

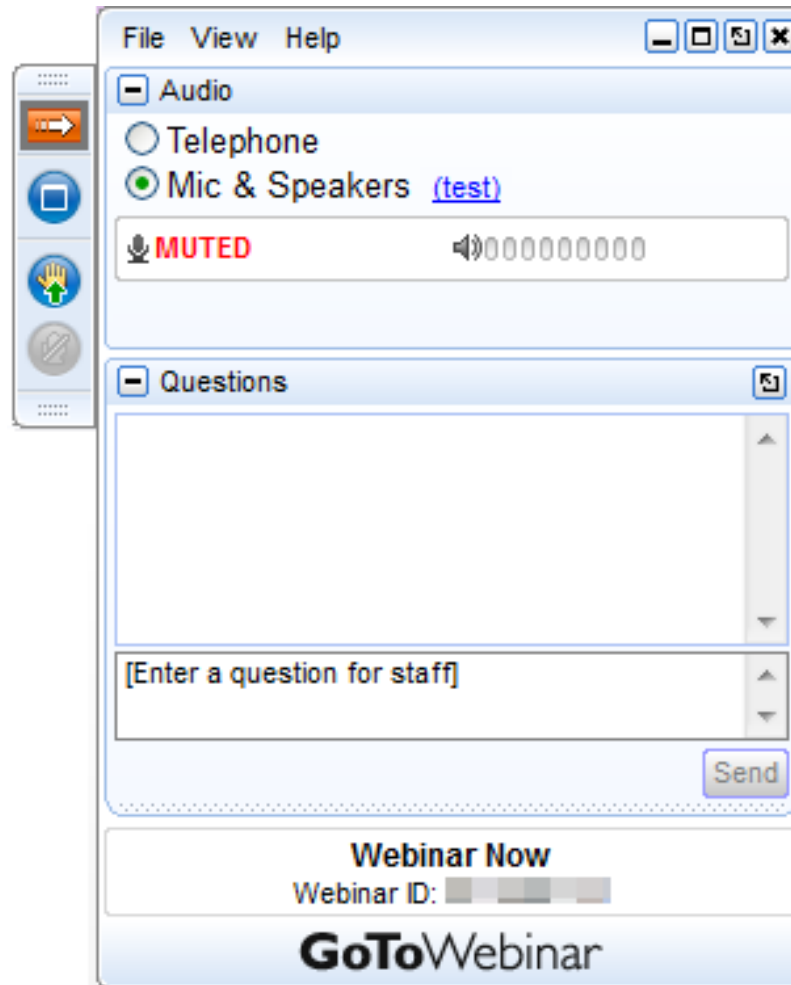


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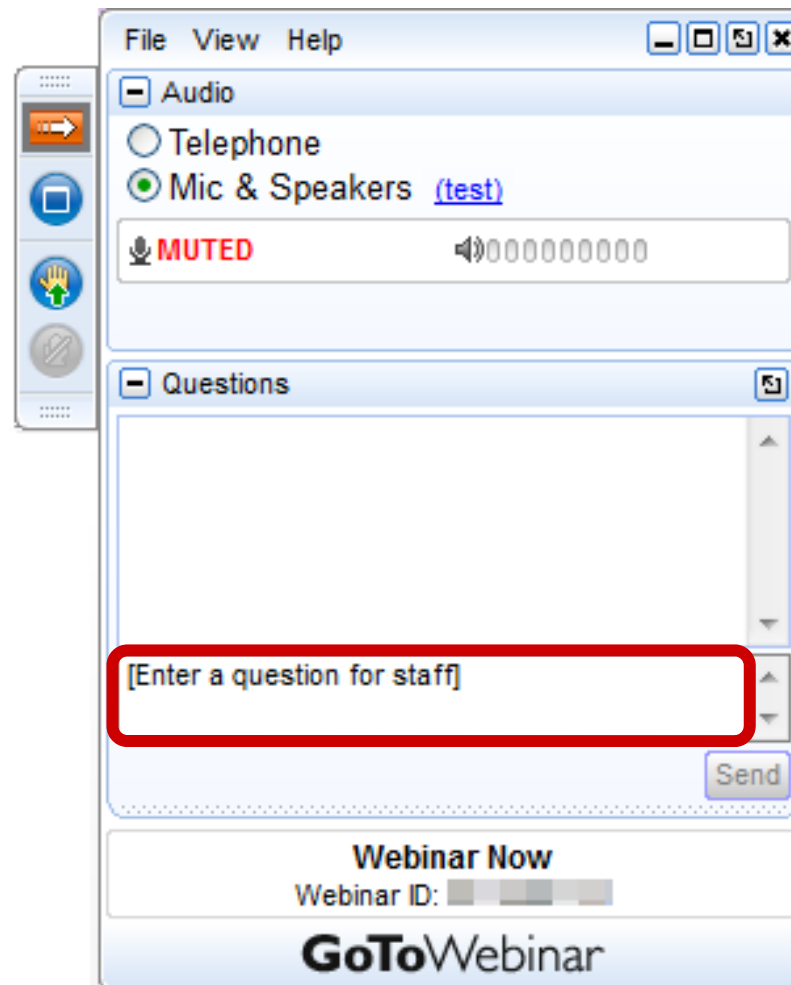
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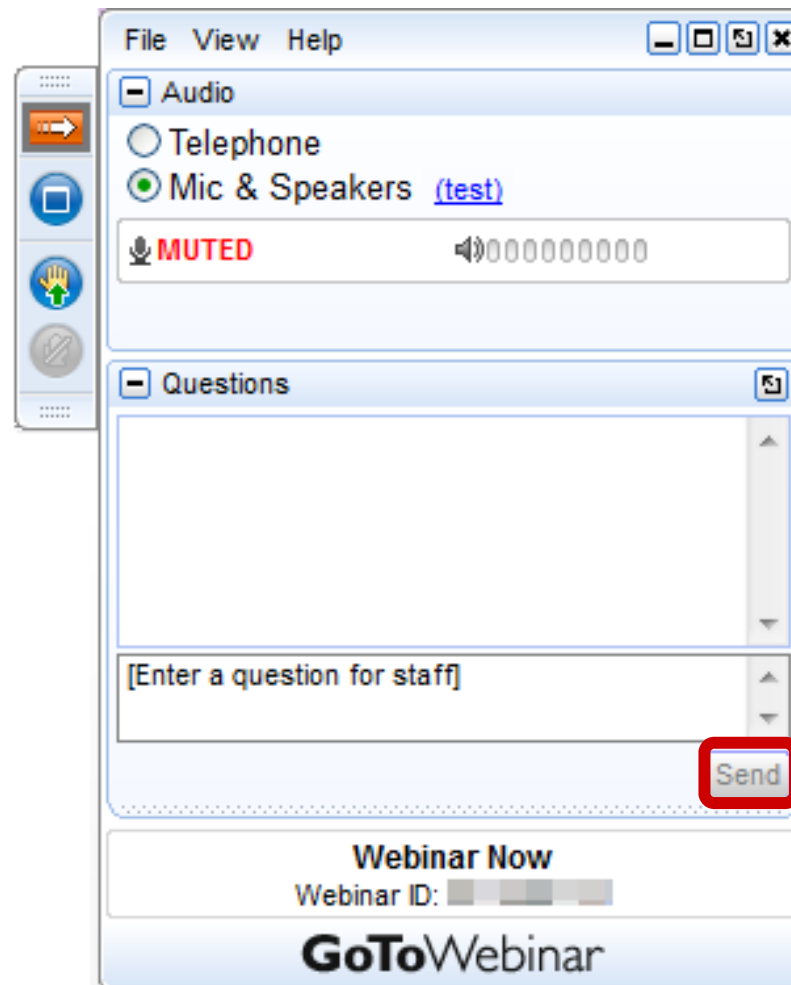


