

# Introduction to Probability

Calculations using the Choose Operator

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## Choose Operator

For the positive integer  $n$  and non-negative integer  $k$  ( with  $k \leq n$ ), the choose operator is calculated as follows:

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

## Choose Operator

Evaluate the following:

1  $\binom{5}{2}$

2  $\binom{5}{0}$

3  $\binom{10}{1}$

4  $\binom{10}{9}$

# Counting Sets with Venn Diagrams

- ▶ The Venn Diagram shows the number of elements in each subset of set  $S$ .
- ▶ If  $P(A) = 3/10$  and  $P(B) = 1/2$ , find the values of  $x$  and  $y$

## Counting Sets with Venn Diagrams

- ▶ The total number of items in the data set is  $x + y + 5$
- ▶ There are  $x + 1$  items in Area  $A$
- ▶ There are  $x + y$  items in Area  $B$
- ▶ We can say

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{10} = \frac{x + 1}{x + y + 5}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x + y}{x + y + 5}$$

# Counting Sets with Venn Diagrams

## Cross Multiplication

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$$P(B) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x + y}{x + y + 5}$$

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## Simultaneous Equations

1)  $7x - 3y = 5$

2)  $x + y = 5$



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