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BAYESIAN CREATURES

L2: SETS FROM DATA

LESSON OUTCOMES

LO 1: Give definitions for what is meant by a **set union**, and **set intersection**.

LO 2: Construct probabilities from sets

IDEA

Suppose we collected data from a lot of animals

ID	Name	Eating Habits	Primary Domain	Endangered Status
a	African Forest Elephant	Herbivore	Land	Critical
b	Bearded Vulture	Carnivore	Air	Critical
c	Condor	Carnivore	Air	Critical
d	Dugong	Omnivore	Water	Vulnerable
e	Emperor Penguin	Carnivore	Land	Critical

IDEA

This is our superset, the animals. We'll put their IDs in a set called **A**.

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MAIN SET

$A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

IDEA

The animals eating habits give us three subsets. **H**, **C**, and **O**.

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EATING SUBSETS

$H = \{a\}$

$C = \{b, c, e\}$

$O = \{d\}$

IDEA

The animals' primary domains give us three more subsets. **L**, **W**, and **Air**.

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DOMAIN SUBSETS

L = {a, e}

W = {d}

Air = {b, c}

QUESTION 1

Which subsets do the animals' endangered status give us? Write them out.

ID	Endangered Status
a	Critical
b	Critical
c	Critical
d	Vulnerable
e	Critical

ANSWER 1

You should have got something like this:

$$\text{Cri} = \{a, b, c, e\}$$

$$V = \{d\}$$

SETS FROM DATA

IDEA

Now that we have some subsets, we can use them to analyze our data.