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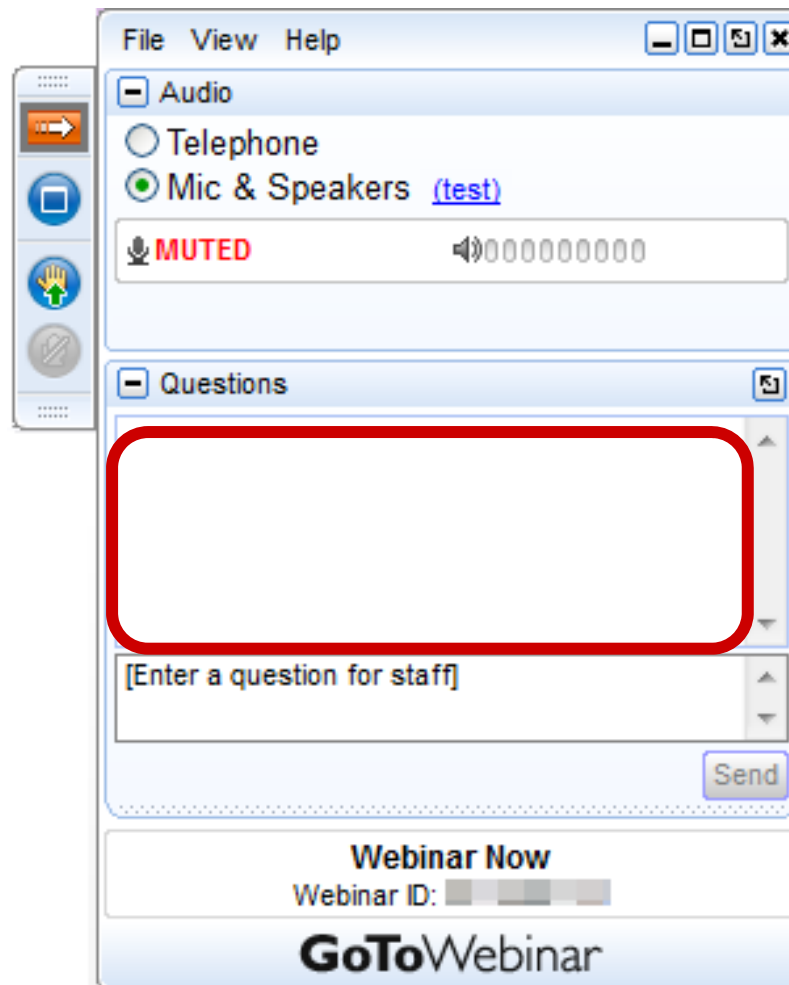
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# Description (specification)

