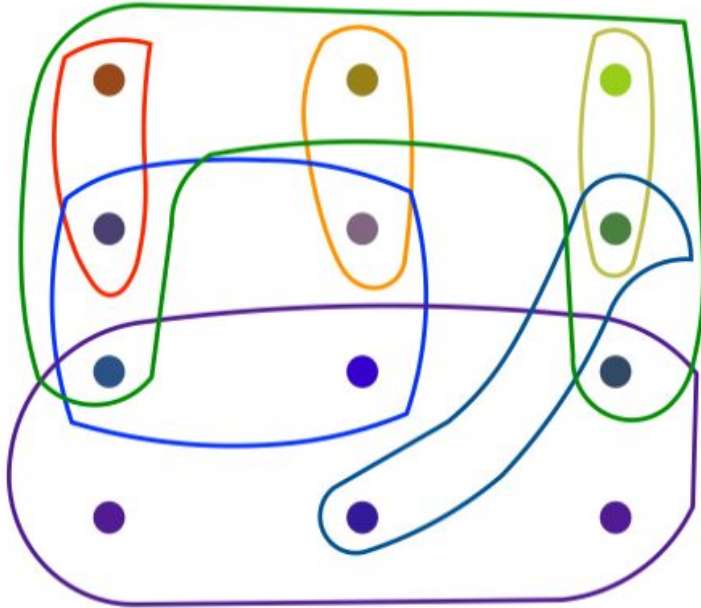
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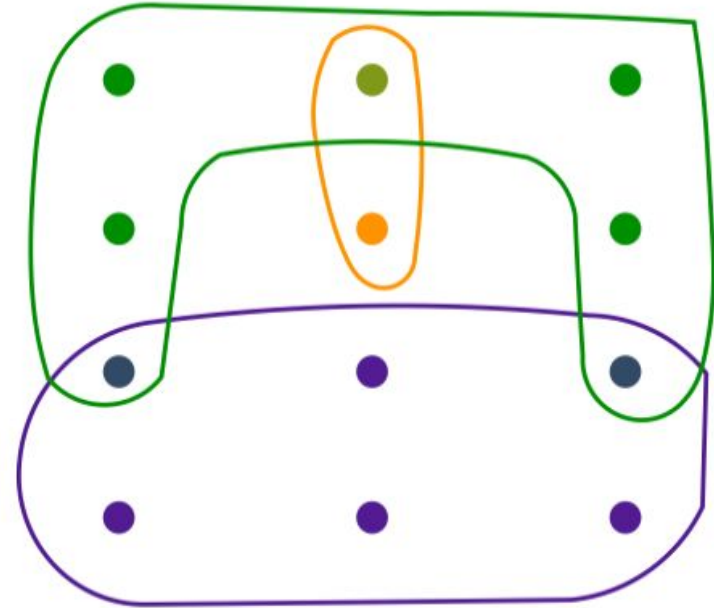
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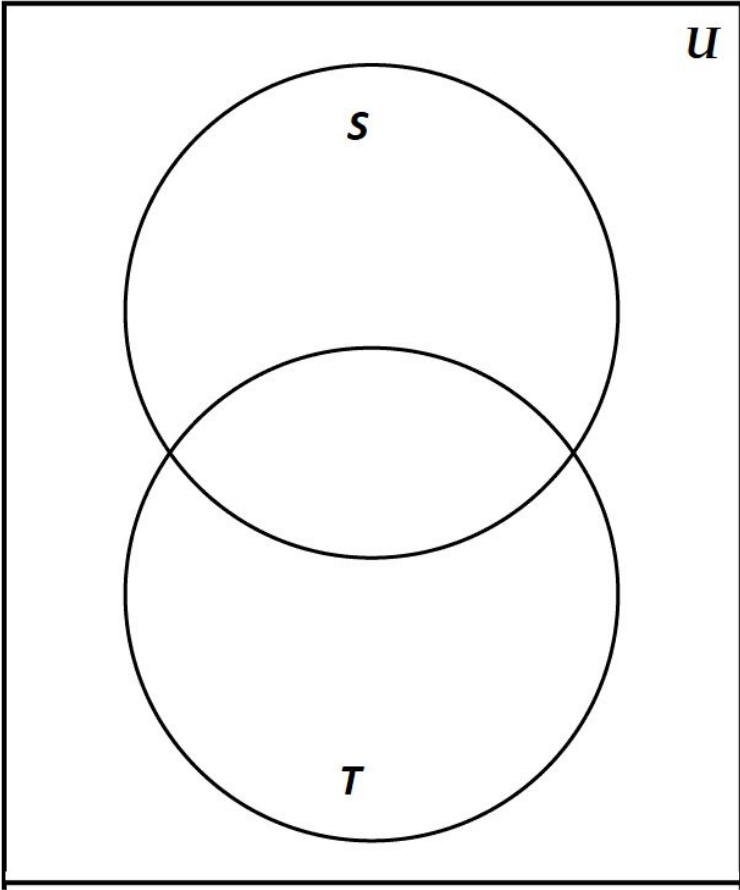
