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S12

Introduction to Sets and Venn Diagrams

1. A **set** is a collection of items (=elements) that share certain properties.
 - Sets are denoted by capital letters.
 - Items that belong into a particular set are enclosed in braces (=curly brackets) and separated by a comma when listed.

Examples: $A = \{\text{red, white, blue}\}$ = all colours on the USA flag
 $B = \{\text{red, white, blue, yellow}\}$ = all colours on the Filipino flag

2. A **subset** is a collection of none, some or all items in a particular set.
 - Subsets denoted by capital letters.
 - A set A is a subset of a set B if and only if every element in A is also in B.
 - Notation: \subseteq $A \subseteq B$
 - A set A is a **proper subset** of a set B if and only if every element in A is also in B, and there exists at least one element in B that is not in A.
 - Notation: \subset $A \subset B$
 - Note, by the above definitions, a set can be its own subset.

$$\Rightarrow B \subseteq B, A \subseteq A$$

3. A **universal set** is a collection of everything that has certain properties.
 - Sometimes "..." is used to show that there is a pattern in the list of elements in the set.
 - Notation: U or S \nwarrow sample set
4. An **empty set = Null set** is a set that contains no elements.
 - An empty set is a subset of every set including an empty set.

○ Notation: $\{\}$ or \emptyset

5. A **Cardinality = order of a set** is the number of elements in the set (= the size of the set).

- Order in which elements are listed in a set is not important. For example, given $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 1, 2\}$, sets A and B are equal.

Example:

$$A = \{\text{red, white}\}$$

\therefore the cardinality of A is 2.

6. **Union = OR = "in either set or both"**

- Symbol: \cup
- Example:

$$A \cup B = \{\text{students in chem 12, or physics 12, or both}\}$$

$$A = \{\text{students taking chemistry 12}\}$$

$$B = \{\text{students taking physics 12}\}$$

7. **Intersection = AND = "only in both sets"**

- Symbol: \cap
- Example:

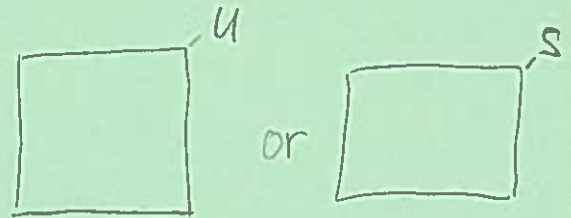
$$A \cap B = \{\text{students who take both chem 12 and physics 12}\}$$

8. **Difference = "in one set but not in the other"**

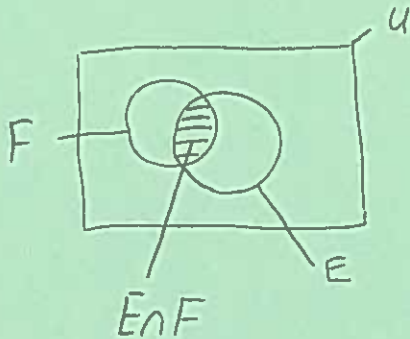
- Symbol: $-$
- Example:

$$A - B = \{\text{students that take chem 12 but not physics 12}\}$$

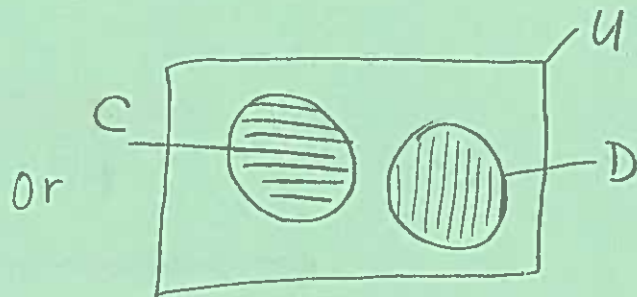
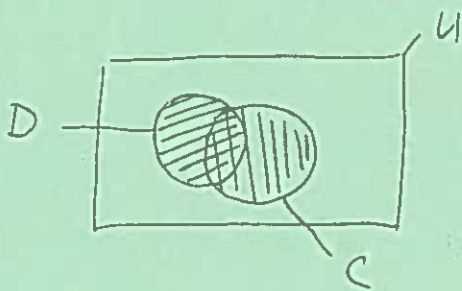
Venn Diagrams



1. Intersection of events E and F

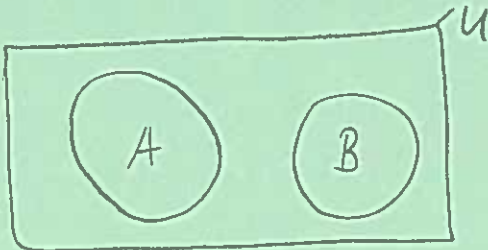


2. Union of events C and D

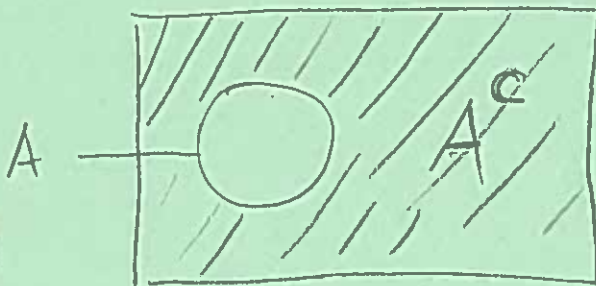


3. Mutually Exclusive Events A and B

- events that can never occur at the same time



4. Complement of event $A = A^c = A' = \overline{A}$



Mutually Exclusive and Non-Mutually Exclusive Events

- Mutually events have different properties = events that can never occur at the same time (=simultaneously).