"CLOSURE DEVICE FOR METALLIC CONTAINERS"

## Field of the Invention

The present invention refers to a closure device to be applied in metallic containers, such as pails, comprising a tubular body having a peripheral side wall which has a lower end portion to which is attached a bottom wall, and an upper end portion surrounding an opening, inside which is fitted and axially locked an also metallic lid with a peripheral upper skirt provided with at least one sealing element which cooperates with an upper end portion of the peripheral side wall of the tubular body of the container, to guarantee the tightness of the closure by the lid.

## Prior Art

There are well known from the prior art the closure arrangements of the type mentioned above and which present one of the parts defined by the upper end portion of the tubular body of the container, or by the peripheral upper skirt of the lid provided with at least one circumferential rib which is fitted and axially retained into a respective and confronting circumferential groove provided on the other of said parts, in order to guarantee a reliable axial retention of the lid when fitted into the upper opening of the tubular body of the container. These closure arrangements are provided with at least one annular sealing element, usually an elastic sealing ring or a synthetic resin gasket, which is

- Describes how the invention works (addresses a particular technical problem)
- Provides background information on this problem
- Indicates other known solutions to the problem ("prior art")

# Claims

## CLAIMS

1. Closure device for metallic containers comprising: a tubular body (10) having an upper end portion (11) which incorporates an outer and upper finishing cord (13), and an outer and lower peripheral rib (14); and a lid (20) including a peripheral upper skirt (22) to be fitted inside said upper end portion and externally incorporating an outer curl, characterized in that said device comprises: a retention ring (40) seated around the tubular body (10) and axially locked between the finishing cord (13) and the peripheral rib

