

There are 55 elements that do not belong to either set A or set B but do belong to the Universal set U. Set A contains 72 elements, set B contains 51 elements, and U contains 168 elements. How many elements are there in the set  $A \cap B$ ?

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Danny wishes to solve the equation  $x^2 + 7x + 10 = 4$ . Which of the following would be a correct step in solving this equation?

**(A)** 
$$(x + 5)(x + 2) = 0$$

**(B)** 
$$(x + 3)(x + 2) = 0$$

(C) 
$$(x + 6)(x + 1) = 0$$

**(D)** 
$$(x + 10)(x + 1) = 0$$

Which of the following is equivalent to  $\frac{m^9 p^{16} - m^6 p^{12}}{m^3 p^4}$ ?

**(F)** 
$$m^3p^4 - m^2p^3$$

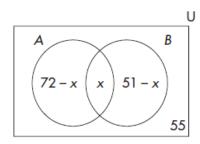
(G) 
$$m^6p^{12} - m^3p^8$$

(I) 
$$m^{12}p^{24}$$

Charlene will write the expression  $\left(\frac{a^{-13}b^{-7}}{a^{-5}b^{10}}\right)^{-2}$  as  $a^xb^y$ , where x and y are positive integers. What is the sum of x and y?

## Answers

The correct answer is 10. Let x represent the number of elements in  $A \cap B$ . Then 72 - x represents the number of elements in A but not in  $A \cap B$ . Likewise, 51 - x represents the number of elements in B but not in  $A \cap B$ . With these substitutions, the Venn diagram would appear as follows.



Then (72 - x) + x + (51 - x) + 55 = 168. The left side of the equation can be simplified to 178 - x = 168. Thus, x = 10.

- By subtracting 4 from each side, Danny can write the given equation as  $x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$ . Then, the left side factors as (x + 6)(x + 1).
- (G)  $\frac{m^9p^{16} m^6p^{12}}{m^3p^4} = \frac{m^9p^{16}}{m^3p^4} \frac{m^6p^{12}}{m^3p^4}$ . In dividing monomials with like bases, subtract the corresponding exponents. Thus, the answer is  $m^6p^{12} m^3p^8$ .
- The correct answer is 50.  $\left(\frac{a^{-13}b^{-7}}{a^{-5}b^{10}}\right)^2 = \frac{a^{26}b^{14}}{a^{10}b^{-20}} = a^{26-10}b^{14-(-20)} = a^{16}b^{34}$ . Then the sum of the exponents is 50.