

## Venn Diagrams and Conditional Probability

### Starter

1. In a group of 16 students, 12 take art and 8 take music. One student takes neither art nor music.
- Draw a Venn diagram to help you find the number of students who take both art and music.
  - A student is selected at random. Find the probability the student takes art but not music.
  - A **music** student is chosen at random. Find the probability that they do not study art.
  - An **art** student is chosen at random. Find the probability that they also study music.

### Working:

- (a) 1 goes outside both circles  
Let  $x$  be the overlap

$12 - x$  in A but outside M  
 $8 - x$  in M but outside A

16 students in total so:

$$12 - x + x + 8 - x + 1 = 16$$

$$x = 5$$

So 5 students take art and music

- (b) 7 students take A but not M

$$\text{So } P(\text{A but not M}) = \frac{7}{16}$$

- (c) "A **music** student is chosen"

Only consider the M circle

$5 + 3 = 8$  students in total

Do not study art = 3

*this is the denominator*

$$P(\text{study M but not A given study M}) = \frac{3}{5 + 3} = \frac{3}{8}$$

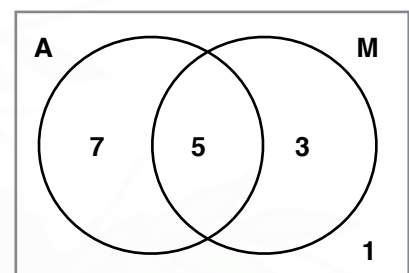
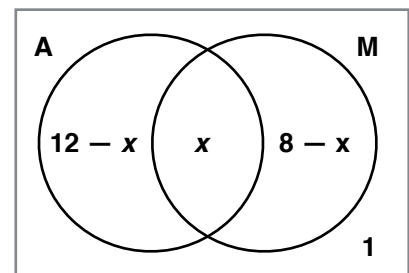
- (d) "An **art** student is chosen" so only consider the A circle

$7 + 5 = 12$  students in total

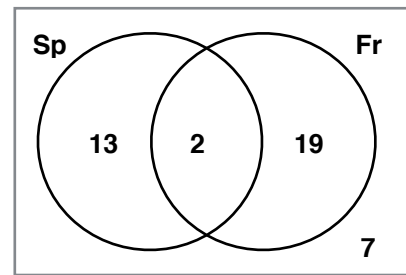
Also study music = 5

*this is the denominator*

$$P(\text{study A and M given study A}) = \frac{5}{7 + 5} = \frac{5}{12}$$



**E.g. 1** The Venn diagram shows the number of students studying Spanish and French at a school.



- (a) A student is chosen at random. Find the probability he/she studies French.
- (b) A student is chosen at random. Find the probability he/she does not study Spanish.
- (c) A French student is chosen at random. Find the probability he/she studies Spanish.
- (d) A Spanish student is chosen at random. Find the probability he/she does not study French.

**Working:** (a) "A student is chosen at random."  $\equiv$  all students considered (41)

$$P(\text{studies French}) = \frac{2 + 19}{13 + 2 + 19 + 7} = \frac{21}{41}$$

(b) "A student is chosen at random."  $\equiv$  all students considered (41)

$$P(\text{not Spanish}) = \frac{19 + 7}{41} = \frac{26}{41}$$

(c) "A French student is chosen at random."  $\equiv$  only F is considered

Total French students =  $2 + 19 = 21$

Also study Spanish = 2

$$P(\text{studies Spanish given study French}) = \frac{2}{2 + 19} = \frac{2}{21}$$

(d) "A Spanish student is chosen at random."  $\equiv$  only S is considered

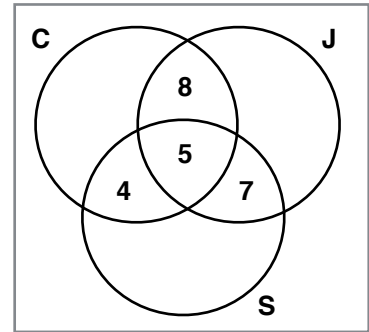
Total Spanish students =  $13 + 2 = 15$

Not study French = 13

$$P(\text{not French given study Spanish}) = \frac{13}{2 + 13} = \frac{13}{15}$$

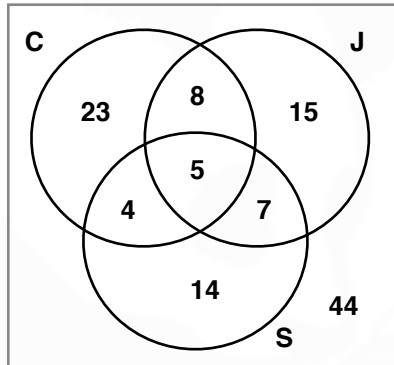
**E.g 2\*** There are 120 students in a school. 40 study Chinese (C), 35 study Japanese (J), and 30 study Spanish (S).

- (a) Complete the Venn diagram by filling in the numbers in the missing spaces, including outside the circles.
- (b) A student is chosen at random. Find the probability that they:
- study Chinese, Japanese and Spanish
  - Chinese and Japanese
  - Spanish and Japanese but not Chinese
  - study Japanese given that they study Chinese.



**Working:**

(a)



(b) (i)  $\frac{5}{120} = \frac{1}{24}$  *intersection of all 3 circles*

(ii)  $\frac{13}{120}$  *intersection of C and J circles*

(iii)  $\frac{7}{120}$  *intersection of S and J circles, excluding C*

(iv)  $P(\text{Japanese given study Chinese}) = \frac{5 + 8}{4 + 5 + 8 + 23} = \frac{13}{40}$

**Video:** [Venn diagrams](#)

[Solutions to Starter and E.g.s](#)

### Exercise

Worksheet **Solving problems using Venn diagrams** Qu 4-11

9-1 class textbook: p246 M8.7 Qu 1-6 (Look at Qu 2 and 5 in class)

A\*-G class textbook: No exercise

9-1 homework book: p84 M8.7 Qu 1-5

A\*-G homework book: No exercise

**Solving problems using Venn diagrams SOLUTIONS**  
[Homework book answers \(only available during a lockdown\)](#)