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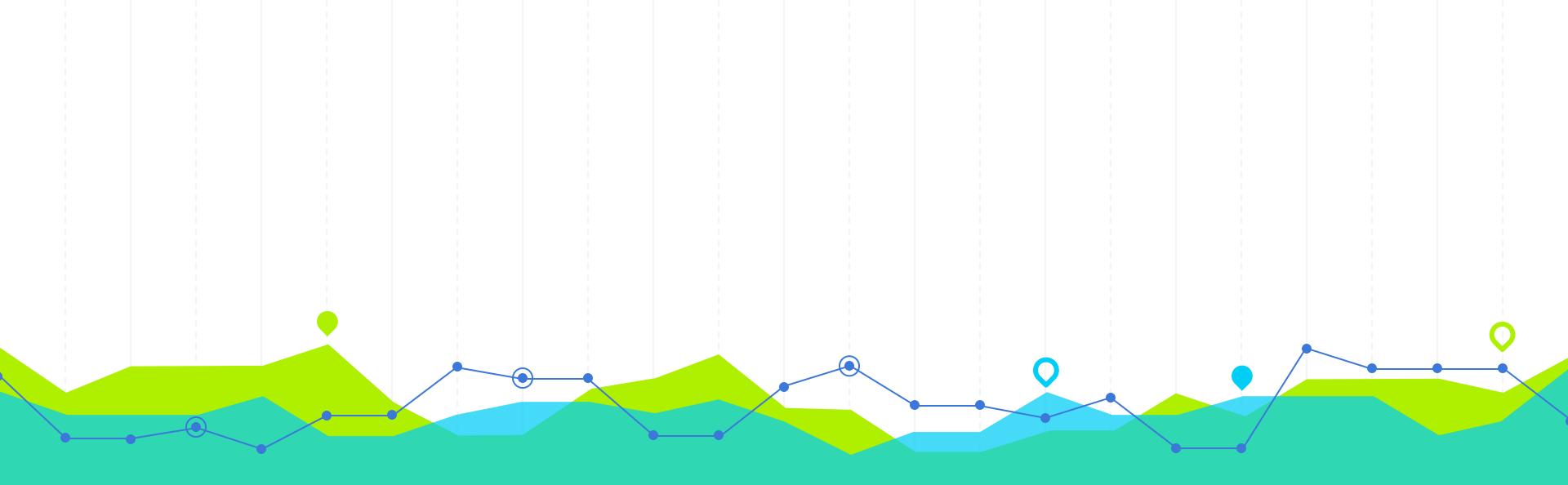
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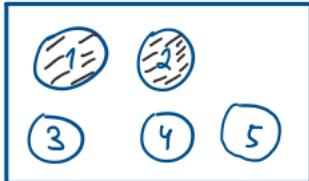
Random Experiments, Sample Space and Events: Exercises

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1. A box contains 5 balls of which 2 are black. The black balls are numbered 1 and 2, the others 3 to 5. Two balls are randomly taken out one after the other without replacement. The numbers on the two balls are observed.
 - a) List all the elements of the sample space associated to this random experiment.
 - b) From the sample space, define the following events:
 - A_1 - The first ball observed is black;
 - A_2 - The second ball observed is black;
 - A_3 - The two balls taken out are black;
 - A_4 - At least one of the two balls are black;
 - A_5 - Exactly one of the two balls are black;
 - A_6 - The sum of the numbers in the two balls is greater than seven.



Exercise 1 a)



5 balls \rightarrow extraction of 2 balls (no replacement)

$$a) S = \{(i, j) : i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \wedge i \neq j\}$$

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Exercise 1 b)

b)

$$A_1 = \{(i, j) \in S : i = 1, 2 \wedge j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} = \\ = \{(\underline{1}, 2), (\underline{1}, 3), (\underline{1}, 4), (\underline{1}, 5), (\underline{2}, 1), (\underline{2}, 3), (\underline{2}, 4), (\underline{2}, 5)\}$$

$$A_2 = \{(i, j) \in S : i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \wedge j = 1, 2\} = \\ = \{(\underline{2}, 1), (\underline{3}, 1), (\underline{4}, 1), (\underline{5}, 1), (\underline{1}, 2), (\underline{3}, 2), (\underline{4}, 2), (\underline{5}, 2)\}$$

$$A_3 = A_1 \cap A_2 = \{(i, j) \in S : i, j = 1, 2\} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$$

$$A_4 = A_1 \cup A_2 = \{(i, j) \in S : i = 1, 2 \vee j = 1, 2\} =$$

$$\underbrace{\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (\underline{2}, 1), (\underline{2}, 3), (\underline{2}, 4), (\underline{2}, 5),}_{\text{1st ball is black}} \\ (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (\underline{3}, 2), (\underline{4}, 2), (\underline{5}, 2)\}_{\text{2nd ball is black}}$$

