

Probability of Compound Events

- What is the complement of an event?
- What are disjoint events?
- How do we determine the probability of the union of two events or the intersection of two events?

Complement of an Event

- Given an event E , the complement of event E can be denoted as
 - E^c
 - E'
 - \bar{E}
- NOTE: In this PowerPoint, we will use E' to denote the complement of the event E .

Complement of an Event

- Given an event E , the complement of event E , E' , is the event that consists of all simple events in the sample space that are not simple events in event E .

Complement of an Event

- That is, given an event E , the complement of event E , E' , is the event containing all simple events that are not contained in event E .

Complement of an Event

- You may find it helpful to think of event E' as the set of simple events *not in E or outside of E* .

Complement of an Event

- We can use a Venn Diagram to picture this.

What is a Venn Diagram?

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- A Venn Diagram is a picture representation that is used to represent sets.
- For probability,
 - We use a rectangle to represent the sample space, S .
 - We use circles to represent events such as E .

Venn Diagram for the Sample Space

- The sample space S .



What is a Venn Diagram?

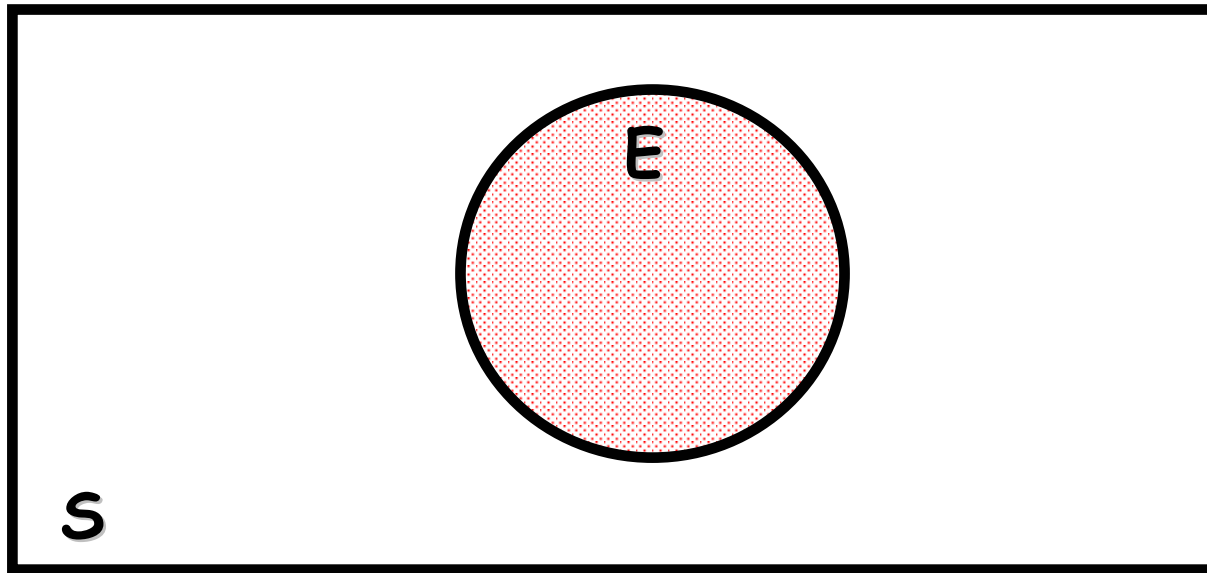
- We use a circle and the region inside the circle placed within the rectangle to represent an event.

What is a Venn Diagram?

- To represent the event E in the sample space S ,
 - We create a circle inside the rectangle to define the space for the event E
 - We shade the inside to the circle to represent the event E
 - We label the circle as E

Venn Diagram for an Event

- The event E .

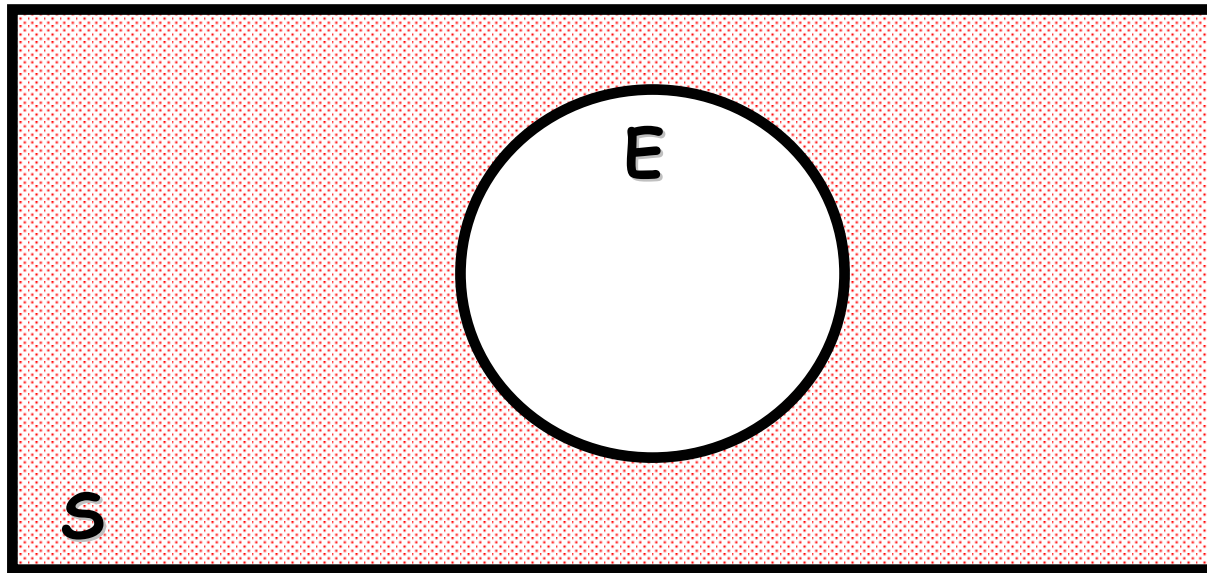


Complement of an Event

- To create the Venn Diagram for the complement of event E , E' , we shade the region outside the circle representing the event E .

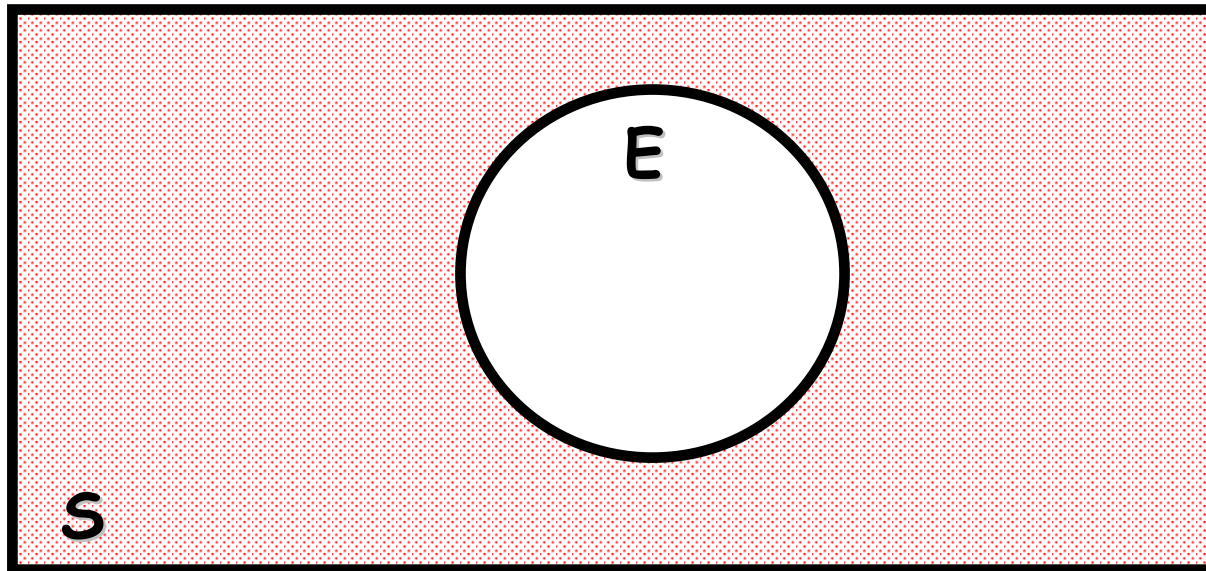
Venn Diagram for the Complement of an Event

- The complement of event E , E' .