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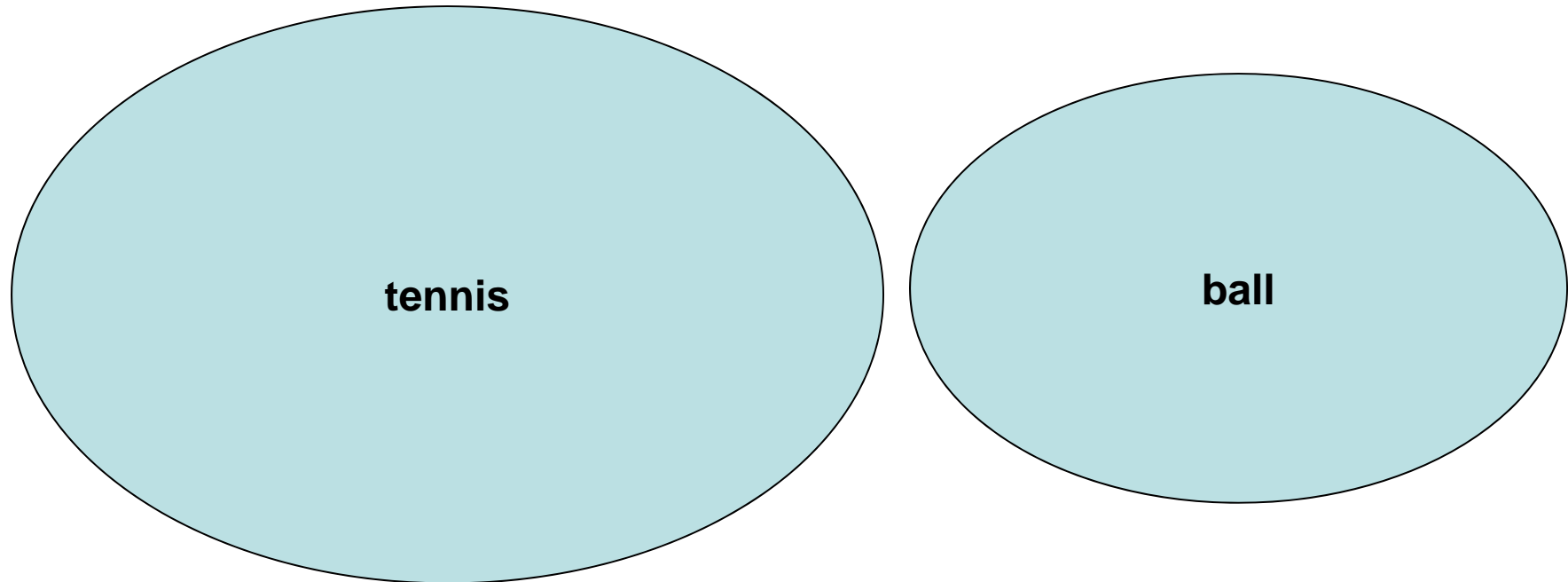
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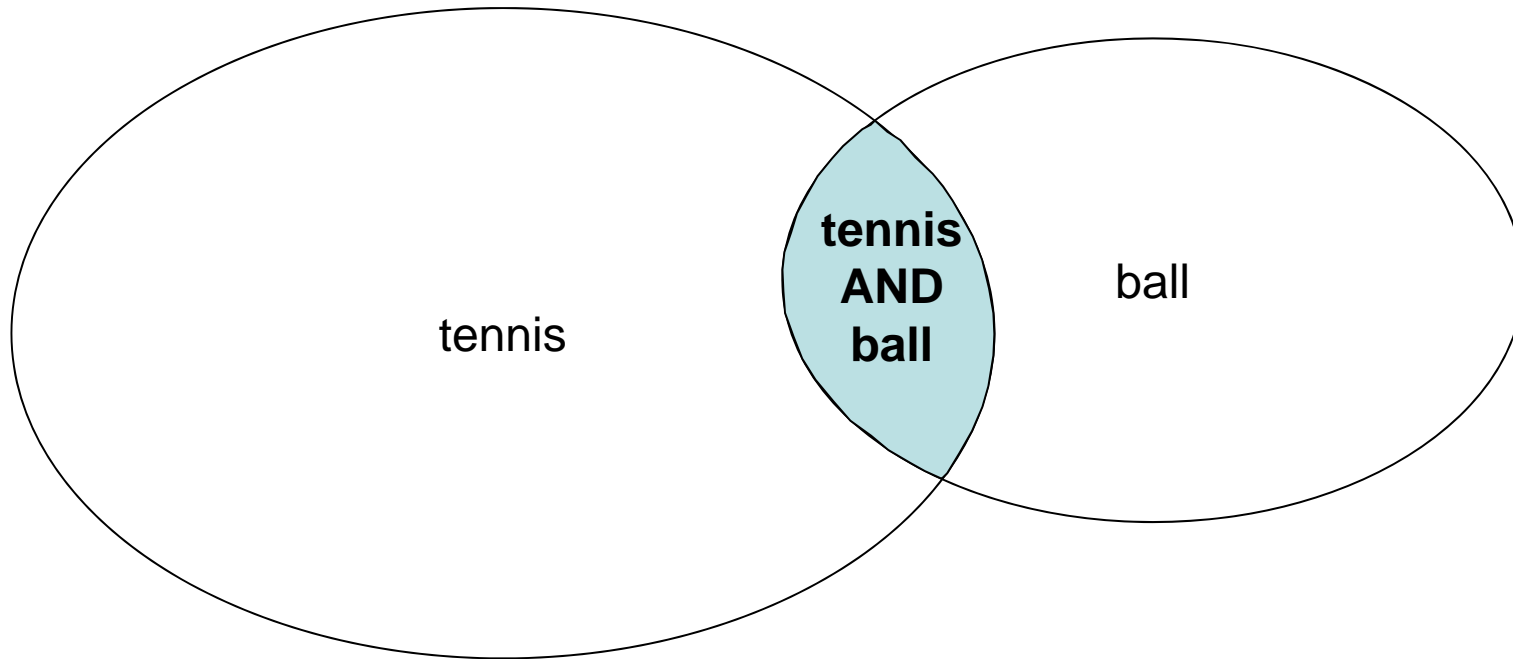
- Also known as "logical operators"
- AND (or +)
- OR
- NOT (or ANDNOT or -)