Exercise 1 b)

$$A_5 = A_4 - A_3 = \{(i, j) \in S : (i=1, 2 \wedge j=3, 4, 5) \vee (i=3, 4, 5 \wedge j=1, 2)\} =$$

\uparrow Both balls are black $= \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$

} At least one ball is black {

only the first ball is black

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5),$$
$$(3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2), (5, 2)\}$$

only the second ball is black

$$A_6 = \{(i, j) \in S : i + j > 7\} = \{(5, 3), (5, 4), (4, 5), (3, 5)\}$$

5. Let A , B and C be three events in the sample space S . Verify which of the following is true. Justify your answer.

- a) $(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$;
- b) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$;
- c) $S \setminus (A \cap B) = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$.



Exercise 5

a)

False. Union operation is distributive

$$(A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

b)

True. Associative property

c)

True

$$S \setminus (A \cap B) = \overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

6. Let A and B be two events in the sample space S . Show that

- a) $P(A \cap B) \geq P(A) + P(B) - 1;$
- b) $P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) + P(B);$
- c) $A \subset B \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A);$
- d) $P(A \cap B) \leq \min(P(A), P(B))$



Exercise 6 a) and b)

a)

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - \underbrace{P(A \cup B)}_{0 \leq P(A \cup B) \leq 1} \geq P(A) + P(B) - 1$$

b)

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - \underbrace{P(A \cup B)}_{0 \leq P(A \cup B) \leq 1} \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

Exercise 6 c) and d)

c)

$$A \subset B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$$

Therefore: $P(A \cap B) = P(A)$

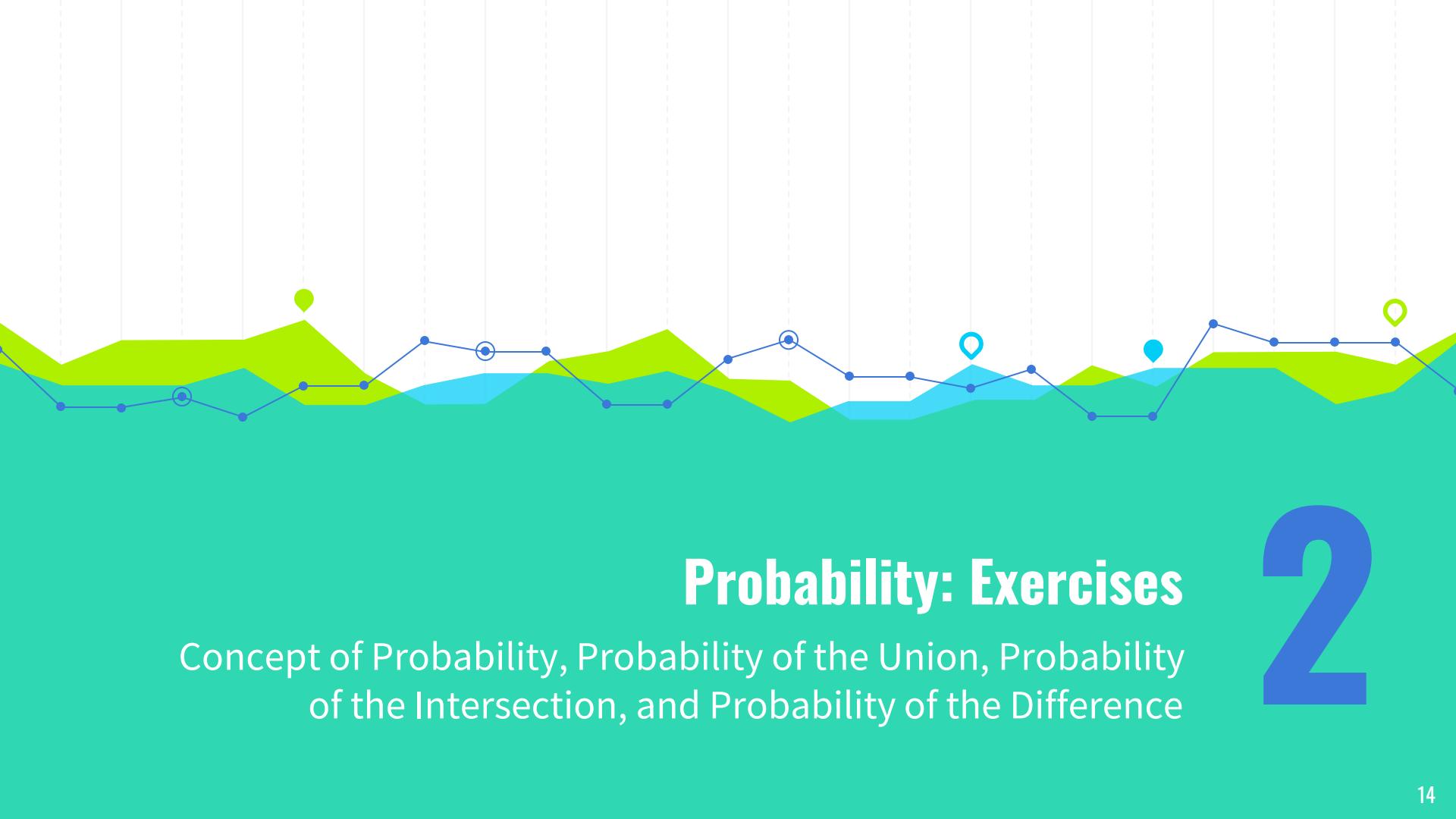
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d)