Superset

$$A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

Subsets

$$H = \{a\}$$

$$C = \{b, c, e\}$$

$$O = \{d\}$$

$$L = \{a, e\}$$

$$W = \{d\}$$

$$Air = \{b, c\}$$

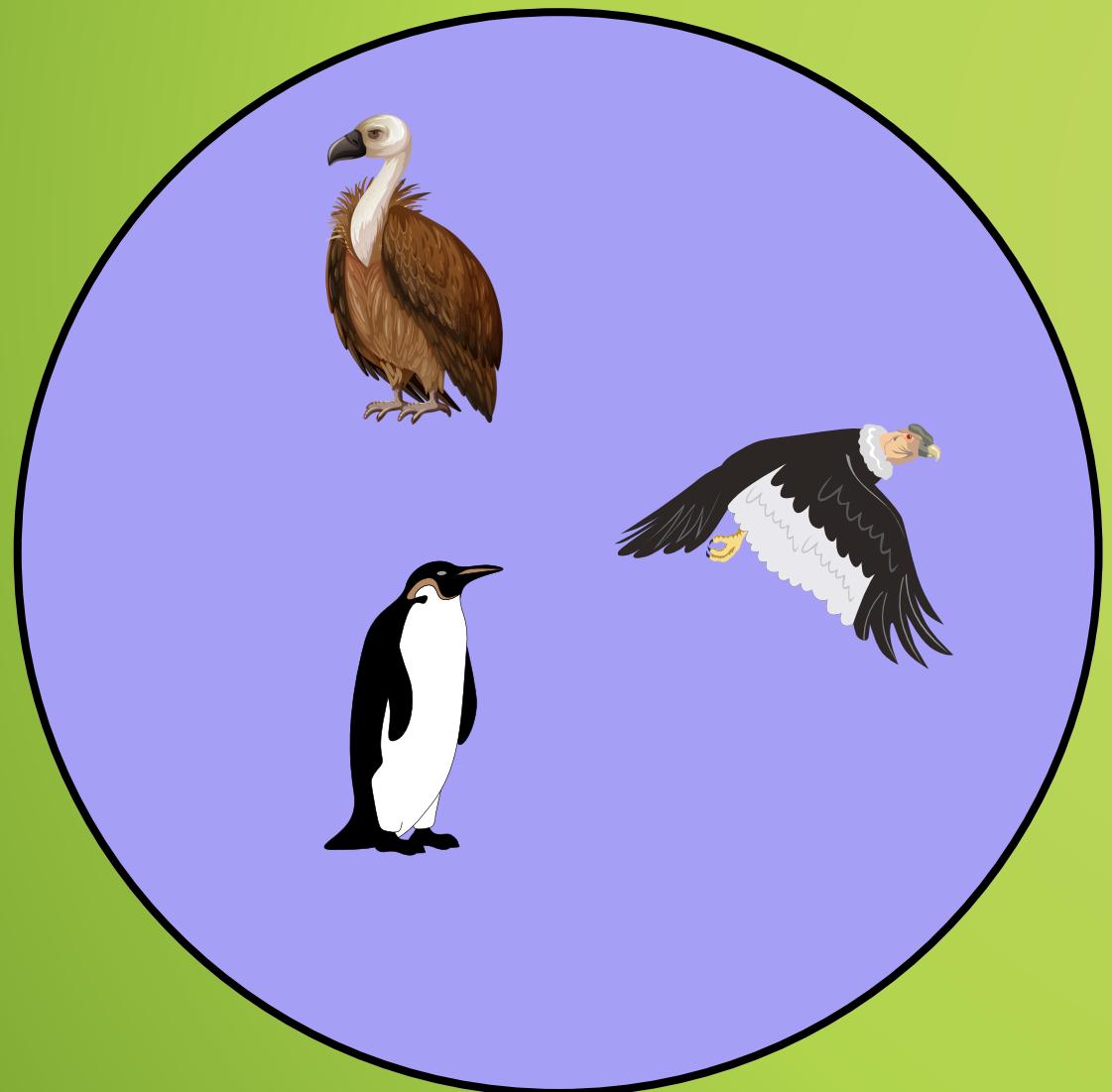
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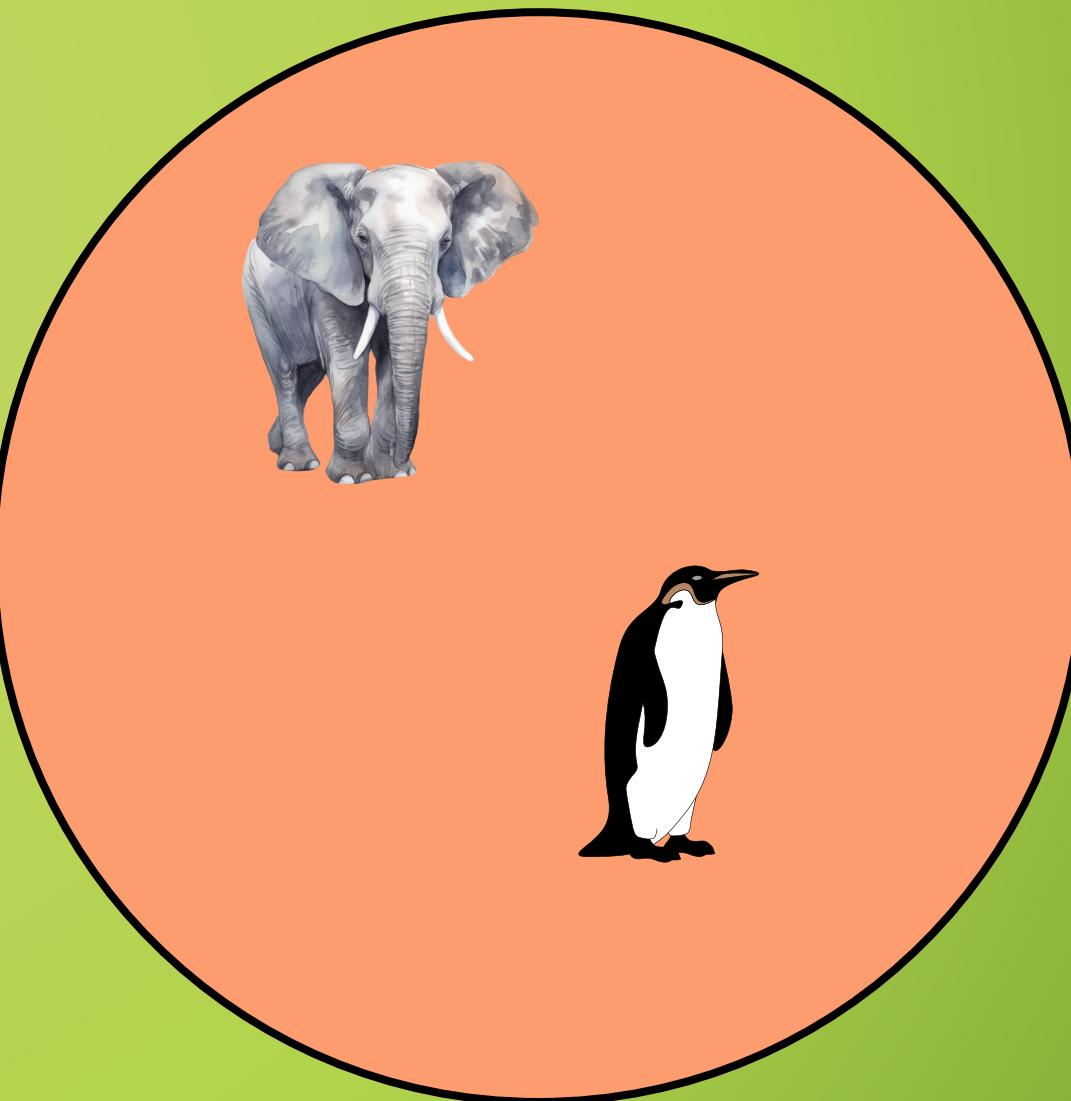
DEFINITION

