

Venn diagrams with 3 sets - applications

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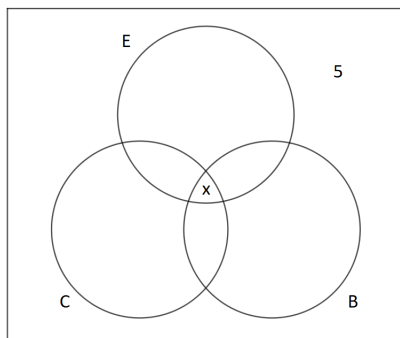
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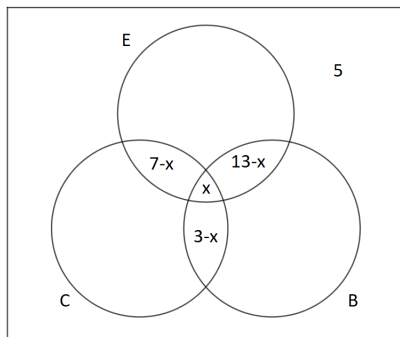


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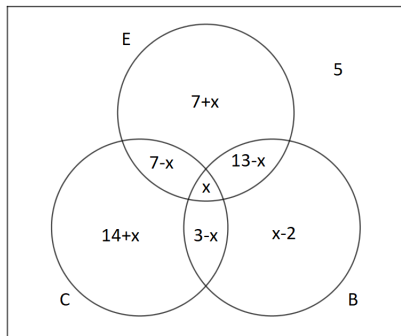
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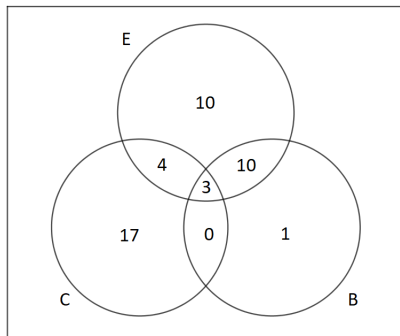
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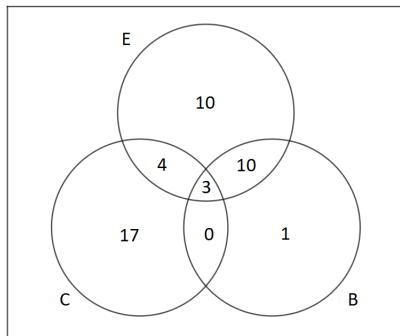
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So 3 people had all three products and $17 + 10 + 1 = 28$ had exactly one of the 3 products.

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100 people were asked what they had for breakfast this morning.

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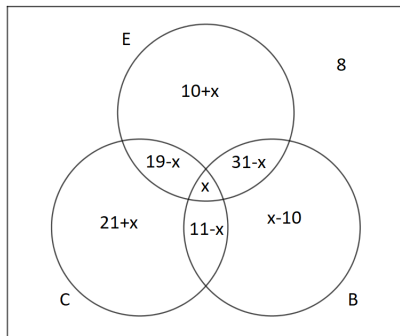
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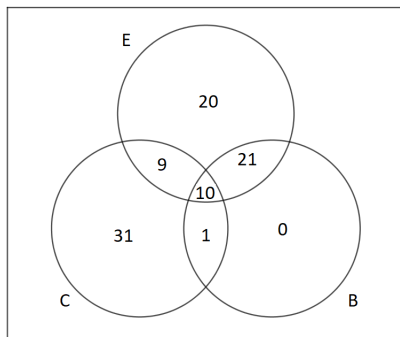
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The diagram with x as the variable representing the number of people who had all three products:



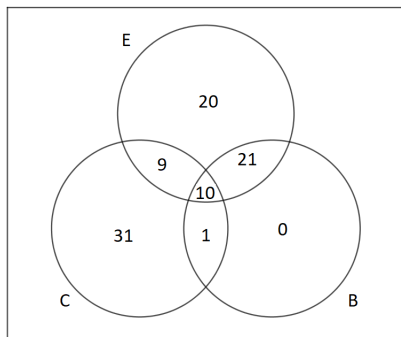
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10 people had all three products and 51 had exactly one of the 3 products.

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