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NOTE: We shade the region that is *not in E* or the region *outside E* .



Example

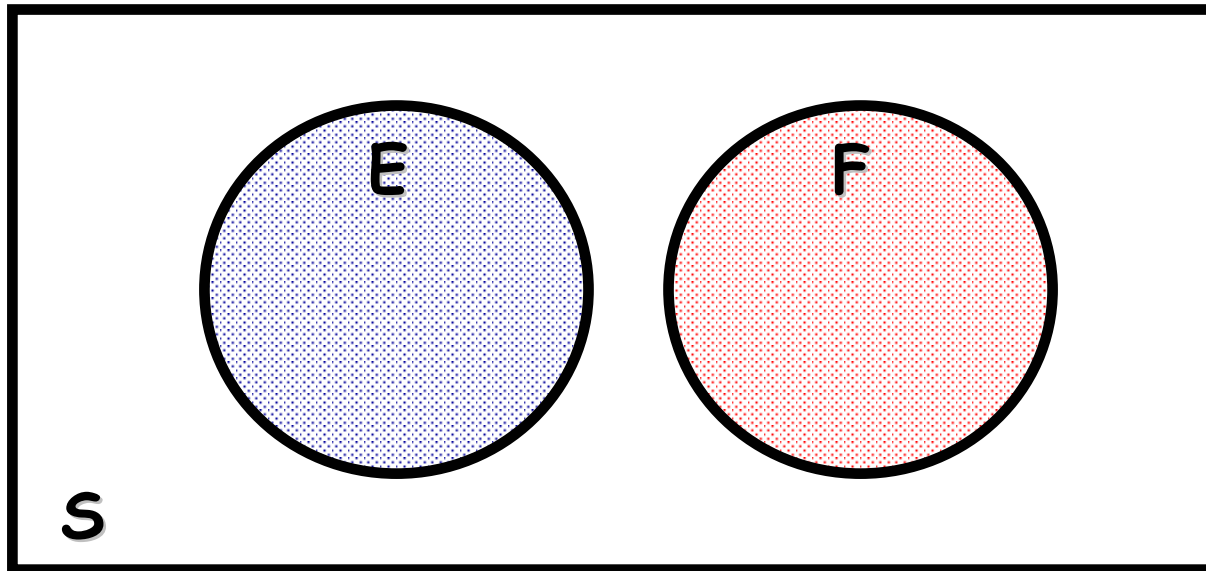
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Disjoint Events

- Two events, E and F , are disjoint or mutually exclusive if they have no simple events in common.

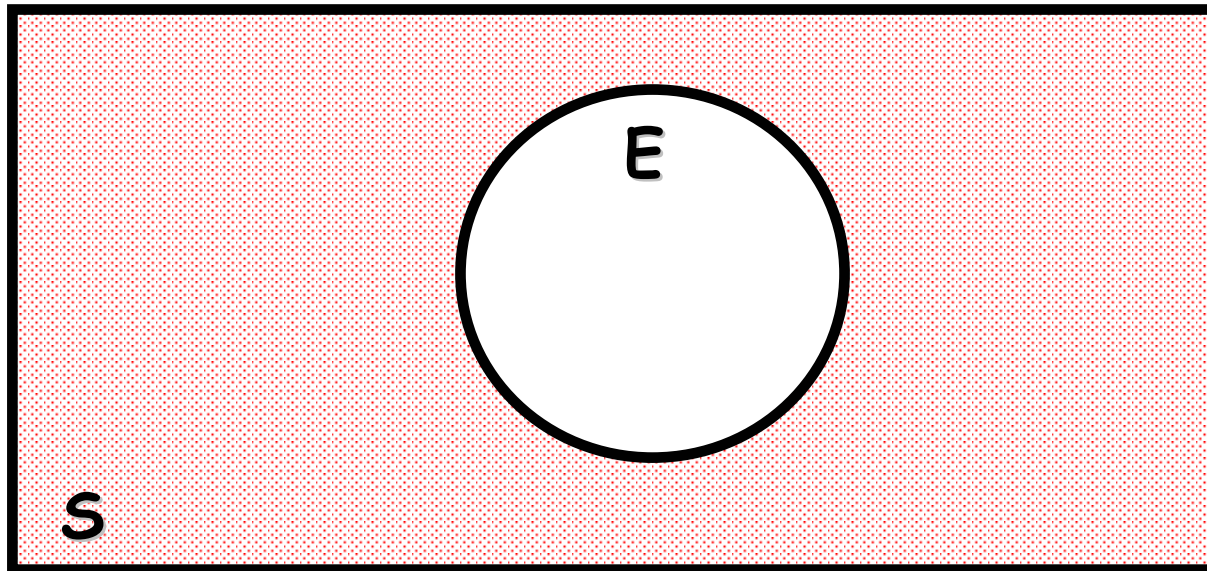
Venn Diagram for two Disjoint Events

- The two disjoint events, E and F, do not overlap.



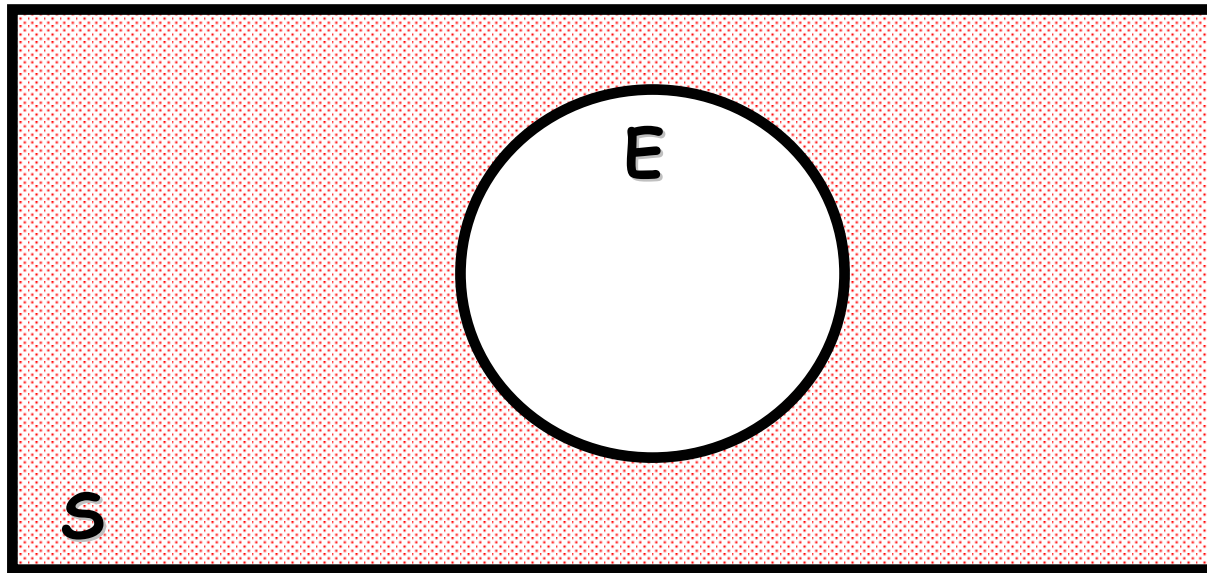
Complement of an Event

- The complement of event E , E' , and the event E are disjoint.