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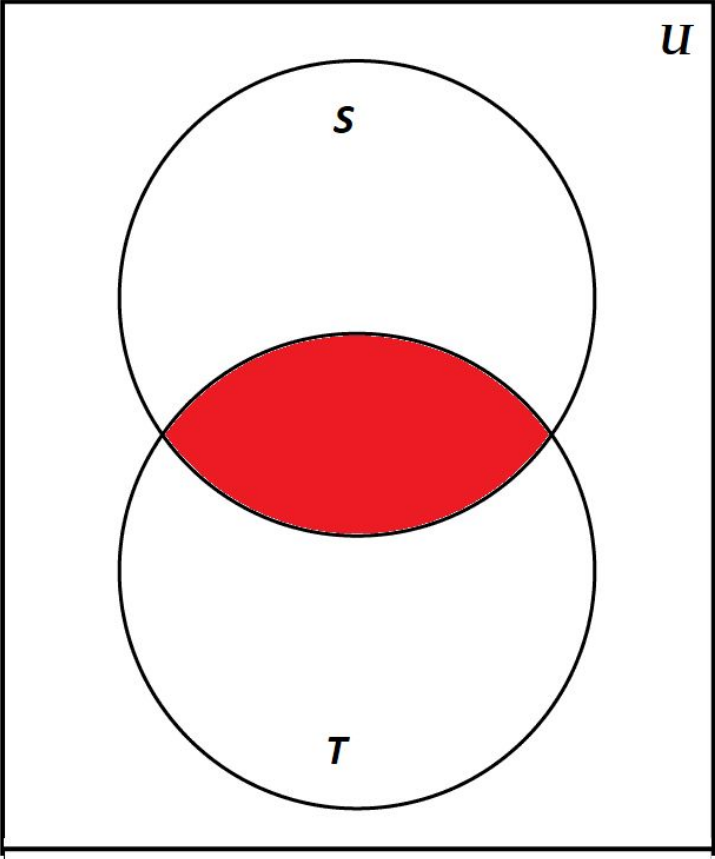
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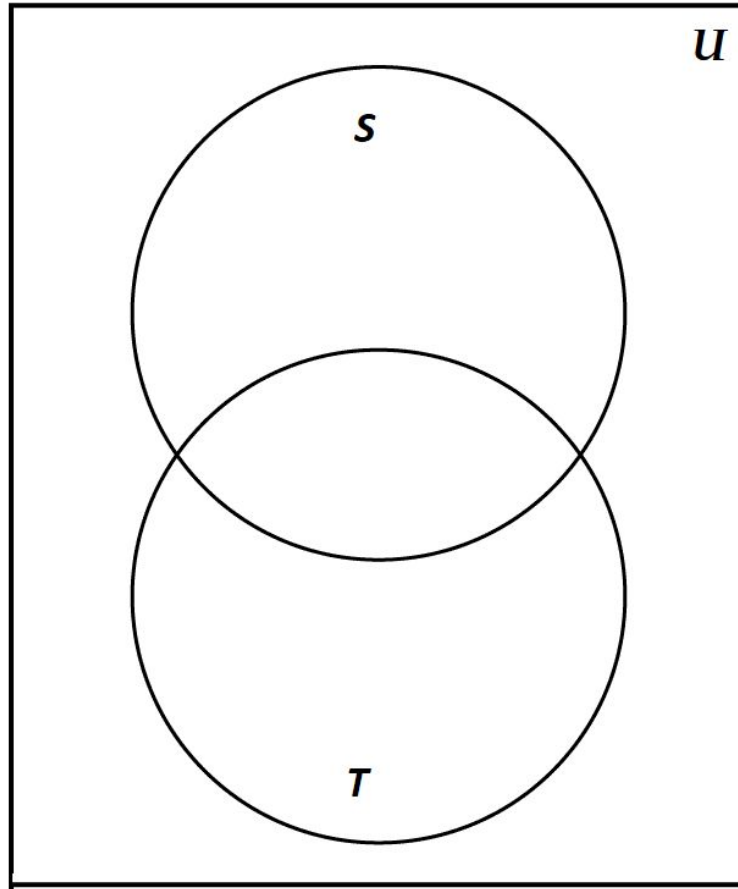