# Boolean operators



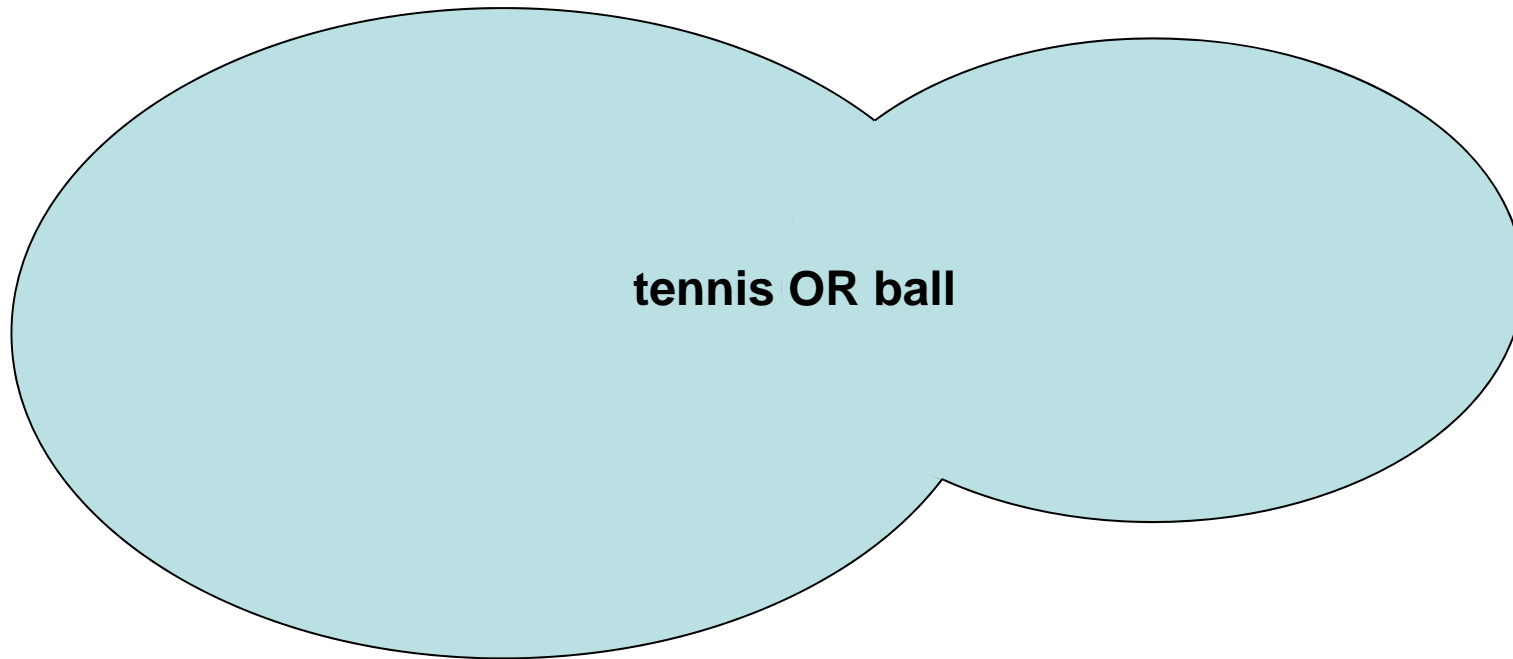
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  - **219** (tennis)
  - **2'829** (ball)
  - **3'048 total**