Complement of an Event

- The union of the event E and its complement E' is the sample space, S .
- $E \cup E' = S$

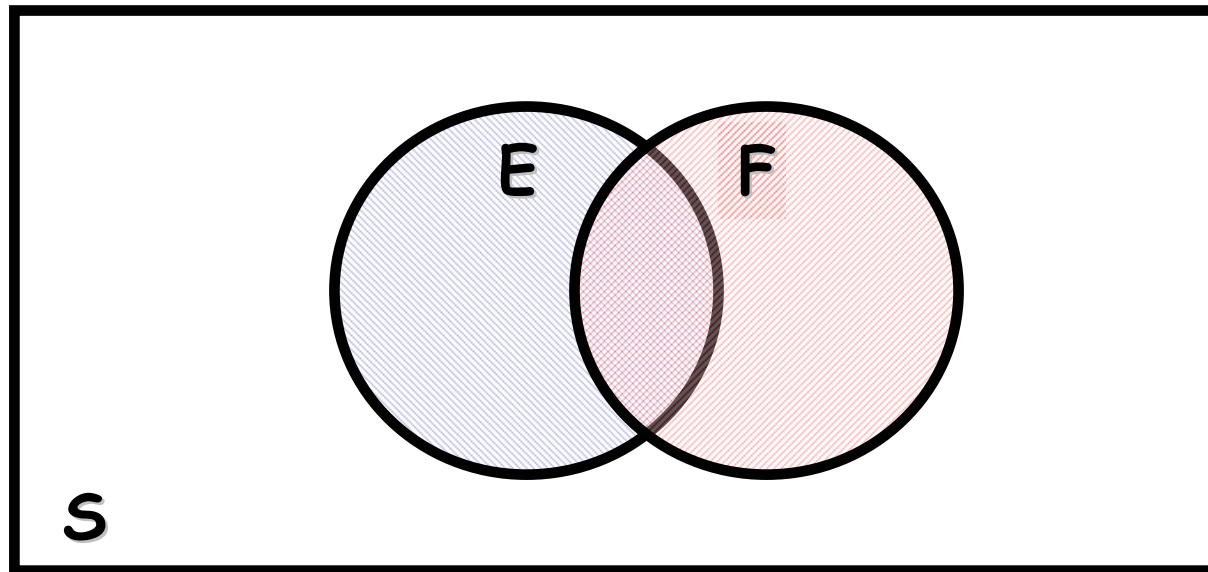


Non-Disjoint Events

- Two events, E and F , are *not* disjoint or *not* mutually exclusive if they have at least one simple event in common.

Venn Diagram for two Events that are not Disjoint

- The two events, E and F, are *not* disjoint if they overlap.

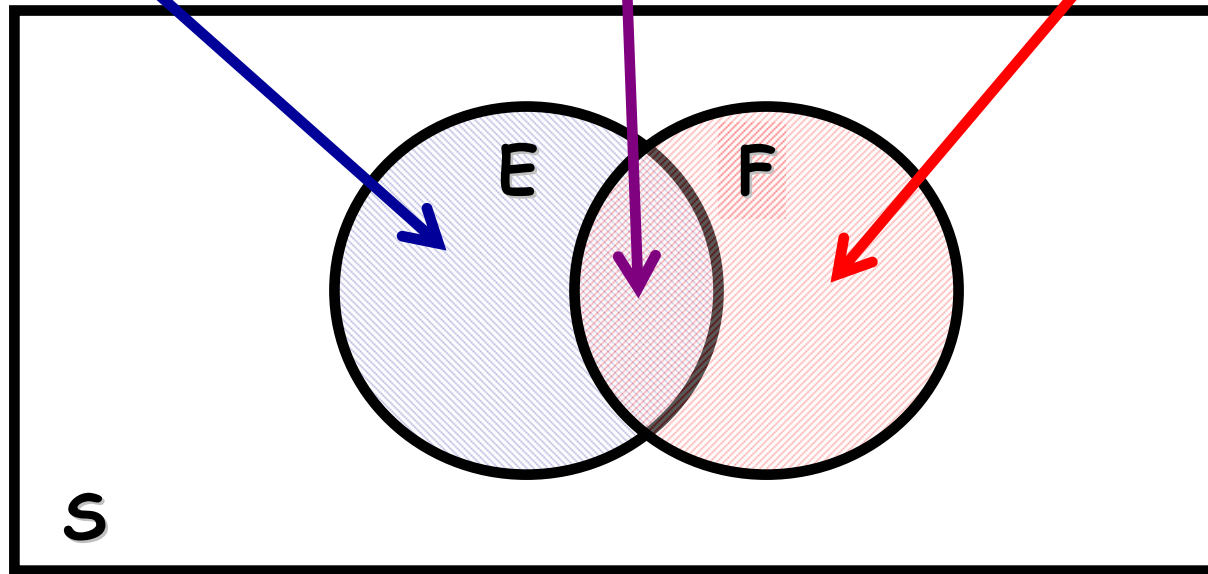


Venn Diagram for two Events that are not Disjoint

• In E and not in F

• In E and in F

• In F and not in E



$$E \cap F$$

- Given two events E and F , the event consisting of the simple events that the events E and F share or the simple events that events E and F have in common is denoted $E \cap F$.
- The event $E \cap F$ is the event that contains the simple events that are contained in *both* events E and F .

$$E \cap F$$

- $E \cap F$ denotes the intersection of events E and F
- The intersection of events E and F , $E \cap F$, is the set of simple events that are shared by events E and F
- The intersection of events E and F , $E \cap F$, is the set of simple events are in E and in F .

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- $E \cap F$ denotes the *intersection* of events E and F
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- **KEY WORD:** and

