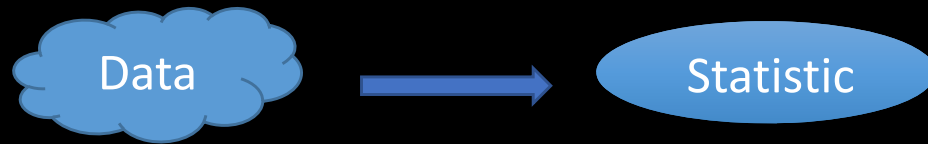


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Properties of Probability  
Probability and Set Notation  
Infinite Series



# What is Statistics?

What is a statistic? A function of **data**

**Statistics:** study of the collection, analysis, interpretation, presentation, and organization of **data**.

Known

Unknown

STATISTICS

统计

字母:  $\mu$

SAMPLE  
(data)

(Inference)

Population  
Parameters

样本

字母:  $\bar{x}$

PROBABILITY

概率

Population  
Parameters

(Probability)

SAMPLE

# What is Probability?

**Probability** is a real-valued set function  $P$  that assigns, to each event  $A$  in the sample space  $S$ , a number  $P(A)$ , called the probability of the event  $A$ , such that the following properties are satisfied:  $P \rightarrow \text{probability}$

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(a)  $P(A) \geq 0$ ; ① 不能为负数

(b)  $P(S) = 1$ ; ②  $P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n) = P(S) = 1$

$\hookrightarrow$  sample space  $\rightarrow$

(c) if  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  are events and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$ , then

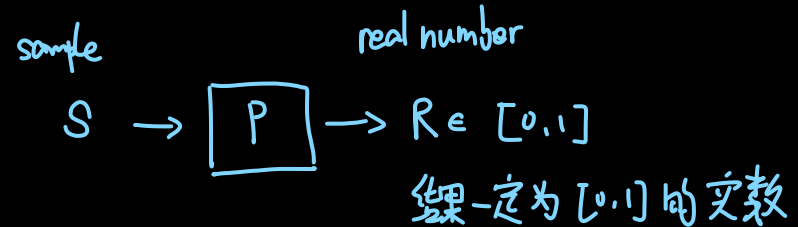
$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_k)$$

for each positive integer  $k$ , and

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots$$

for an infinite, but countable, number of events.

# What is Probability?



Real valued function:

A function that assigns a real number to each member of its domain.

Set function:

A function whose domain is a family of subsets of some given set.

## 1.1 Properties of Probability

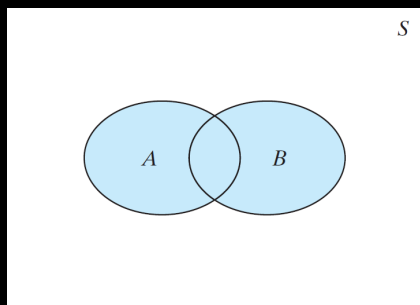
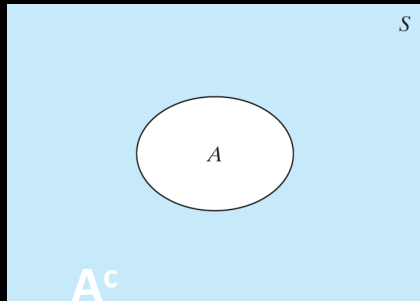
$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad \overset{\text{set}}{A = \text{奇数} = \{1, 3, 5\}} \quad \overset{\text{interval}}{(), []}$$

## Random Experiments 随机测试

In Statistics, we consider experiments where the outcome can not be predicted with certainty.

- **Outcome space** or **Sample space**,  $S$  – collection of all possible outcomes  
结果的全集
- An **Event** is a collection of outcomes in  $S$ .
- If a random experiment is performed and the outcome of the experiment is in  $A$ , we say **event  $A$  has occurred**.

# Set notation and operations



	Notation	Meaning
空集	$\emptyset, \{\}$	Null or empty set
属于	$x \in A$	$x$ is an element of $A$
并集	$A \cup B$	the union of $A$ and $B$ <i>or</i>
交集	$A \cap B$	the intersection of $A$ and $B$ <i>and</i>
子集	$A \subseteq B$	$A$ is a subset of $B$
真子集	$A \subset B$	$A$ is a proper subset of $B$ <i><math>A \neq B</math></i>
补集	$A', A^c$	the complement of $A$



## 6 sided die

- $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $P[S] = 1$

**Theorem**  
**1.1-1**

For each event  $A$ ,

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A').$$

证明

**Proof** [See Figure 1.1-1(a).] We have

$$S = A \cup A' \quad \text{and} \quad A \cap A' = \emptyset.$$

Thus, from properties (b) and (c), it follows that

$$1 = P(A) + P(A').$$

Hence

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A').$$



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# Probability Theorems

- **Theorem 1**

- $P[A'] = 1 - P[A]$

- **Theorem 2**

- $P[\emptyset] = 0$

- **Theorem 3**

- If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$ .

