

## 5.2: The Addition Rule and Complements

**Example 1:** Consider a group of students. 30 of them are enrolled in a math course and 35 are enrolled in an English course. 13 of the students are enrolled in an English course and also a math course. How many students are enrolled in math or English?

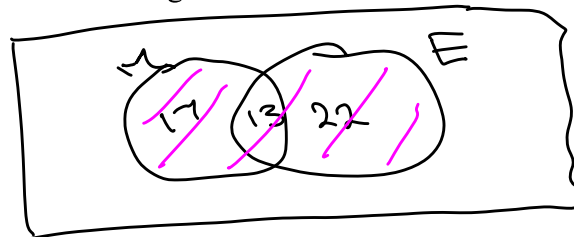
$M$ : enrolled in math  
 $E$ : enrolled in English

Given:

$$n(M) = 30$$

$$n(E) = 35$$

$$n(E \cap M) = 13$$



$$30 - 13 = 17$$

$$35 - 13 = 22$$

From Venn diagram,

$$n(M \cup E) = 17 + 13 + 22 = \boxed{52}$$

these got counted twice

$$n(M \cup E) = n(M) + n(E) - n(M \cap E)$$

Notation:  $n(A)$  means the number of elements in set  $A$ .  $= 30 + 35 - 13 = 65 - 13 = \boxed{52}$

### Addition principle for Counting

For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B).$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint ( $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ), then  $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B)$ .

disjoint = mutually exclusive  
 (don't overlap)

### Probability of unions and intersections:

Probability of a Union of Two Events:

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

If the two events are mutually exclusive (disjoint):

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

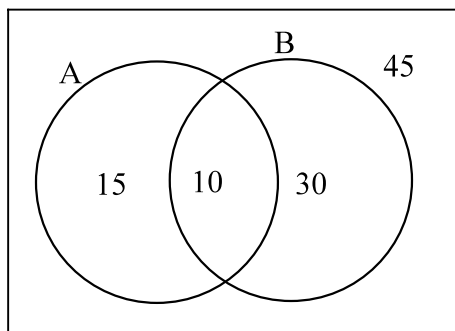
This holds even if events are not equally likely

Recall:

$A \cup B$  = set of elements that are in A OR B.

$A \cap B$  = set of elements that are in A AND B. 5.2.2

**Example 2:** Assume that an equally likely sample space is described by the Venn diagram below.



Let's save (a) for last.

(b)  $n(S) = 15 + 10 + 30 + 45 = 100$

$$P(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{30 + 10}{100} = \frac{40}{100} = \boxed{0.40}$$

$$(c) P(B^c) = \frac{15 + 45}{100} = \frac{60}{100} = \boxed{0.60}$$

**Complements:**

Probability of a complement:

$$P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$$

$$P(E) = 1 - P(E^c)$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= \frac{25}{100} + \frac{40}{100} - \frac{10}{100} \\ &= \frac{65}{100} - \frac{10}{100} = \frac{55}{100} = \boxed{0.55} \end{aligned}$$

same

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a) What is  $P(A \cup B)$ ?

b) What is  $P(B)$ ?

c) What is  $P(B^c)$ ?

d) What is  $P(B \cap A)$ ?

$$(d) P(B \cap A) = \frac{10}{100} = \boxed{0.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) P(A \cup B) &= \frac{15 + 10 + 30}{100} \\ &= \frac{55}{100} = \boxed{0.55} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1:** Suppose that the probability of someone voting for a certain candidate is 0.46. What is the probability of not voting for the candidate?

$E$ : Person votes for the candidate.