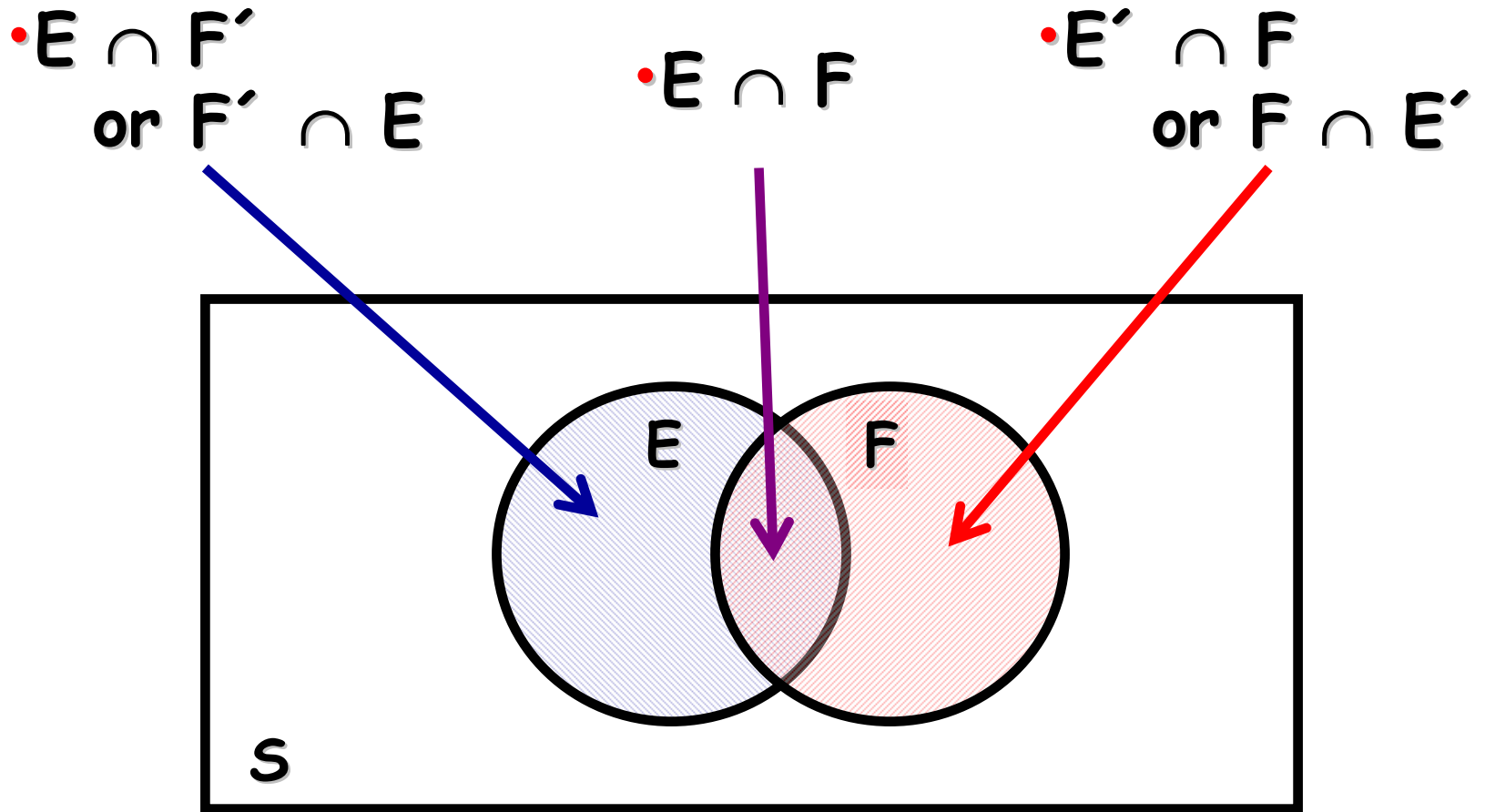
$$E \cap F'$$

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Venn Diagram for two Events that are not Disjoint



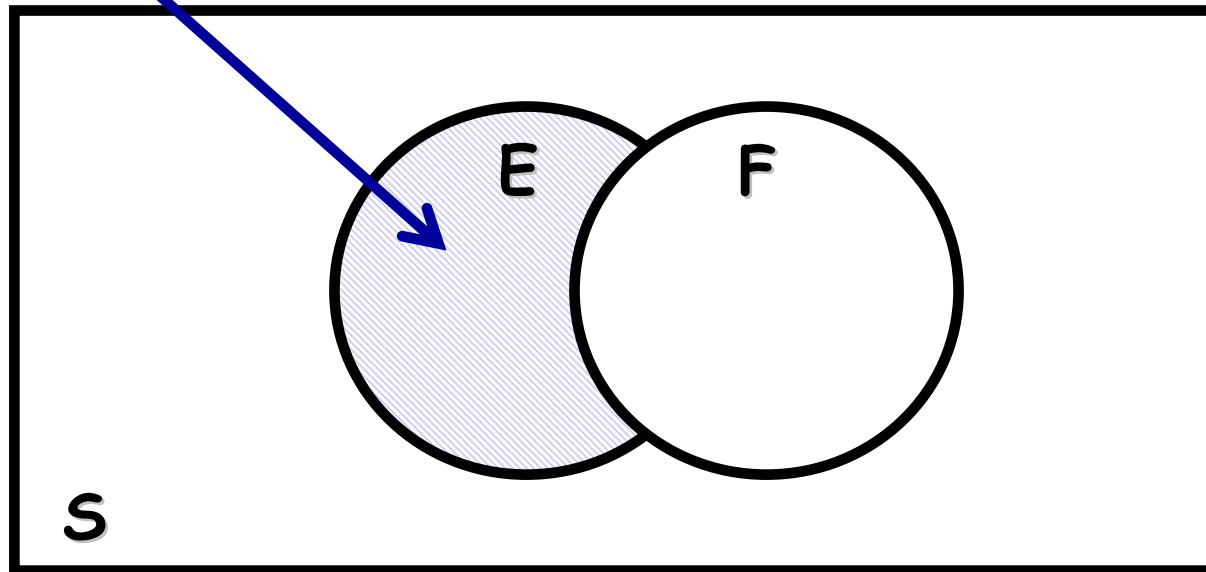
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- Given two events E and F , the event consisting of the simple events that are contained in event E or contained in event F is denoted $E \cup F$.
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Each Part is contained in $E \cup F$ since each part is in event E or in event F