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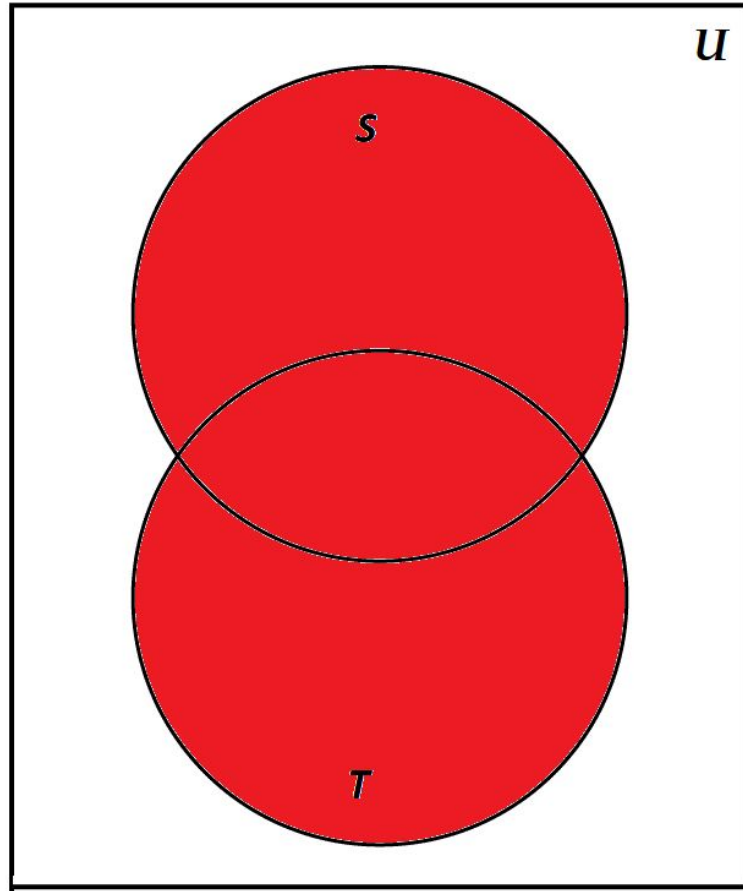
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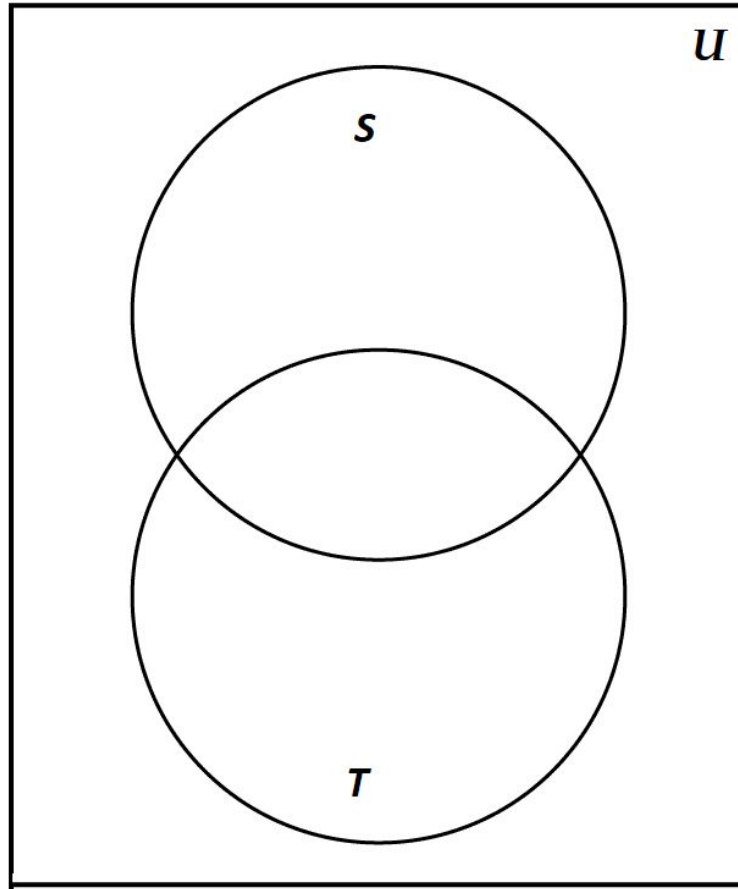
