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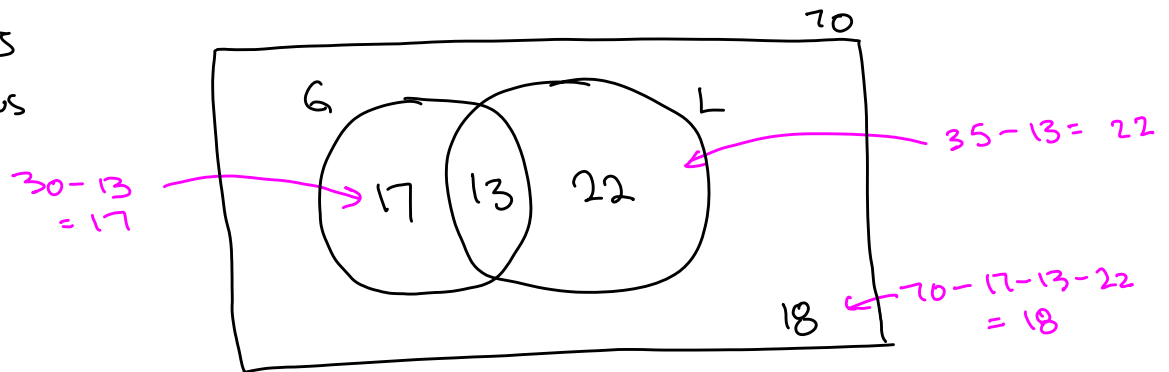


$G' = G^c$  ( $G$ -complement (not  $G$ ))

### 4.3: Some Rules of Probability

**Example 1:** Need-based financial aid for college students can take the form of grants (do not need to be repaid) or loans (must be repaid). Consider a group of 70 students in which 30 students received grants, 35 received loans, and 13 received both. How many of these students received need-based financial aid?

$G$ : received grants  
 $L$ : received loans



$$n(G \cup L) = 17 + 13 + 22 = 52$$

Notation:  $n(A)$  means the number of elements in set  $A$ .

Using the Counting/Addition Rule for Ex. 1:

$$n(G \cup L) = n(G) + n(L) - n(G \cap L)$$

Addition Principle for Counting (Counting Rule)

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

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

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

*Mutually exclusive*: no outcomes in common (also called *disjoint events*).

$$= 30 + 35 - 13 = 52$$

### Probability of unions and intersections:

Probability of a Union of Two Events:

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

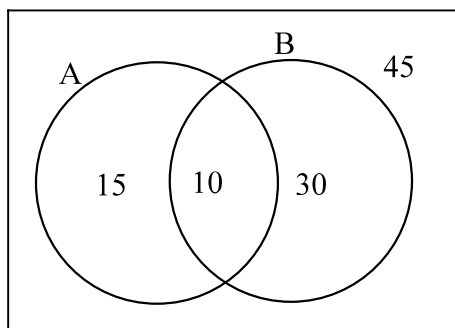
If the two events are mutually exclusive (disjoint):

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

b) How many students did not get financial aid?

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



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

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

$$P(A \cup B) = \frac{n(A \cup B)}{n(S)} = \frac{15 + 10 + 30}{100} = \frac{55}{100} = \boxed{0.55}$$

**Complements:**

Probability of a complement:

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

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

**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?

$C$  = vote for the candidate

$$P(C) = 0.46$$

Prob of not voting for this candidate =  $P(C^c) = 1 - 0.46 = \boxed{0.54}$

**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	

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

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

$$0.077 + 0.047 + 0.05 + 0.021 + 0.024 = \boxed{0.219}$$

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

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

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

$D$ : income  $< \$250K$ . use complement!