$$(A \cap B) \subset A \quad P(A \cap B) \leq P(A)$$

$$(A \cap B) \subset B \quad P(A \cap B) \leq P(B)$$

Therefore $P(A \cap B) \leq \min(P(A), P(B))$



Probability: Exercises

Concept of Probability, Probability of the Union, Probability of the Intersection, and Probability of the Difference

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Probability: Rules

- $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1, \forall A \in$ Espaço dos acontecimentos
- $P(\Omega) = 1$
- $P(\{\}) = 0$

Probability of the complement of A
- $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$ e $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$
- Se $A \subseteq B$ (Se a realização do acontecimento B implica a realização do acontecimento A), então $P(A) \leq P(B)$

Probabilidade da diferença: $P(A-B) = P(A \setminus B)$ e $P(B-A) = P(B \setminus A)$
- $P(A-B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$

Probability of the difference of two events

Venn Diagram / Operations with events

Probability of the union of two events

$$A \cup B$$

A

B

$$A - B = A \setminus B$$

Probability of the difference of two events

$$A \cap B$$

$$B - A = B \setminus A$$

Probability of the intersection of two events

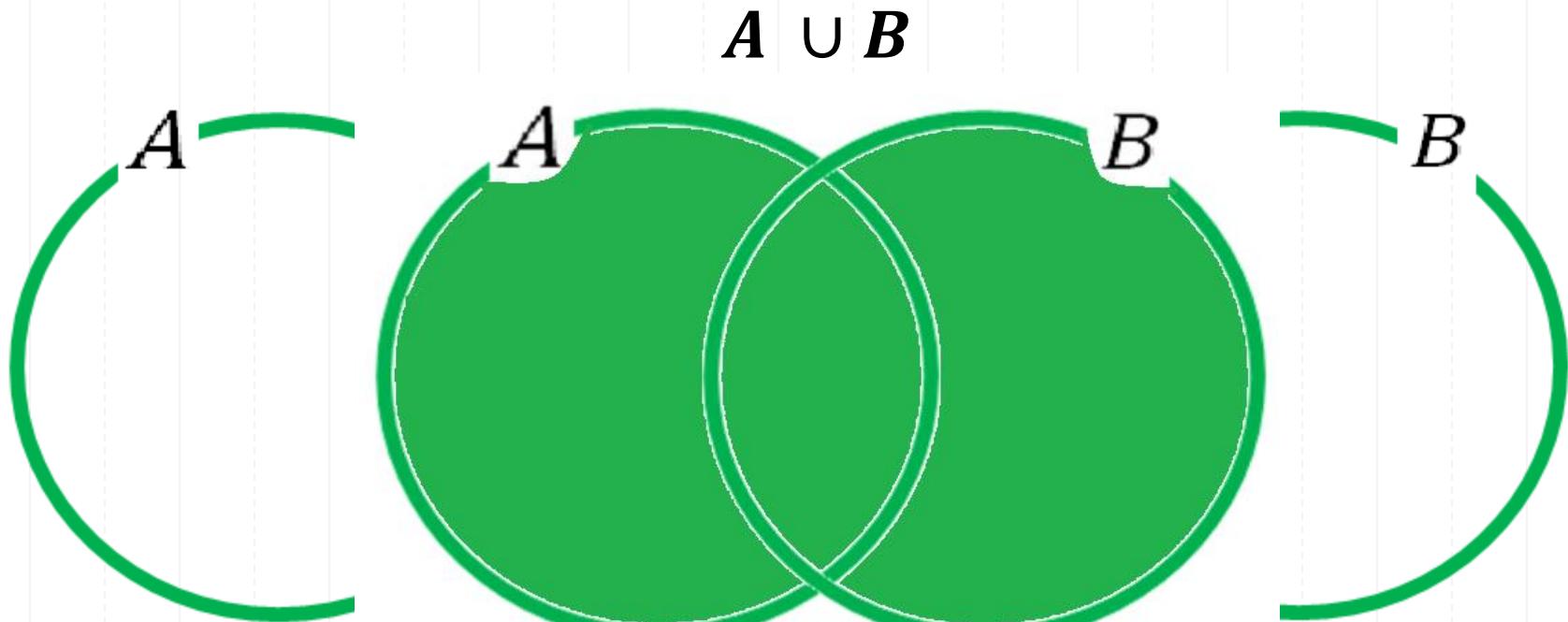
$$\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