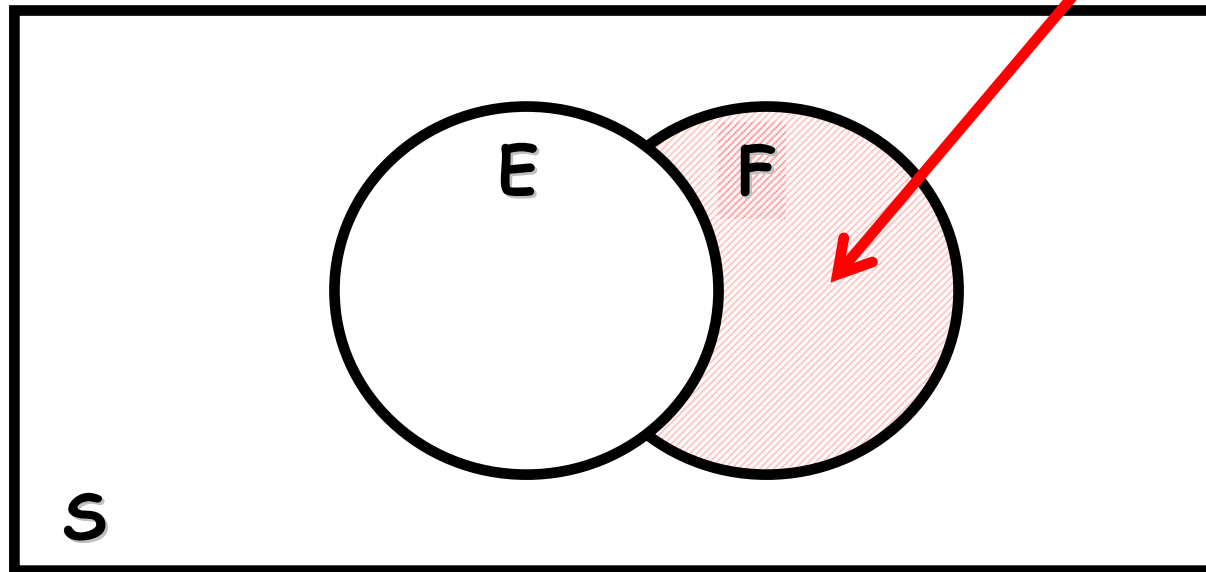
• $E \cap F'$
or $F' \cap E$

Note: This is the part of E that is *outside* of F



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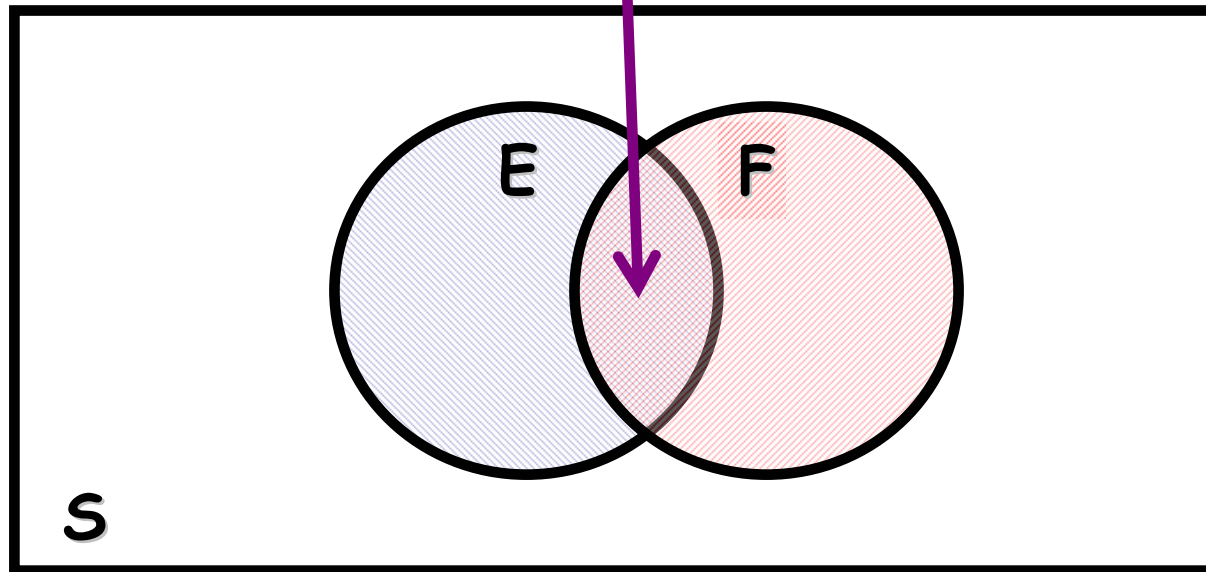
Note: This is the part of $F \cdot E' \cap F$ or $F \cap E'$ that is *outside* E .



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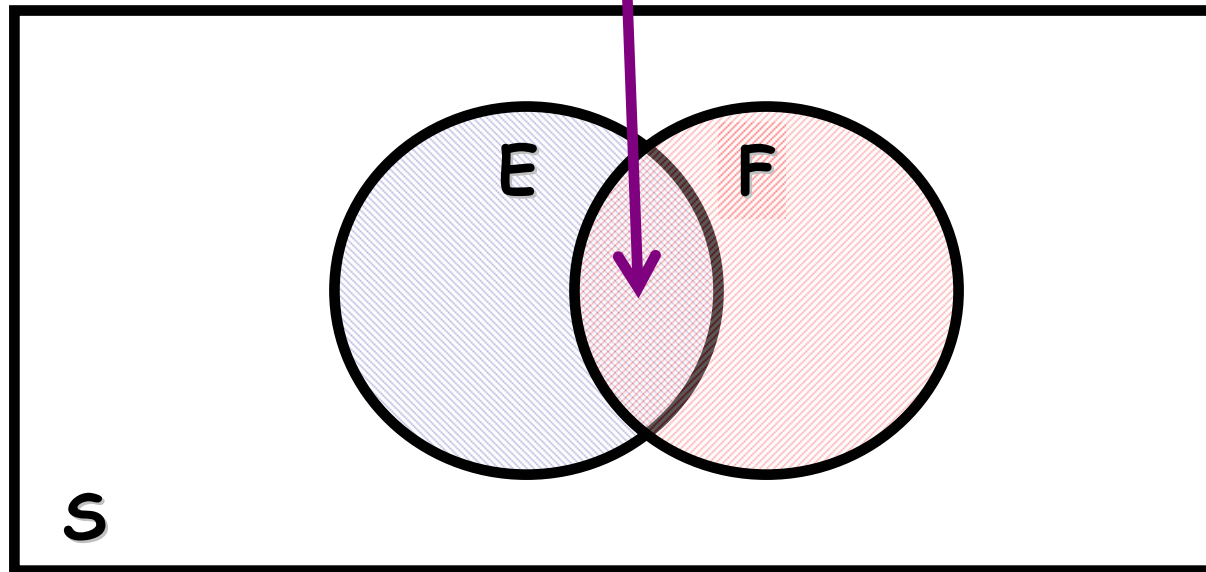
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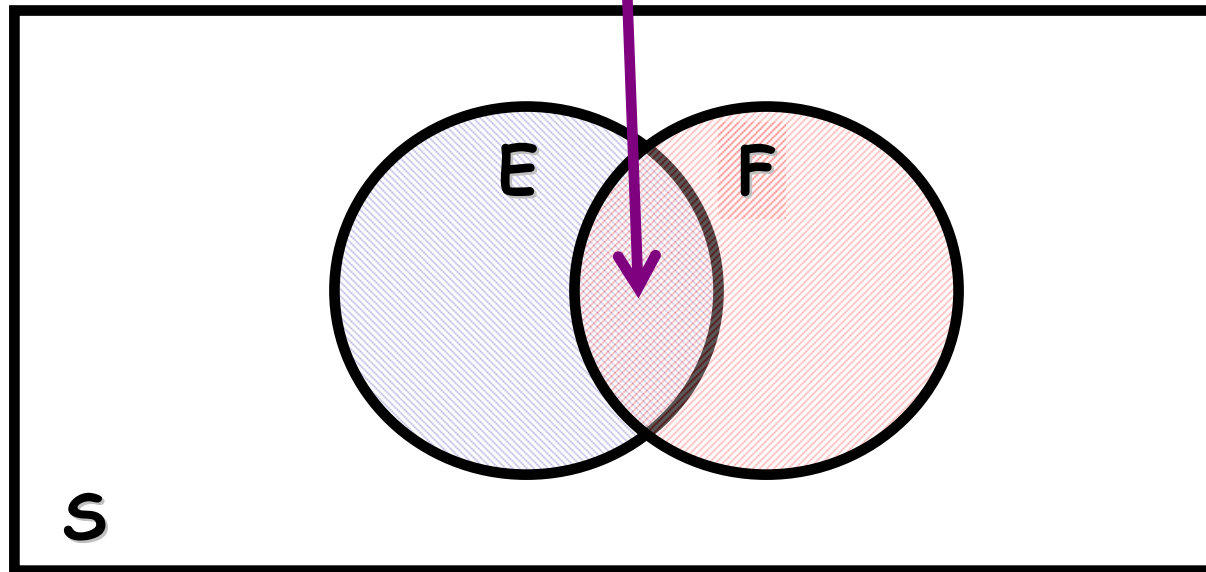
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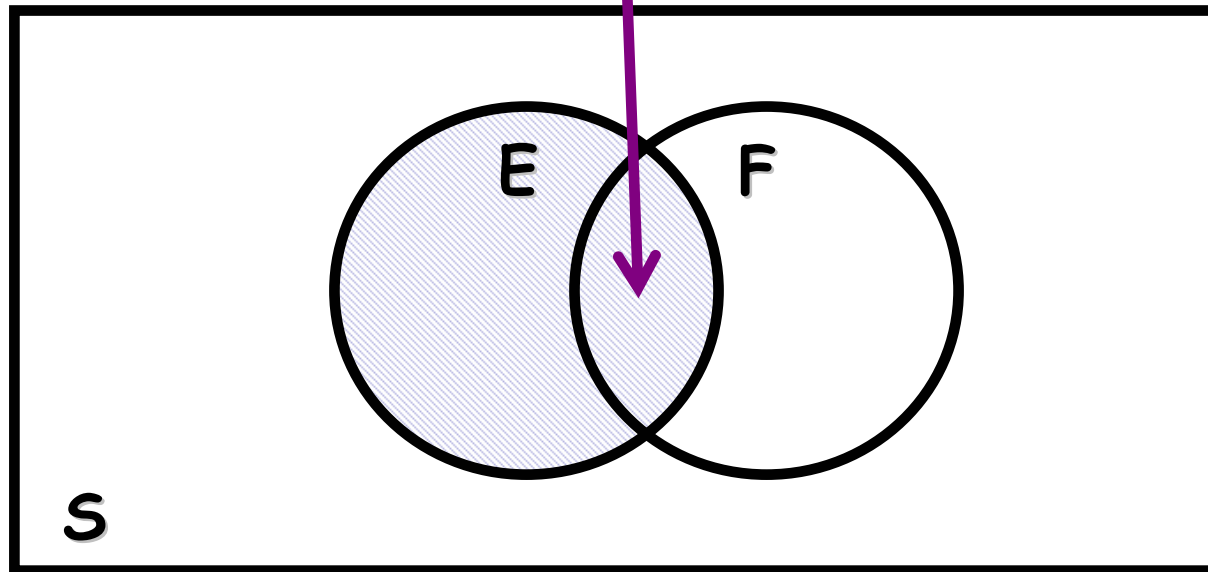