$$P(D^c) = 0.024, \text{ so } P(D) = 1 - 0.024 = \boxed{0.976}$$

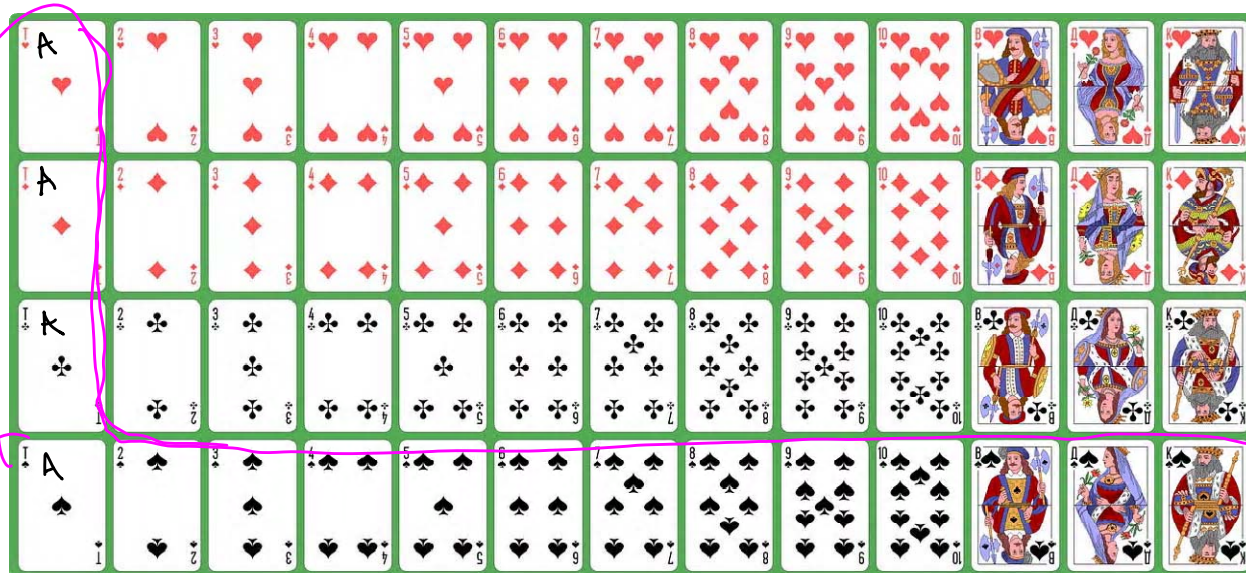
e) What is the probability that a randomly selected household has an income of \$20,000 or more?

use the complement:  $E: \geq \$20K$ ,  $E^c: < \$20K$

$$P(E^c) = 0.034 + 0.039 + 0.057 + 0.058 = 0.188, \text{ so } P(E) = 1 - 0.188 = \boxed{0.812}$$

f) Approximate the median household income.

**Example 3:** Consider a standard deck of 52 cards.



a) What is the probability that a randomly selected card is a spade or a heart?

$$P(H \cup Sp) = P(H) + P(Sp) - P(H \cap Sp)$$

$$= \frac{13}{52} + \frac{13}{52} - \frac{0}{52} = \frac{26}{52} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

b) What is the probability that a randomly selected card is a spade or an ace?

$$Sp \cup A = \{A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K \text{ of spades}, A \heartsuit, A \diamondsuit, A \clubsuit\}$$

$$\frac{13 + 3}{52} = \frac{16}{52} = \frac{4}{13} = \boxed{\frac{4}{13}}$$

$$\text{or } n(Sp \cup A) = n(Sp) + n(A) - n(Sp \cap A)$$

$$= 13 + 4 - 1 = 16$$

c) What is the probability that a randomly selected card is not a black face card?

$$P(Sp \cup A) = \frac{16}{52} = \boxed{\frac{4}{13}}$$

BF = Black Face Cards

$$n(BF) = 6$$

$$P(BF) = \frac{6}{52}, \text{ so } P(BF)^c = 1 - \frac{6}{52} = \frac{52}{52} - \frac{6}{52} = \frac{46}{52}$$

(or note that there must be 46 cards that are not black face cards)

$$= \boxed{\frac{23}{26}}$$