

# Sets

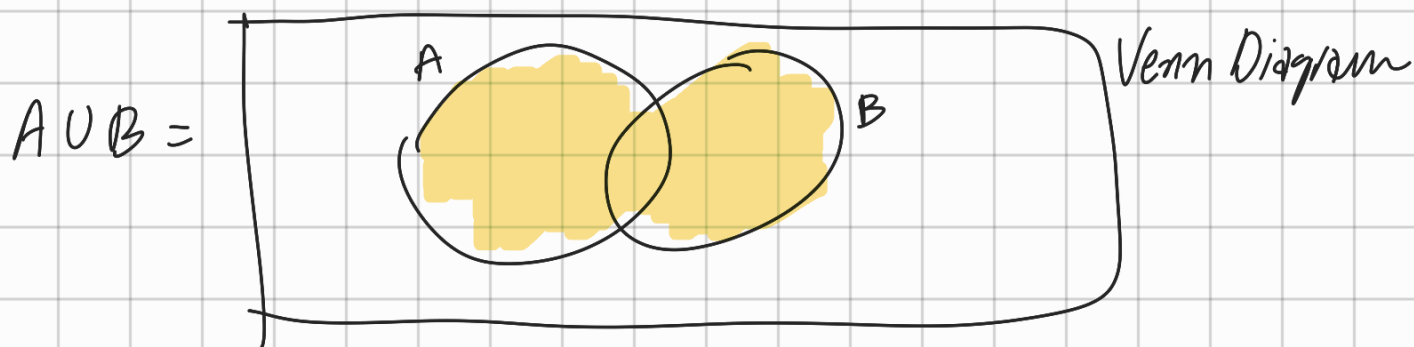
## Some definitions about sets

- Sets and subsets:
  - Set: group of elements
  - subset: a set which contains sets
- Empty set:  $\emptyset$
- Union:  $A \cup B$  is equal to A or B
- Intersection:  $A \cap B$  is equal to A and B
- Complement
- Disjoint set: sets that do not have any overlap
- Partition: If we have a set A which can be describe by the disjoint union of sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$   
$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i,$$
then,  $\{\bar{A}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a partition of A.

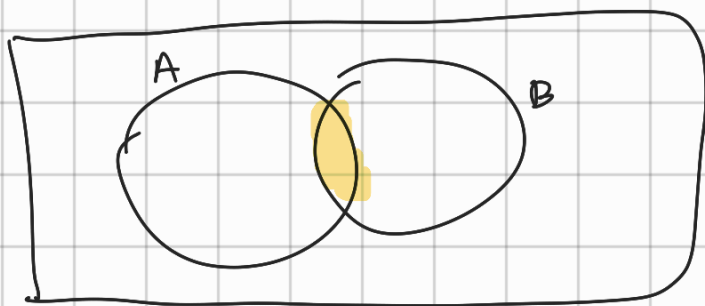
Example 1.1.

$A = \{ \text{All stat majors at Harvard} \}$

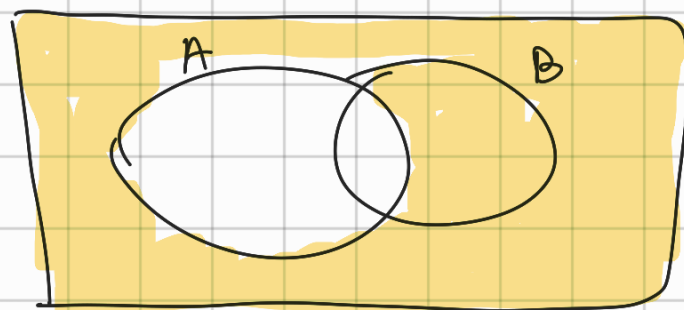
$B = \{ \text{All student that live in dorm at Harvard} \}$



$$A \cap B =$$



$$A^c =$$



## Naive Probability

Concept 1.1 (Naive definition of Probability):

$$P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\# \text{ favorable outcomes}}{\# \text{ outcomes}}$$

Concept 1.2 (Multiplication Rule):

In a process where the first step has  $n_1$  choices, the second step has  $n_2$  choices, all the way up to the  $r^{\text{th}}$  step that has  $n_r$  choices, the total number of possible outcomes is

$$n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r.$$

Concept 1.3 (Factorial):

Suppose we want to count the number of ways to order  $n$  elements without replacement. To solve this problem we use the factorial definition:

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

Note that " $n!$ " is the number of ways to order  $n$  elements (or the number of permutations of  $n$  elements) without replacement.

Concept 1.4 (Binomial Coefficient):

$$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{(n-x)! x!}$$

" $\binom{n}{x}$ " gives the number of ways that " $x$ " objects can be pick from a population of " $n$ " objects (or the number of combinations possible for a set with " $x$ " elements).

Note:  $\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{(n-x)! x!}$

Annotations:

- $n!$ : number of possible combinations of  $n$  elements
- $(n-x)!$ : overcounting term
- $x!$ : order term

The order does not matter

Sampling table number of ways to select  $k$  objects from  $n$  objects when...

	Order matters	order doesn't matter
with replacement	$n^k$	$\binom{n+k-1}{k}$
without replacement	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n}{k}$

$n$ : refers to the population,  $k$ : refers to the group.

Usually orders matters when we are working with permutations. When we work with combinations the order doesn't matter.

- Permutation: order matters;
- Combination: order doesn't matter.