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## 7.1 Rules for Unions of Events Con't

### 7.1.1 Non-Mutually Exclusive Events

- In events which aren't mutually exclusive, there is some overlap
- When  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  are added, the probability of intersection is added twice
- To compensate for that double addition, the intersection needs to be subtracted.

For two events A and B :  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

For any three events, A, B, and C :  $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$

## 7.2 Intersection of Events and Independence

- Two events are independent if they do not influence each other.
- Knowing the outcome of one event does not help with knowing the outcome of the other event.

**Definition 7.1** Events A and B are **Independent** if and only if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$   
If they are not independent, the events are referred to as **dependent**

## 7.3 Independence of Three Events

Three events, A, B and C are independent events if and only if all of the following statements hold:

- $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
- $P(A \cap C) = P(A)P(C)$
- $P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$
- and ,  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$