# Boolean operators: AND



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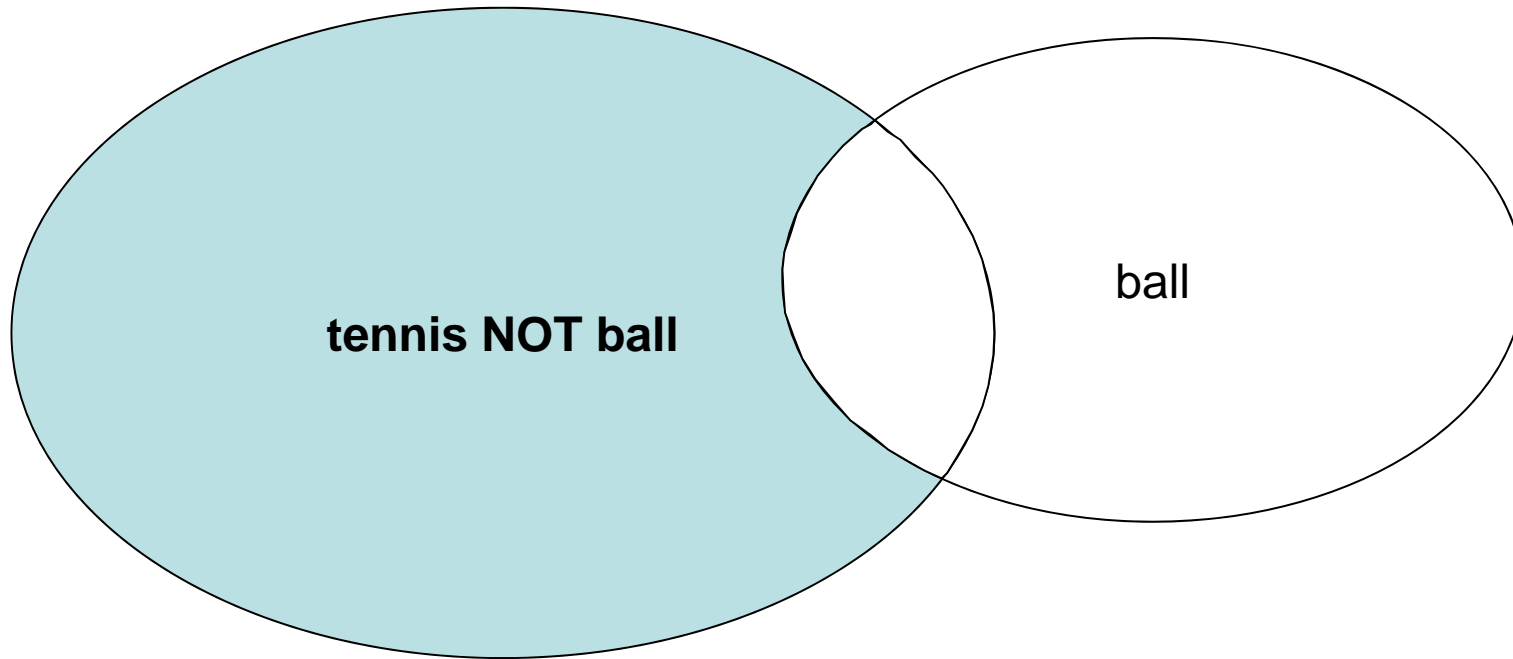
# Boolean operators: OR



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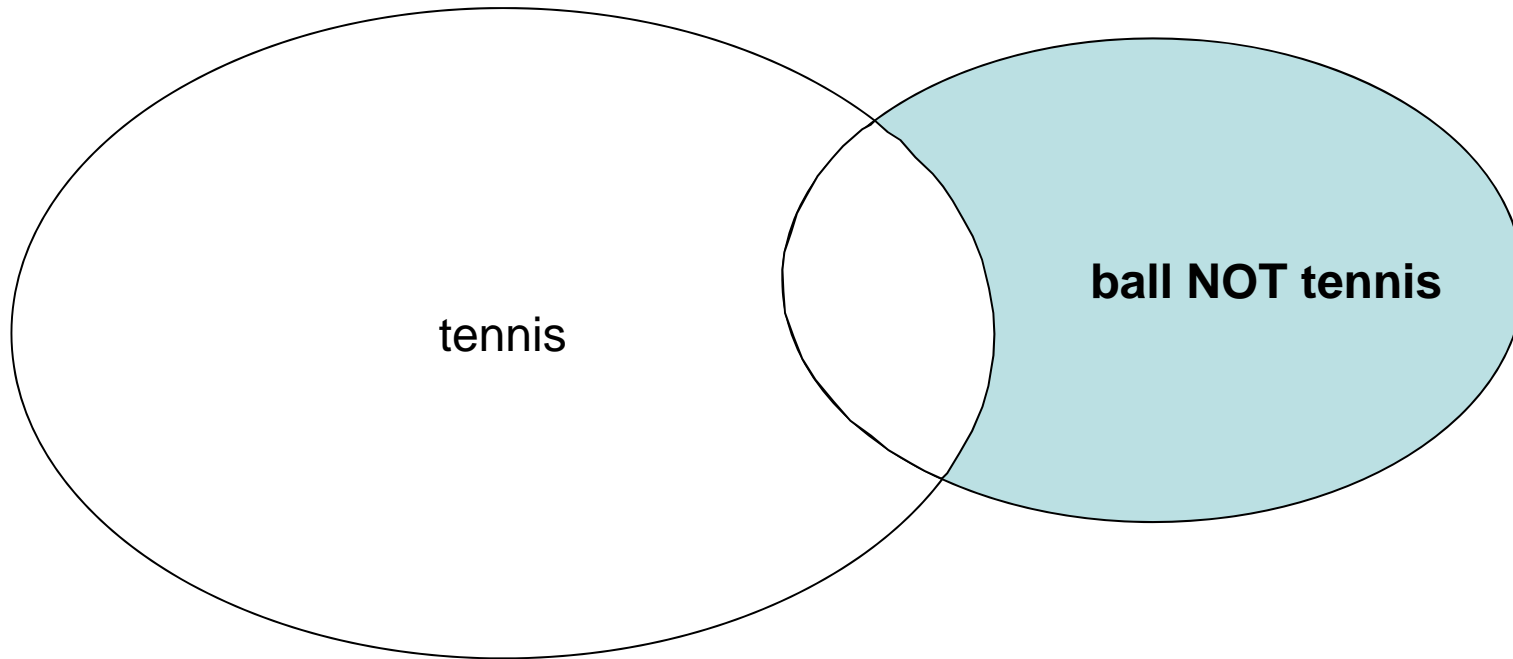
→ Avoids double counting tennis AND ball