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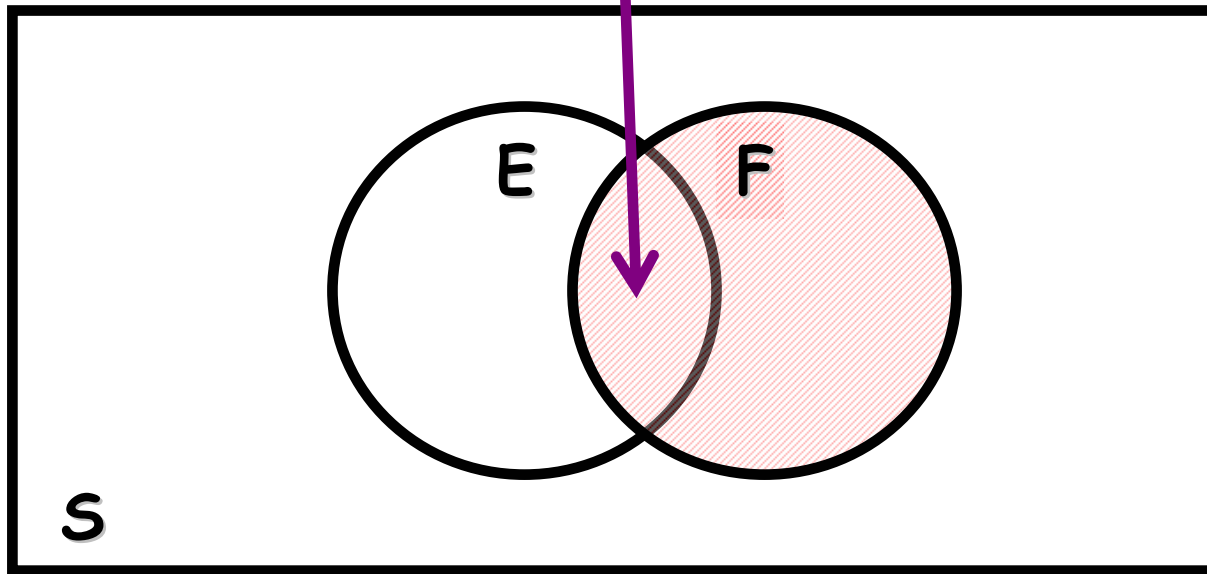
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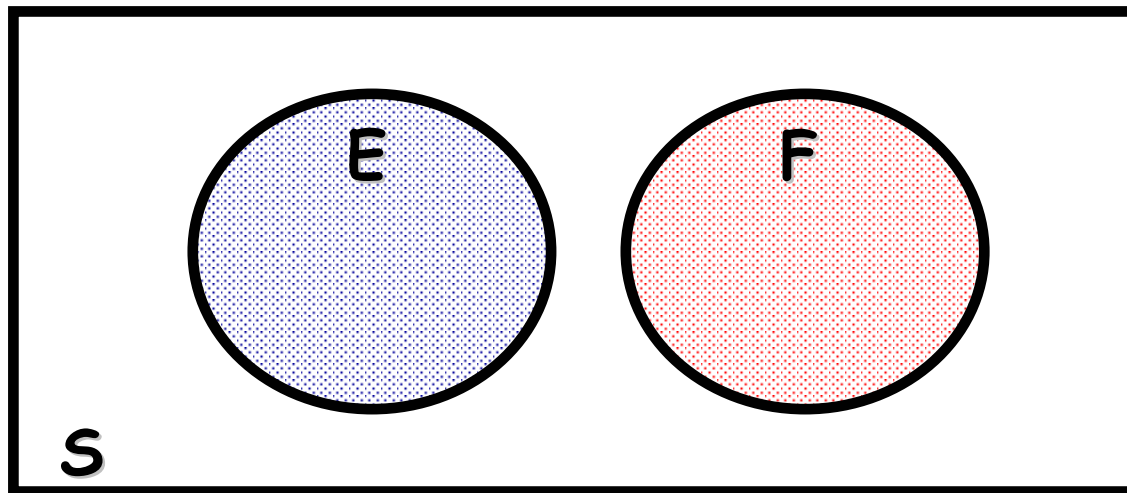


Probability of $E \cap F$

- There is no special rule for determining the probability of $E \cap F$
- To determine the $P(E \cap F)$, you must
 - Know the sample space
 - Know the number of simple events in the sample space
 - Know the event $E \cap F$
 - Know the number of simple events in the event $E \cap F$

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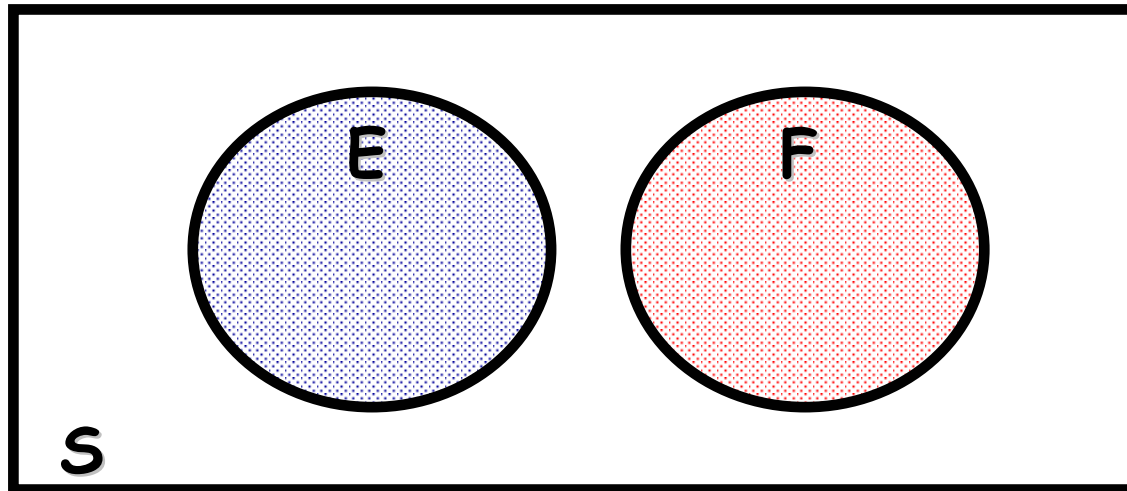
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- The probability that event $E \cup F$ occurs is the sum of the probabilities of the individual events E and F

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$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{one or five}) &= P(\text{one}) + P(\text{five}) \\ &= 1/6 + 1/6 \\ &= 2/6 \\ &= 1/3 \end{aligned}$$