The **union** of two sets, is a set containing every element in both sets.

Carnivores (C)



Land (L)



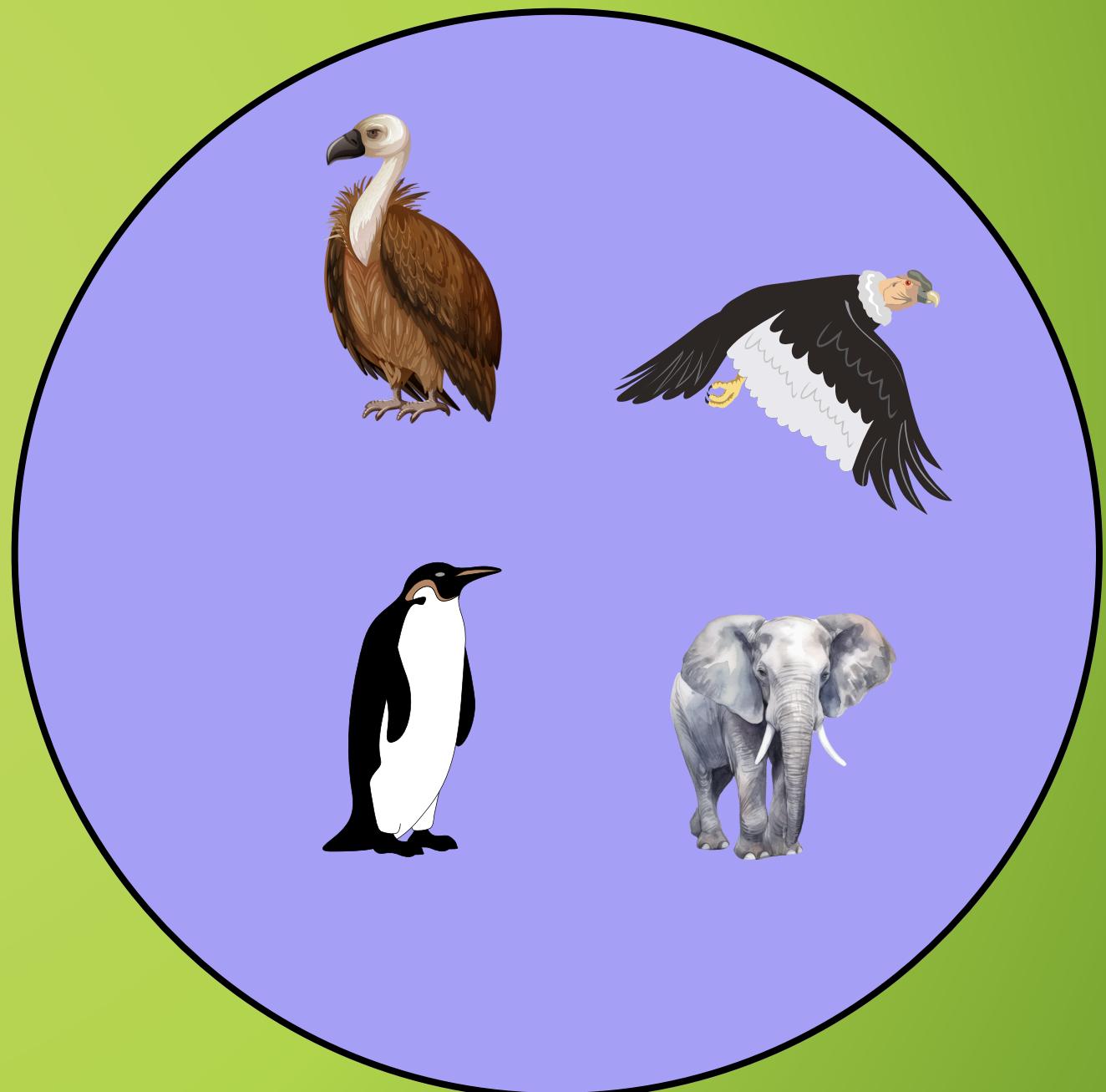
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REMEMBER