# Boolean operators: NOT



- Results in PCT collection (English titles)
  - **181** (tennis NOT ball)

# Boolean operators: NOT



- Results in PCT collection (English titles)
  - **2'791** (ball NOT tennis)

→ Order of terms matters!



# Boolean operators: Uses

- OR: synonyms or related concepts
  - corn OR maize → synonyms
  - corn OR plant → related concepts
- AND: additional concepts
  - corn AND fertilizer

# Proximity operators: Rationale

## ■ corn AND fertilizer

WO 2008/040445 also describes that 4-[[[(6-chloropyrid-3-yl)methyl](methylamino)furan-2(5H)-one can be present in its commercially available formulations and in the use forms, prepared from these formulations, as a mixture with other active compounds, such as insecticides, attractants, sterilizing agents, bactericides, acaricides, nematocides, fungicides, growth-regulating substances, herbicides, safeners, **fertilizers** or semiochemicals.

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In an embodiment of the invention, the invention is directed to the use of the combination, mixture or composition according to the invention for controlling pests which occur in rice, cotton, tea, vegetables, sugar cane, soybean, potato, top fruits **corn** vine, ornamentals, rangeland and pastures, canola.

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# Proximity operators: Function

- Define the maximum "distance" (number of terms) between search terms
- Ensure that search terms are "in context" with each other

# Proximity operators: Ordered

- Ordered: Search terms must be in given order (and within specified distance)

corn BEFORE5 fertilizer (in PATENTSCOPE)

A process is provided for the dry treatment of agricultural products such as corn and tobacco to remove fertilizer-derived nitrate. The process involves a short duration contact of the agricultural product with HCl gas under conditions which minimize generation of non-volatile chlorocarbons that could form by interaction of the agricultural product with the gaseous products of the reaction of the HCl with the nitrate.

# Proximity operators: Unordered

- Unordered: Search terms can be in any order (and within specified distance)

corn NEAR5 fertilizer (in PATENTSCOPE)

A process is provided for the dry treatment of agricultural products such as corn and tobacco to remove fertilizer-derived nitrate. The process involves a short duration contact of the agricultural product with HCl gas under conditions which minimize generation of non-volatile chlorocarbons that could form by interaction of the agricultural product with the gaseous products of the reaction of the HCl with the nitrate.

The organic fertilizer comprises oilseed extract and/or corn steep liquor in combination with whey and/or other protein supplements, which provide a natural, nitrate free, nitrogen to the fertilizer. Additionally, a method of manufacturing an organic fertilizer comprising heating an oilseed extract, dissolving whey in the heated extract, and filtering the resultant mixture for use domestically and abroad.

# Question

- How would you carry out a search for inventions related to blood pressure?



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# Boolean operators: AND

- How would you carry out a search for inventions related to blood pressure?
- blood AND pressure  
→ No context



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# Proximity operators

- How would you carry out a search for inventions related to blood pressure?
- blood AND pressure  
→ No context
- blood BEFORE1 pressure  
→ Works, but not supported by all database systems



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# Phrases

- How would you carry out a search for inventions related to blood pressure?
- blood AND pressure  
→ No context
- blood BEFORE1 pressure  
→ Works, but not supported by all database systems
- **"blood pressure"**



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# Comparison: AND, proximity, phrases

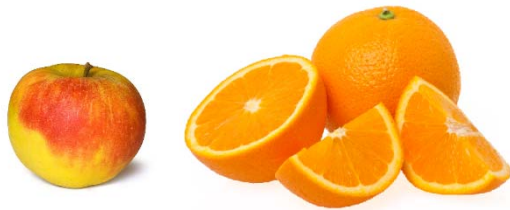
- AND: both terms required, no context required  
→ Broadest search
- Proximity: both terms required, in context  
→ Narrower search (depending on distance)
- Phrases: exact phrase required (e.g. compound words)  
→ Narrowest search