$E^c$ : Person does not vote for the candidate.

$$P(E) = 0.46$$

$$P(E^c) = 1 - 0.46 = 0.54$$

**Example 2:** Consider the data below, from the Congressional Research Service.

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS20811.pdf>

**Table 1. Distribution of Household Money Income by Selected Income Class, 2012**

Income Class	# of Households (in thousands)	% of Households
All Households	122,459	100.0
Less than \$5,000	4,204	3.4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,729	3.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,982	5.7
\$15,000 to \$19,999	7,157	5.8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7,131	5.5
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6,740	5.4
\$30,000 to \$34,999	6,354	5.2
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5,832	4.8
\$40,000 to \$44,999	5,547	4.5
\$45,000 to \$49,999	5,254	4.4
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9,358	7.6
\$60,000 to \$69,999	8,305	6.8
\$70,000 to \$79,999	7,170	5.9
\$80,000 to \$89,999	5,969	4.9
\$90,000 to \$99,999	4,901	4.0
\$100,000 to \$124,999	9,490	7.7
\$125,000 to \$149,999	5,759	4.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,116	5.0
\$200,000 to \$249,999	2,549	2.1
\$250,000 and above	2,911	2.4
Median Income	\$51,017	
Mean Income	\$71,274	

median  
is in  
here

↑ 48.6

Probability is  
0.077

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

What is the probability that a randomly selected household has an income of \$100,000 or more?

$$P(E) = 0.077 + 0.047 + 0.05 + 0.021 + 0.024 = 0.219$$

What is the probability that a randomly selected household has an income below \$40,000?

$$P(F) = 0.034 + 0.039 + 0.057 + 0.058 + 0.055 + 0.054 + 0.052 + 0.048 = 0.397$$

What is the probability that a randomly selected household has an income below \$250,000?

G: Household has income < \$250K  
G<sup>c</sup>: Household has income ≥ \$250K

$$P(G) = 1 - P(G^c) = 1 - 0.024 = 0.976$$

What is the probability that a randomly selected household has an income of \$20,000 or more?

$H$ : Household income is  $\geq \$20,000$

$H^c$  = " " " " is  $< \$20,000$

$$P(H^c) = 0.034 + 0.039 + 0.057 + 0.058 = 0.188$$

Approximate the median household income.

$$P(H) = 1 - 0.188 = \boxed{0.812}$$

skip this

### Odds:

Sometimes the likelihood (or unlikelihood) of an event is described using *odds* instead of probabilities.

Summary:

Probability: The event is contrasted against the whole.

Odds: The event is contrasted against the complement.

### Converting from probability to odds:

From Probability to Odds:

- Odds for  $E = \frac{P(E)}{P(E')}$
- Odds against  $E = \frac{P(E')}{P(E)}$

When possible, express odds as ratios of whole numbers.

$$P(A) = \frac{4}{52} = \boxed{\frac{1}{13}}$$

drawing

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**Example 3:** What are the odds against rolling an ace when drawing a single card from a standard deck?

4 aces

48 non-aces

odds for getting an ace are  $\frac{4}{48} = \frac{1}{12}$  or  $\boxed{1:12}$   
 odds against getting an ace are  $\frac{48}{4} = \frac{12}{1} = \boxed{12:1}$

**Example 4:** Suppose that, based upon genetics, a child has a 0.08 probability of developing a certain disease. What are the odds against the child developing the disease?

"chances for the disease" : 8 (out of 100)  
 "chances against disease" : 92 (out of 100)

odds against getting the disease are  $\frac{92}{8} = \frac{23}{2}$  or  $\boxed{23:2}$

Converting odds to probability:

From Odds to Probability:

If odds for an event  $E$  are  $\frac{m}{n}$ , (i.e.  $m:n$ ) then  $P(E) = \frac{m}{m+n}$ .

complement comes 1st

**Example 5:** If the odds against a horse winning a race are 7:1, what is the probability that the horse will win?

outcomes/chances for losing: 7

outcomes/chances for winning: 1

Total outcomes/chances:  $7+1=8$

So,  $P(\text{Win}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}}$

**Example 6:** Suppose an insurance company has used past flood data to determine that determined that the odds against a particular house flooding are 150:1. What is the probability that the house floods?

odds against flood are 150:1  
 chances of no flood      chances of flood

Total chances/outcomes = 151

So,  $P(\text{Flood}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{151}} \approx 0.0066$