We don't repeat elements in sets!

C U L =



NOTATION

CUL means “the union of set C and set L”

QUESTION 2

If $L = \{a, e\}$ and $Air = \{b, c\}$, then
what is $L \cup Air$?

ANSWER 2

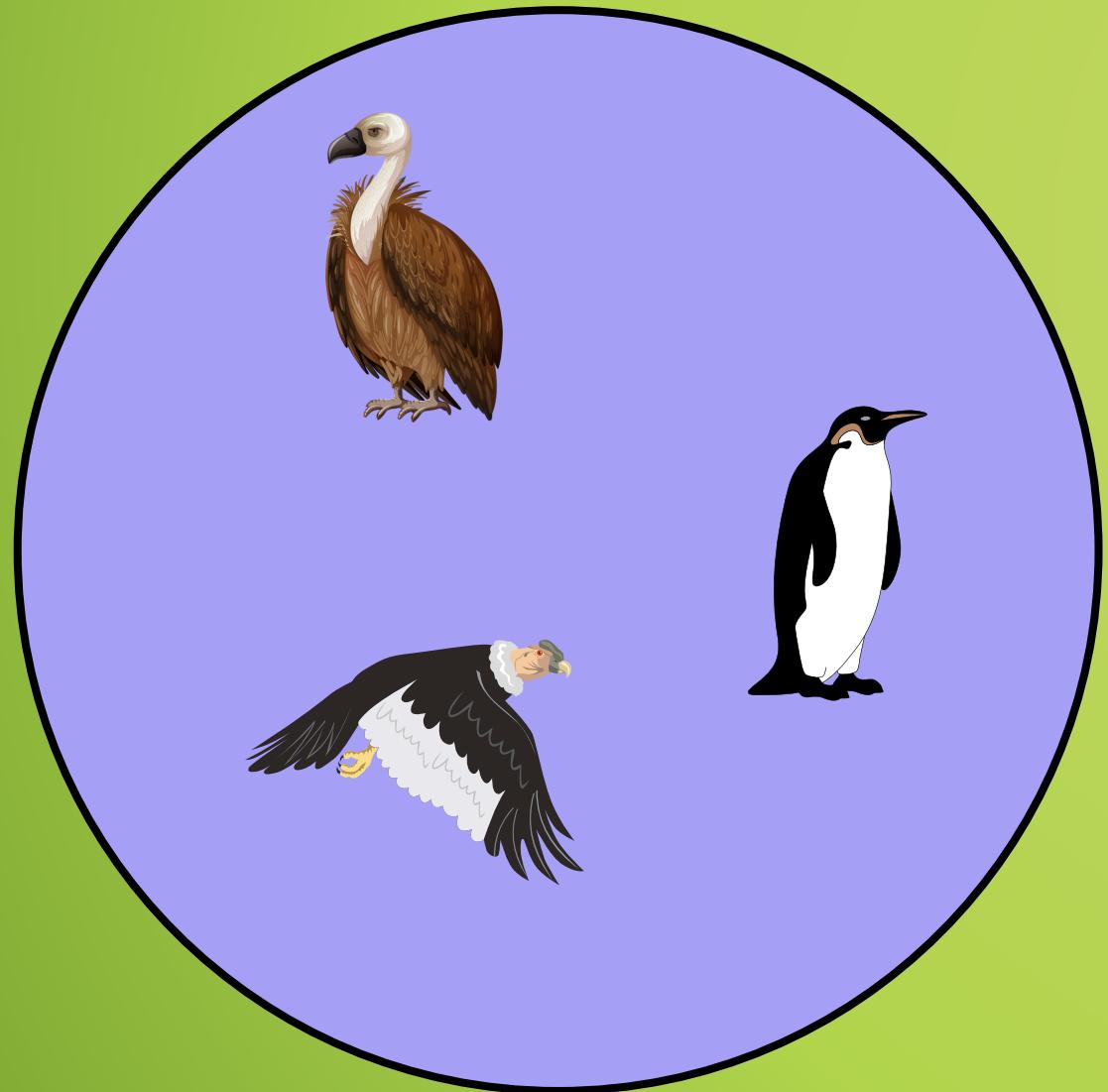