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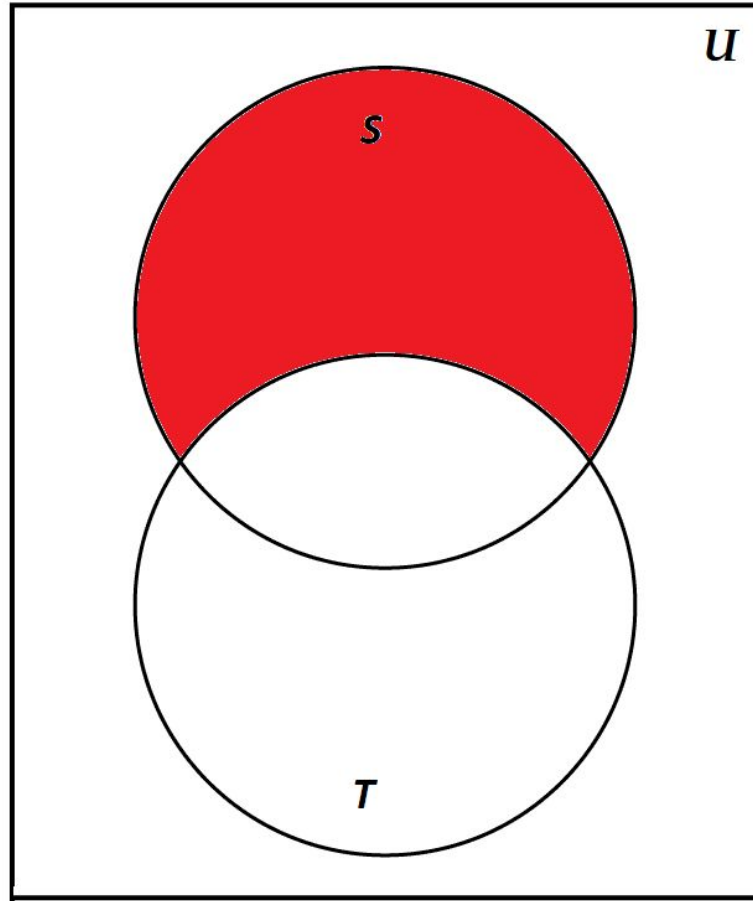
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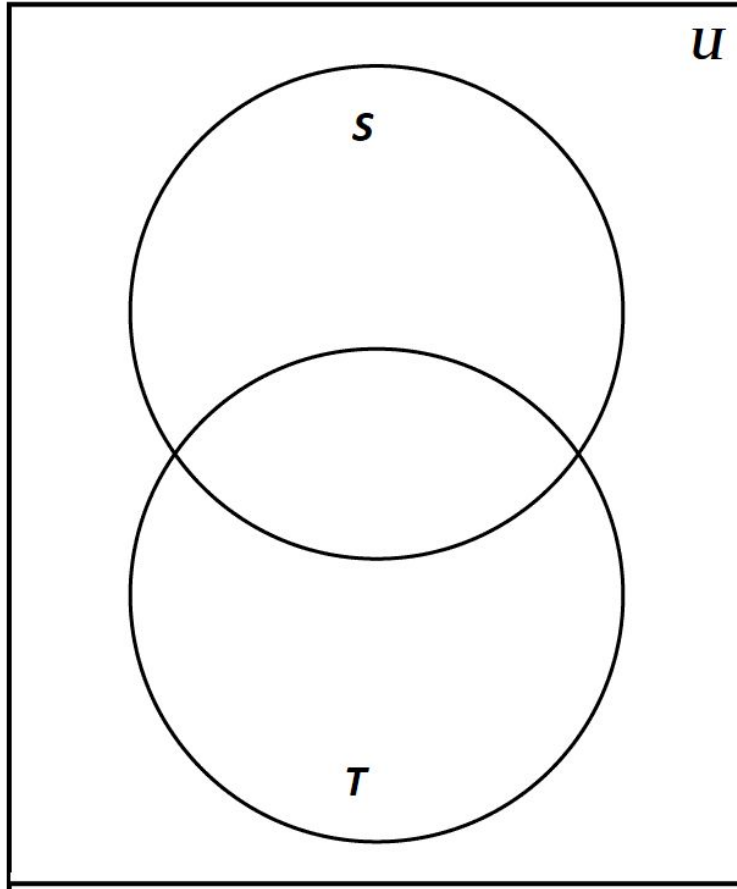
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