Examples:

A = happy

C = sunny

E = even number

B = unhappy

D = cloudy

F = odd number

Additive Principle = Rule of Sum for Mutually Exclusive Events

The probability of either of two mutually exclusive events, A or B, is given by:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) = P(A \cup B)$$

Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion

If A and B are non-mutually exclusive events, then the total number of favourable outcomes is given by:

$$n(A \text{ or } B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \text{ and } B)$$

Probability of Non-Mutually Exclusive Events

The probability of either of two non-mutually exclusive events, A or B, is number of given by:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Example 1: What is the probability of selecting either hearts or a face card from a regular deck of cards?

- let A denote the event a heart card is selected.
- let B denote the event a face card is selected.

Find $P(A \cup B)$

$$\cdot n(S) = 52$$

$$\cdot n(A) = 13$$

$$\cdot n(B) = 12$$

$$\cdot n(A \cap B) = 3$$

$$\cdot P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\cdot P(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{12}{52} = \frac{3}{13}$$

$$\cdot P(A \cap B) = \frac{3}{52}$$

$$\cdot P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{13} - \frac{3}{52} = \frac{13+12-3}{52} = \frac{22}{52} = \frac{11}{26}$$

\therefore The probability of either hearts or a face card is selected is 42.31%.

Example 2: What is the probability of selecting an ace or a face card from a regular deck of cards?

- let A denote the event an ace card is selected.
- let B denote the event a face card is selected.

Find $P(A \cup B)$

$$\cdot n(S) = 52$$

$$\cdot n(A) = 4$$

$$\cdot n(B) = 12$$

$$\cdot n(A \cap B) = 0$$

\Rightarrow mutually exclusive events

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

$$= \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} + \frac{n(B)}{n(S)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{12}{52}$$

$$= \frac{16}{52}$$

$$= 30.77\%$$

\therefore The probability of selecting an ace or a face card is 30.77%.

Independent and Dependent Events

- When one event has no effect on the probability of another event, the events are called independent.
- When one event has influence on the probability of another event, the events are called dependent.

Multiplicative Principle for Independent Events = Fundamental Counting Principle

The probability of two independent events, A and B, occurring is given by:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

Example: Three green marbles and two yellow marbles are placed into a bag. What is the probability of randomly drawing a green marble followed by a yellow marble, assuming that the first marble is replaced before the second marble is drawn?

- let G denote the event that a green marble is selected.
- let Y denote the event that a yellow marble is selected.

Find $P(G \cap Y) = ?$

• Sampling with replacement

$$P(G) = \frac{n(G)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(Y) = \frac{n(Y)}{n(S)} = \frac{2}{5}$$

⇒ random sampling ⇒ each trial has unchanging probability for event G and event Y regardless of the outcome of previous trials

$$P(G \cap Y) = P(G) \times P(Y)$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{6}{25}$$

$$= \underline{24\%}$$

∴ the probability of drawing a green marble followed by a yellow marble is 24%.

Multiplicative Principle for Dependent Events

The probability of two dependent events, A and B, occurring is given by:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B|A)$$

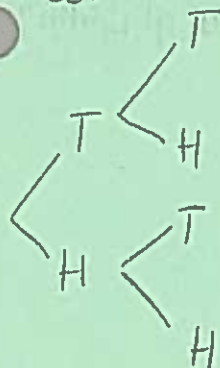
In words, the probability of two dependent events, A and B, occurring at the same time is given by the product of the probability of occurring and the **conditional probability** that B occurs given that A already occurred.



- **Conditional Probability** = probability of a second event occurring, given that the first event occurred. The Sample space for the second event is reduced from the first event. This happens during sampling **without replacement**.

Example: A fair coin is flipped twice. What is the probability that it will come up once head and once tails, in either order?

- Let H denote the event Heads came up.
- Let T denote the event Tails came up.



$$\bullet n(S) = 4$$

$$\bullet n(A) = n(HT) + n(TH) = 2$$

- Let A denote the event when H happens once and T happens once when a fair coin is flipped twice.
→ $A = HT$ OR TH (either order).

$$P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} = 50\%$$

OR

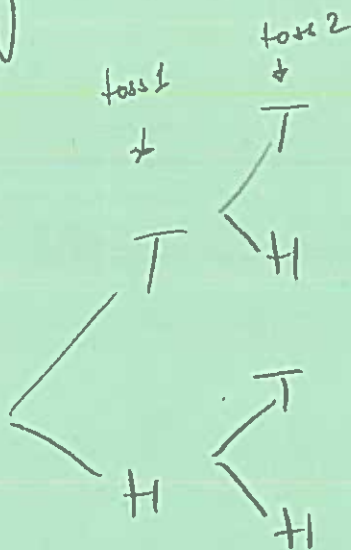
∴

$$P(A) = P(H|T) + P(T|H)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} = 0.50 = 50\%$$

Why is $P(H|T) = \frac{1}{4}$?



$$\cdot n(S) = 4$$

$\cdot n(\text{getting H on the second toss if T was flipped on the first toss}) = 1$