LUAir = {a, b, c, e}

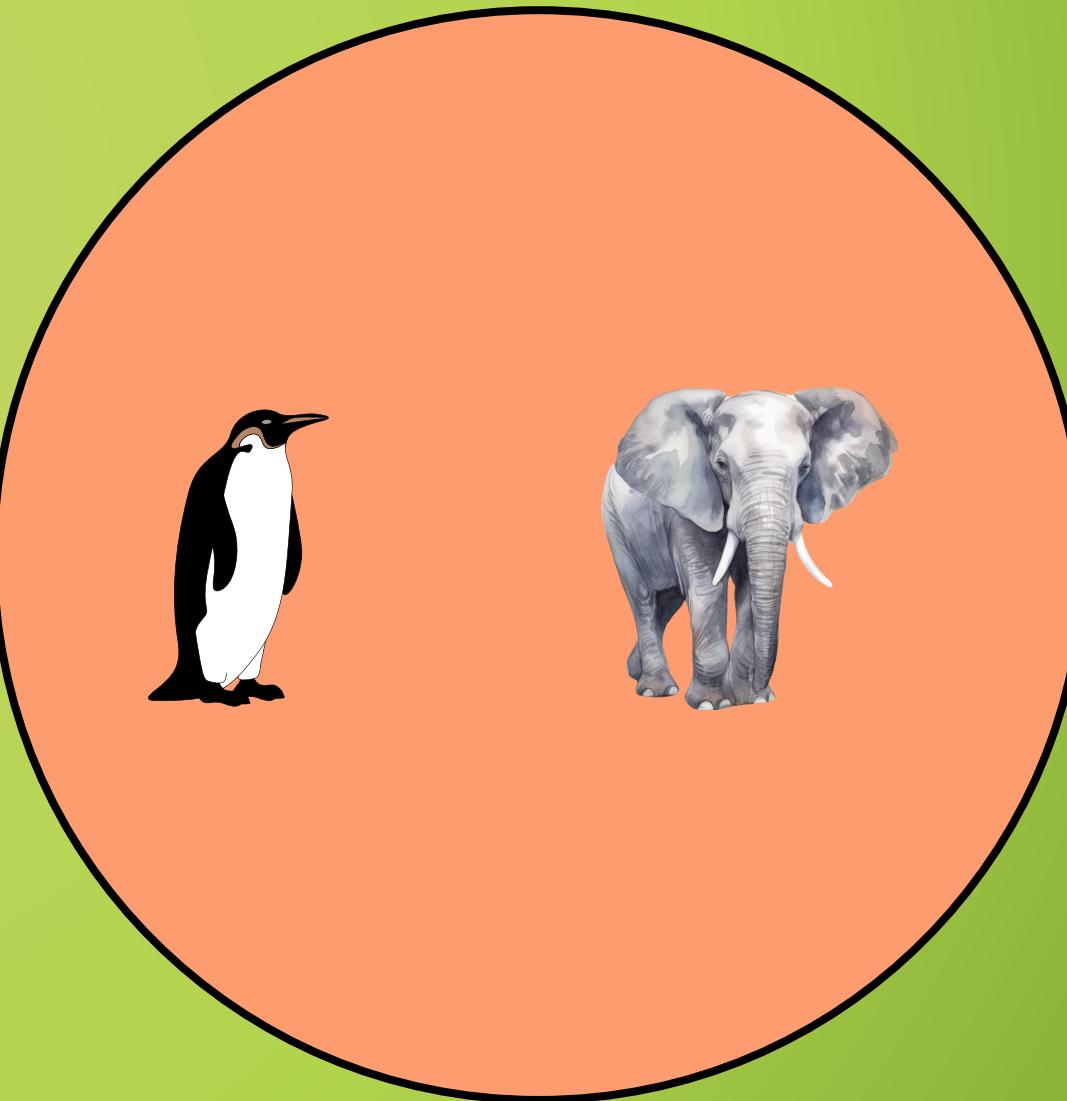
DEFINITION

The **intersection** of two sets, is a set containing every element that is a member of both sets.

Carnivores (C)



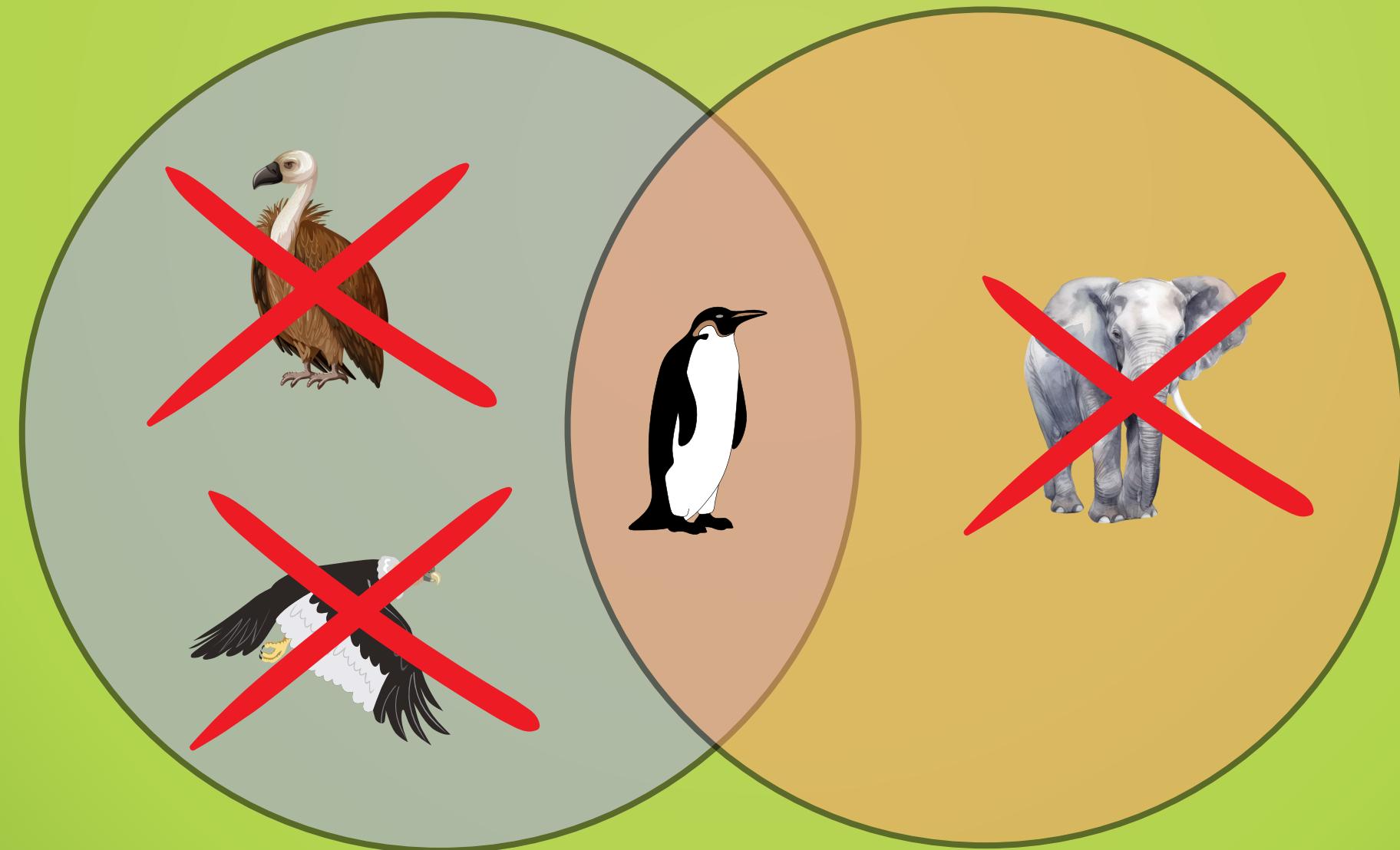
Land (L)