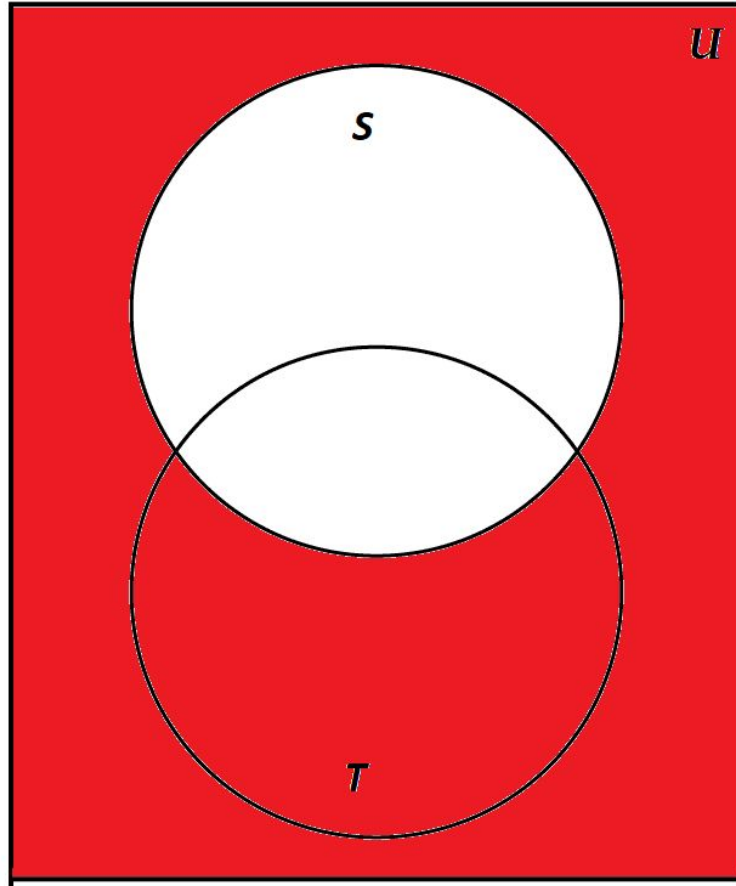
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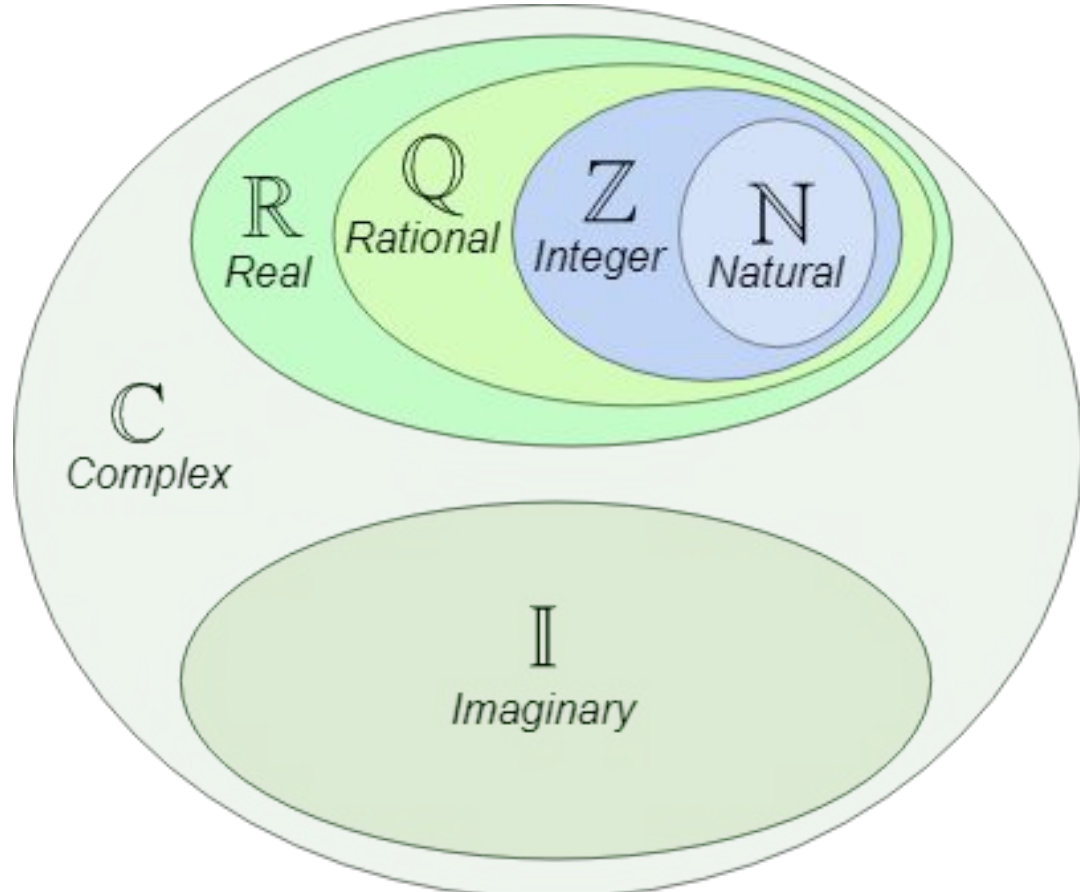
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Useful Infinite Sets



Cardinality

Q: Compute each cardinality.

1. $|\{1, -13, 4, -13, 1\}|$
2. $|\{3, \{1,2,3,4\}, \emptyset\}|$
3. $|\{\emptyset\}|$
4. $|\{\{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\{\{\emptyset\}\}\}\}|$