De Morgan's Laws:

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

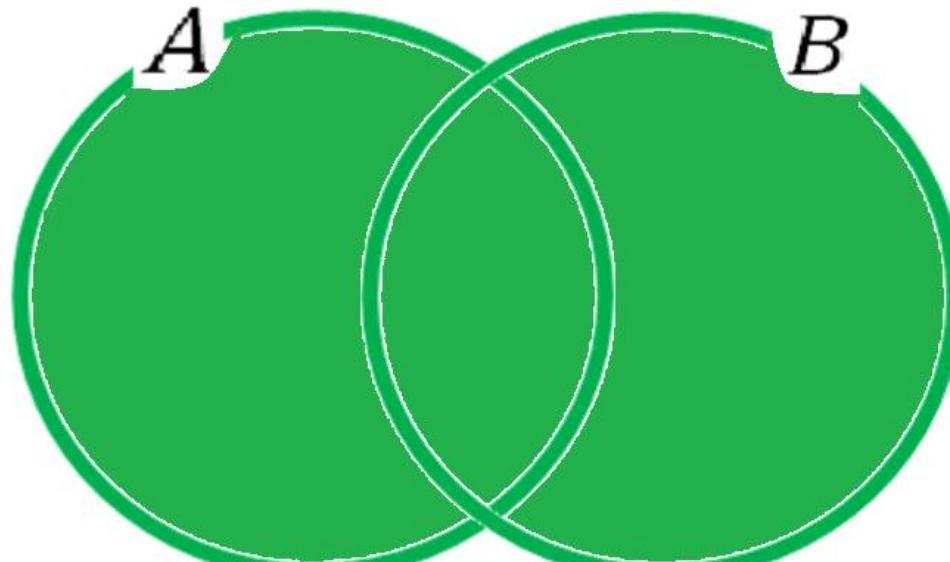
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Probability of the Union of Events



Probability of the Union of Events

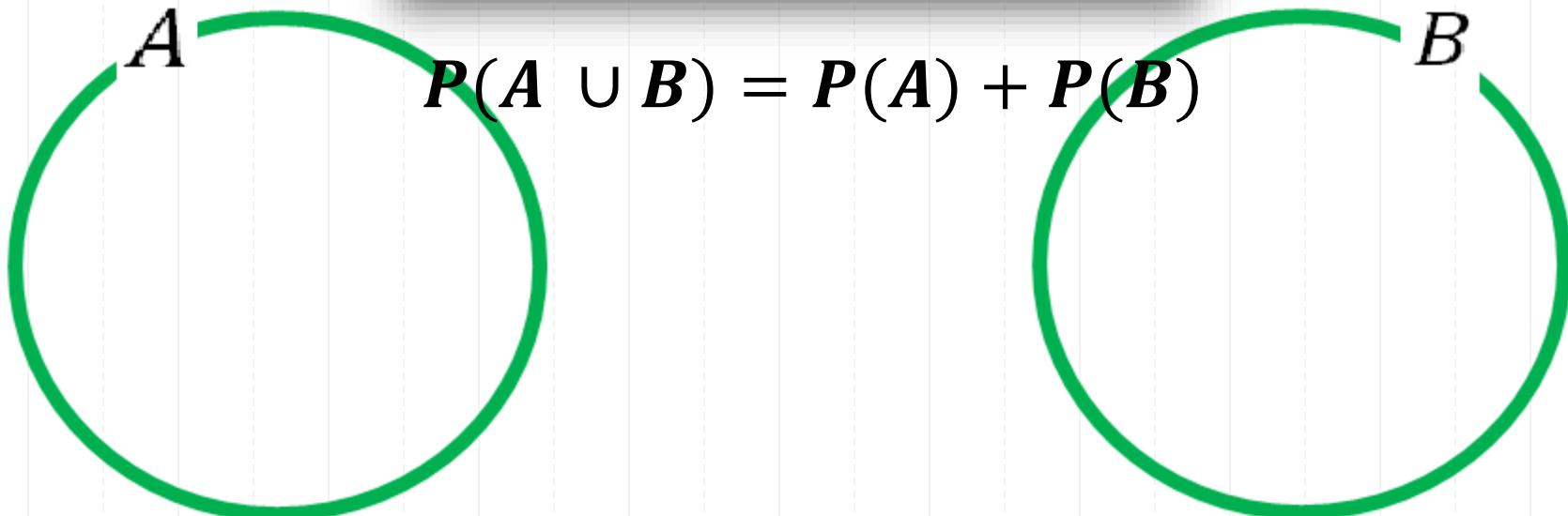
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