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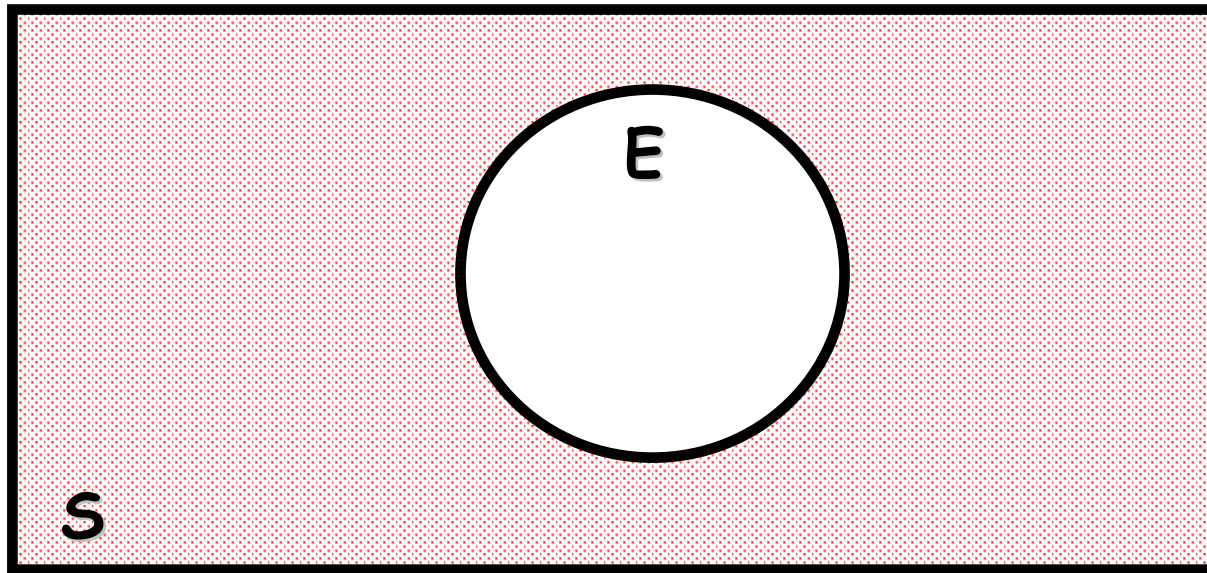
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Probability of the Complement of an Event

- $P(E) + P(E') = P(S)$
- $P(E) + P(E') = 1$
- $P(E') = 1 - P(E)$



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- $P(\text{not five}) = 1 - P(\text{five})$
= $1 - 1/6$
= $5/6$

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- $P(\text{not face card}) = 1 - P(\text{face card})$
 $= 1 - 12/52$
 $= 40/52$
 $= 10/13$

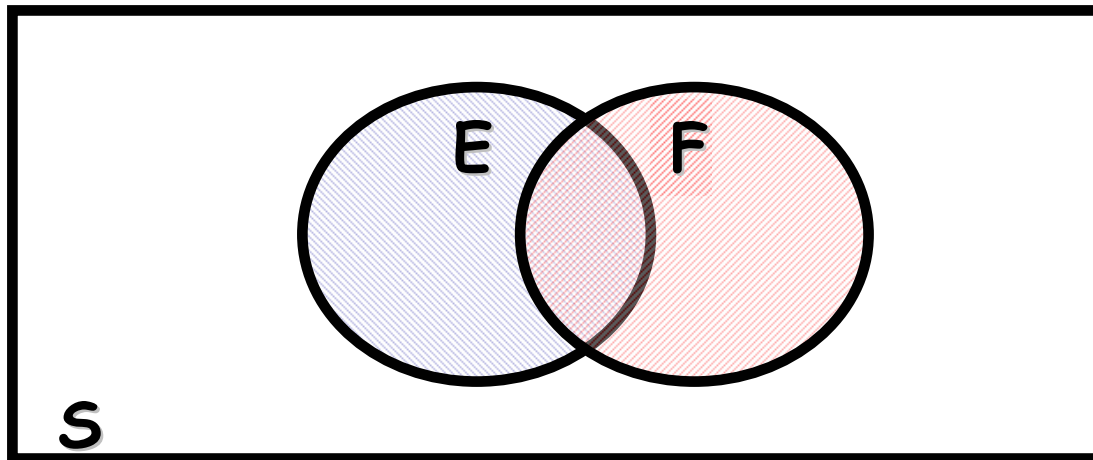
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 $= 1 - 3/13^*$
 $= 10/13$

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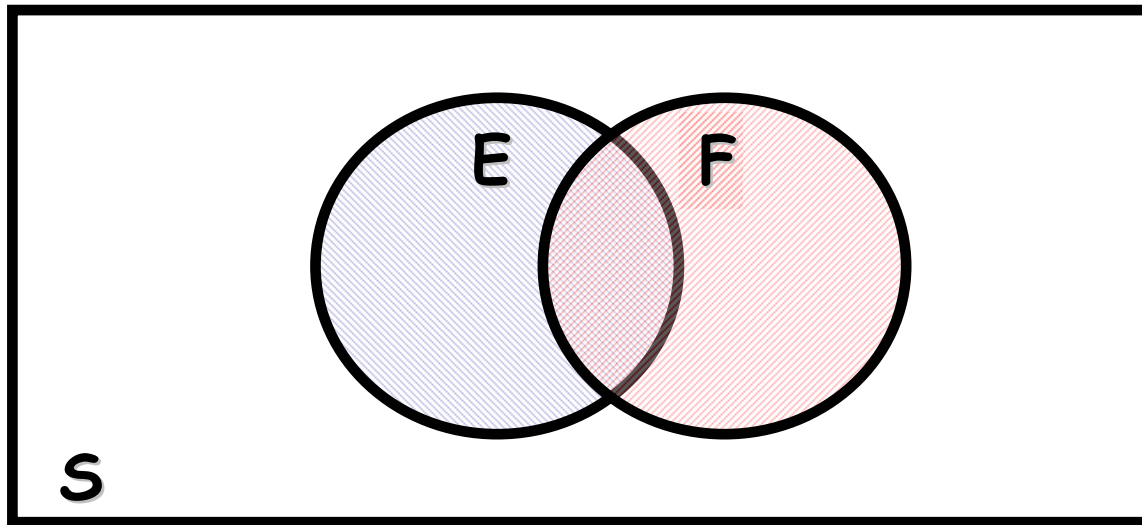
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- The probability that event $E \cup F$ occurs is the sum of the probabilities of events E and F from which the probability of the intersection of event E and F , $E \cap F$, is *subtracted*