DEFINITION

The intersection of two sets, is a set containing every element that is a member of both sets.

$C \cap L$



NOTATION

$C \cap L$ means “the intersection of
set C and set L”

QUESTION 3

If $L = \{a, e\}$ and $Cri = \{a, b, c, e\}$, then
what is $L \cap Cri$?

ANSWER 3



$$L \cap Cri = \{a, e\} = L$$

IDEA

Sometimes two sets won't have any elements in common at all.

This will result in the **empty set**.

If $H = \{a\}$ and $O = \{d\}$, then $H \cap O = \{\}$.

IDEA

We can use intersections and unions to calculate probabilities

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	$Air \cap C$	$(Air \cap H) \cup (Air \cap O)$	
Does not live in the air	$(C \cap L) \cup (C \cap W)$	Everything not in C or Air	
Column Totals			

IDEA

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Lives in the air	{b, c}	$(\text{Air} \cap \text{H}) \cup (\text{Air} \cap \text{O})$	
Does not live in the air	$(\text{C} \cap \text{L}) \cup (\text{C} \cap \text{W})$	Everything not in C or Air	
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Column Totals			

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Does not live in the air	{e}	{a, d}	
Column Totals	$ {b, c} + {e} $	$ \{} + {a, d} $	

IDEA

We can use intersections and unions to calculate probabilities

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	{b, c}	{}	
Does not live in the air	{e}	{a, d}	
Column Totals	3	2	

IDEA

We can use intersections and unions to calculate probabilities

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	{b, c}	{}	$ {b, c} + {} $
Does not live in the air	{e}	{a, d}	$ {e} + {a, d} $
Column Totals	3	2	$3 + 2$

IDEA

We can use intersections and unions to calculate probabilities

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	{b, c}	{}	2
Does not live in the air	{e}	{a, d}	3
Column Totals	3	2	5

IDEA

$$p(\text{animal is a carnivore given that it doesn't live in the air}) = \frac{1}{3} = 0.3333$$

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	2	0	2
Does not live in the air	1	2	3
Column Totals	3	2	5

NOTATION

$p(\text{animal is a carnivore given that it doesn't live in the air})$

can be written as

$p(x \in C \mid x \notin \text{Air})$

\in means “is a member of”

\notin means “isn’t a member of”

QUESTION 4

What is $p(x \in C | x \in \text{Air})$?

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	2	0	2
Does not live in the air	1	2	3
Column Totals	3	2	5

ANSWER 4

$$\text{What is } p(x \in C | x \in \text{Air}) = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

C, Air	Is a carnivore	Is not a carnivore	Row Totals
Lives in the air	2	0	2
Does not live in the air	1	2	3
Column Totals	3	2	5

QUESTION 5

What is $p(x \in C | x \in \text{Air})$?

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Column Totals	3	2	5

ANSWER 5

$$\text{What is } p(x \in C | x \in \text{Air}) = \frac{2}{3} = 0.6667$$

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Lives in the air	2	0	2
Does not live in the air	1	2	3
Column Totals	3	2	5

For any two sets X, Y :

$$p(x \in X | x \in Y) = \frac{|X \cap Y|}{|Y|}$$

RECAP

The **union** between two sets **A** and **B** is a set containing all elements that are members of A **or** B.

The **intersection** between two sets **A** and **B** is a set containing all elements that are members of A **and** B.

Intersections and unions can be used to calculate probabilities.