Probability of the Union of Events: Mutually Exclusive Events

Mutually Exclusive Events: Two events having no elements in common are said to be mutually exclusive (or **Disjoint** or **Incompatible**). In other words, the events A and B , with $A, B \subset S$, are disjoint if

$$A \cap B = \emptyset. \text{ Empty set}$$



8. In the manufacturing of a product, two errors may occur. The error A occurs 10% of the time and the error B occurs 5% of the time. Additionally, in 12% of the time, either A or B occur. Compute the probability that a random unit of the product has

- a) both errors;
- b) only A ;
- c) only B ;
- d) no error.



Exercise 8

$$P(A) = 0.1$$

$$P(A \cup B) = 0.12$$

$$P(B) = 0.05$$

a)

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

$$= 0.1 + 0.05 - 0.12 = 0.03$$

$$b) P(A \setminus B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) = 0.1 - 0.03 = 0.07$$

$$c) P(B \setminus A) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.05 - 0.03 = 0.02$$

$$d) P(\overline{A \cup B}) = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - 0.12 = 0.88$$

9. An electronic system is composed of two sub-systems, A and B. From previous experiments it is known that : the probability of A failing is 0.2, the probability that only B fails is 0.15 and the probability that A and B fail simultaneously is 0.15. Evaluate the probability that:

- a) B fails.
- b) Only A fails.
- c) Either A or B fails.
- d) Neither A nor B fails.
- e) A and B don't fail simultaneously.



Exercise 9 a)

$A \equiv$ Sub-system A fails

$B \equiv$ // " " $B \equiv$

$$P(A) = 0.2$$

$$P(B \setminus A) = 0.15$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.15$$

a)

$$P(B \setminus A) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad (=)$$

$$(\Leftarrow) 0.15 = P(B) - 0.15 \quad (=)$$

$$(\Leftarrow) P(B) = 0.3$$

Exercise 9 b) and c)

b)

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \setminus B) &= P(A) - P(A \cap B) = \\ &= 0.2 - 0.15 = 0.05 \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = \\ &= 0.2 + 0.3 - 0.15 = 0.35 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 9 d) and e)

d)

$$P(\overline{A \cup B}) = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - 0.35 = 0.65$$

e)

$$P(\overline{A \cap B}) = 1 - P(A \cap B) = 1 - 0.15 = 0.85$$

10. In a College, 70% of the students have a desktop computer at home, 40% have a portable computer, and 30% have both. If a student is randomly chosen, evaluate the probability of the student:

- a) Has at least one of the two types of computers;
- b) Has no computer;
- c) Has one of the two types of computers.



Exercise 10 a)

$HC \equiv$ Student has computer at home

$PC \equiv // //$ portable computer

$$P(HC) = 0.7 \quad P(HC \cap PC) = 0.3$$

$$P(PC) = 0.4$$

a)

$$\begin{aligned} P(HC \cup PC) &= P(HC) + P(PC) - P(HC \cap PC) = \\ &= 0.7 + 0.4 - 0.3 = 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 10 b) and c)

$$\begin{aligned} b) P(\overline{HC} \cap \overline{PC}) &= P(\overline{HC \cup PC}) = 1 - P(HC \cup PC) = \\ &= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) P((HC \cap \overline{PC}) \cup (\overline{HC} \cap PC)) &= P(HC \cup PC) - P(HC \cap PC) = \\ &= 0.8 - 0.3 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Thanks!

Questions?