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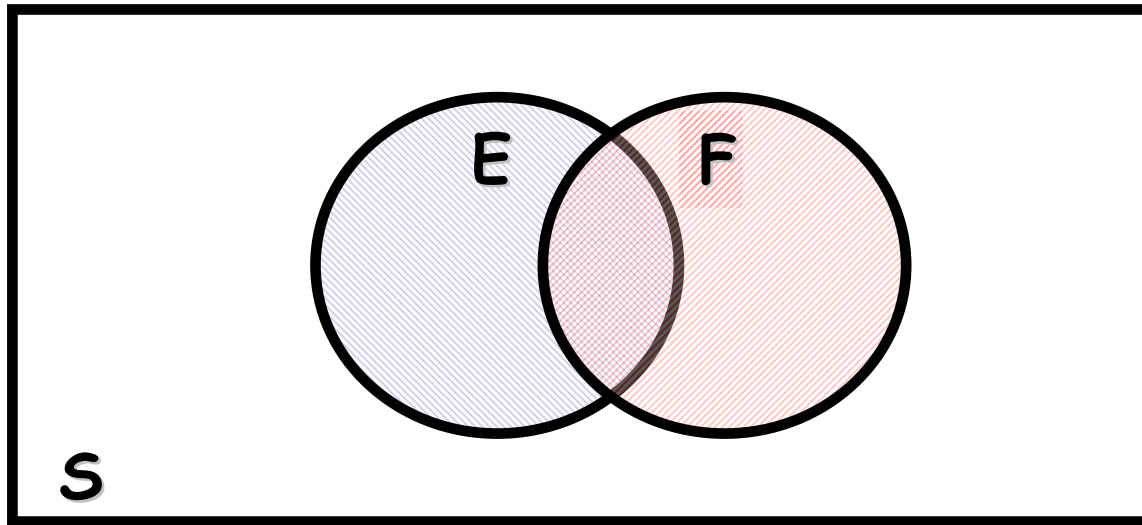
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Probability of $E \cup F$ for non-disjoint events E and F

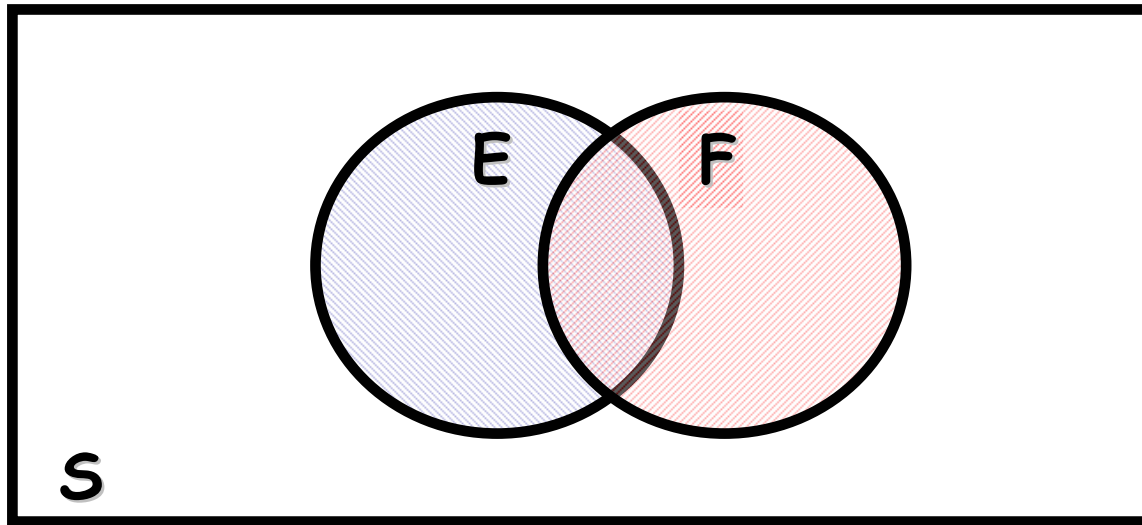
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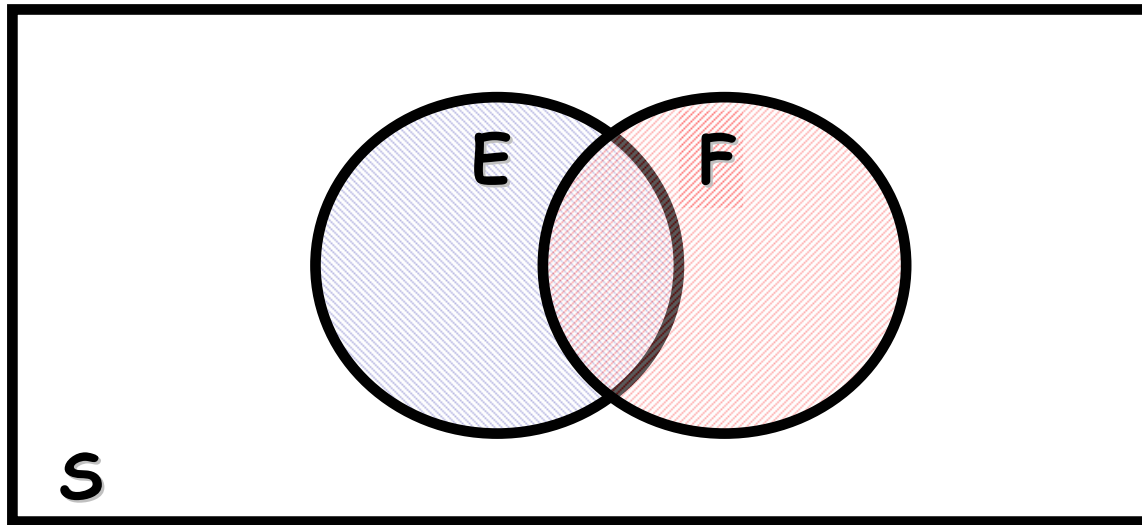
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We subtract $P(E \cap F)$ since $E \cap F$ is contained in event E and $E \cap F$ is contained in event F .

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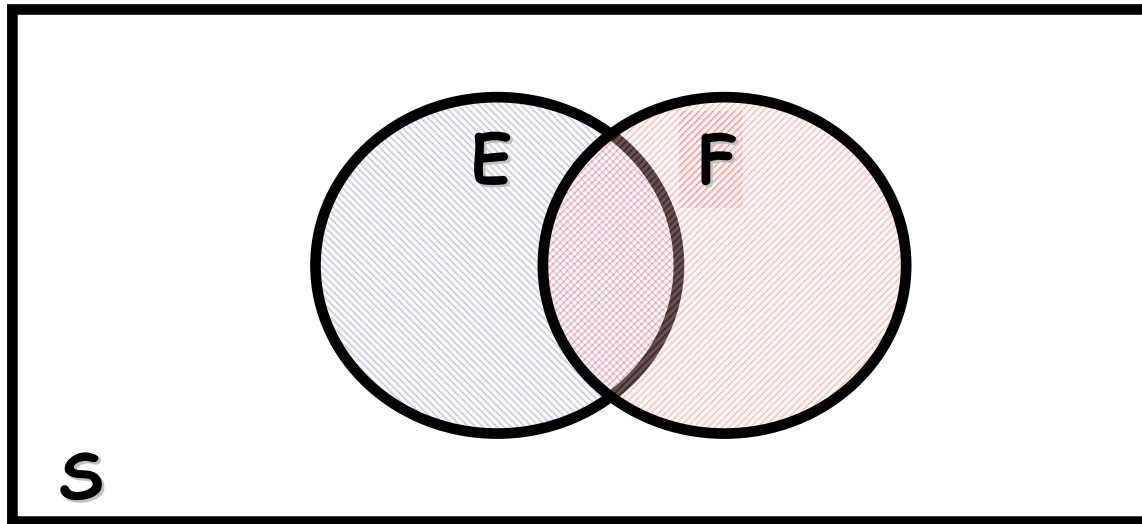
- Why subtract $P(E \cap F)$?



If we do not subtract $P(E \cap F)$ then $P(E \cup F)$ would count each of the simple events in $E \cap F$ *twice*.

Probability of $E \cup F$ for non-disjoint events E and F

- $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$



- This is also called the Addition Rule.

Example

- A card is drawn from a fair poker deck. What is the probability that the card is a diamond or a face card?
- $$\begin{aligned} P(\spadesuit \text{ or face card}) &= P(\spadesuit) + P(\text{face card}) \\ &\quad - P(\spadesuit \text{ face card}) \\ &= 13/52 + 12/52 \\ &\quad - 3/52 \\ &= 22/52 \\ &= 11/26 \end{aligned}$$

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