# Nesting: Rationale

- apples AND oranges OR bananas

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- apples AND oranges OR bananas



or



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# Nesting: Rationale

- apples AND oranges OR bananas



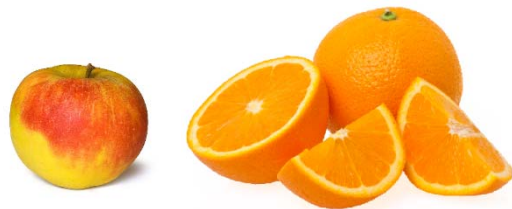
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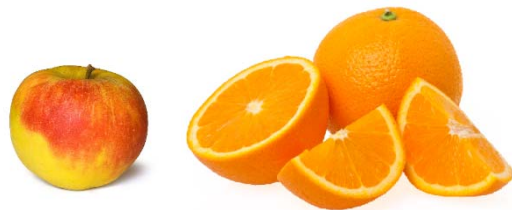
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or



?



or

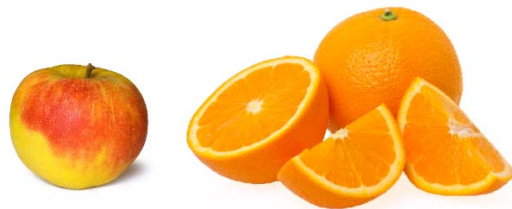


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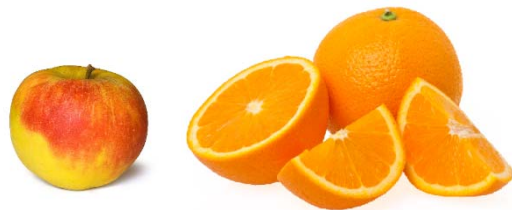
- (apples AND oranges) OR bananas



or



- apples AND (oranges OR bananas)



or



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# Question

- How would you carry out a search for all manner of inventions related to electricity?

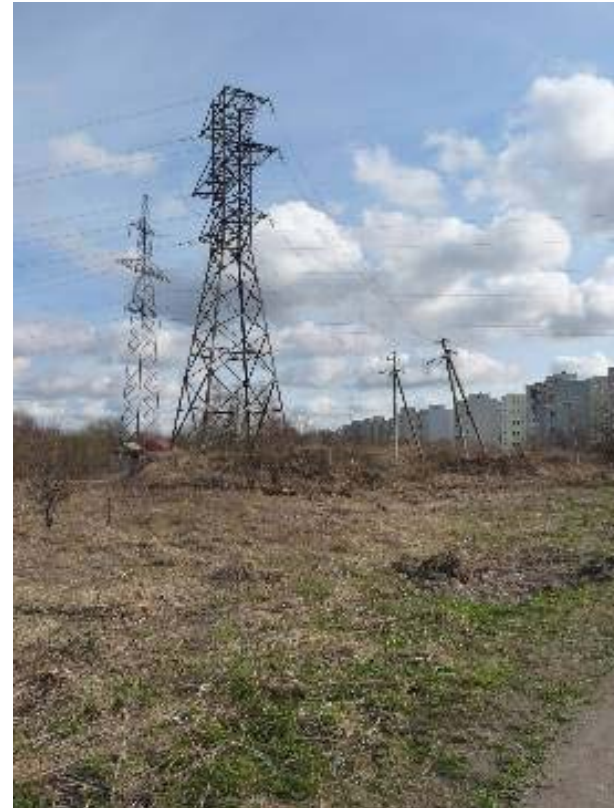


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# Key concepts

- electricity
- electrical
- electric
- electronic
- electromagnetic
- ...

# Boolean operators: OR

- electricity
- electrical
- electric
- electronic
- electromagnetic
- ...

→ electricity OR electrical OR electric OR electronic OR  
electromagnetic ...

# Wildcard operators

- electricity
- electrical
- electric
- electronic
- electromagnetic
- ...

# Wildcard operators

- **electricity**
- **electrical**
- **electric**
- **electronic**
- **electromagnetic**
- ...

# Wildcard operators

- **electricity**
- **electrical**
- **electric**
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- **electromagnetic**
- ...

→ electr\*

( \* represents a given number of characters)

# Review

- Elements of a patent application
- Boolean operators
- Proximity operators
- Phrases
- Nesting
- Wildcard operators

# Scenario

- A shipping company would like to improve its logistics management.
- You've been asked to perform a search for inventions related to radio frequency identification (RFID) tags used to track the movement of containers.

# Key concepts

radio frequency identification

RFID

containers



# Phrases

"radio frequency identification"

RFID

containers

→ Identify compound words

# Boolean operators

"radio frequency identification" OR RFID AND containers

→ Indicate relationships between concepts (synonyms and additional concepts)

# Nesting

("radio frequency identification" OR RFID) AND containers

→ Resolve ambiguous logic

# Wildcard operators

("radio frequency identification" OR RFID) AND container\*

→ Include variants (here: plural form)

# Search



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