# Probability Theorems

- **Theorem 4**

- For any event  $A$ ,  $P[A] \leq 1$

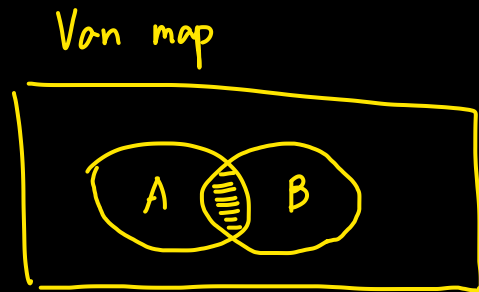
- **Theorem 5**

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are any two events, then

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$$

- **Theorem 6**

- $P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[A] + P[B] + P[C] - P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C] + P[A \cap B \cap C]$



独立事件  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  ?

1. Suppose a 6-sided die is rolled:  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

- Let event A = {The outcome is even} 偶数  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$
- Let event B = {The outcome is greater than 3}  $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$ 
  - a) What are the outcomes in  $A \cap B$ ?
  - ii) What is  $P[A \cap B]$ ?

$$\therefore A \cap B = \{4, 6\}$$
$$\therefore P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

# 1. Suppose a 6-sided die is rolled:

- Let event  $A = \{\text{The outcome is even}\}$
- Let event  $B = \{\text{The outcome is greater than 3}\}$

▫ b) What are the outcomes in  $[A \cup B]$ ?  $\therefore A \cup B = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}$

ii) What is  $P[A \cup B]$ ?

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

1... Suppose the die is loaded so that the probability of an outcome is proportional to the outcome, i.e.

$$P[1] = p, \quad P[2] = 2p, \quad P[3] = 3p, \quad P[4] = 4p, \quad P[5] = 5p, \quad P[6] = 6p,$$

$$21p = p + 2p + 3p + 4p + 5p + 6p = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{1}{21}$$

- c) Find the value of  $p$  that would make this a valid probability model

- d) Find the following probabilities:

Let event  $A = \{\text{The outcome is even}\}$

Let event  $B = \{\text{The outcome is greater than 3}\}$

- i)  $P[A]$ ,      ii)  $P[A']$ ,      iii)  $P[A \cup B]$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{"} & \text{"} & \text{"} \\ P(2) + P(4) + P(6) & 1 - P(A) & P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \end{array}$$

2. The probability that a randomly selected student at Zoom University owns a bicycle is 0.55, the probability that a student owns a car is 0.30, and the probability that a student owns both is 0.10.

- A) What is the probability that a student selected at random does not own a bicycle?
- B) What is the probability that a selected student at random owns either a car or a bicycle (or both)?

设 A 为 骑车  
B 为 开车

$$P(A) = 0.55$$

$$P(B) = 0.3$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.1$$

$$a) \quad P(A') = 1 - P(A) = 0.45$$

$$b) \quad P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.75$$



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The probability that a randomly selected student at Zoom University owns a bicycle is 0.55, the probability that a student owns a car is 0.30, and the probability that a student owns both is 0.10.

- C) What is the probability that a student selected at random neither has a car nor a bicycle?

$$P(A' \cap B') = P(A \cup B)' = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$$

3. Let  $a > 2$ . Suppose  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and

$$P[0] = c, \quad P[k] = \frac{1}{a^k}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

A) Find the value of  $c$  that will make this a valid probability distribution.

B) Find the probability of an odd outcome

$$a). \quad P[0'] = \frac{1}{a^1} + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a^n} \dots = \frac{\frac{1}{a}(1 - \frac{1}{a^n})}{1 - \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{1}{a-1}$$

$$P[0] = 1 - \frac{1}{a-1} = c$$

$$\begin{aligned} b). \quad & \frac{1}{a^1} + \frac{1}{a^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a^{n-1}} \dots \\ &= a \left( \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)^n \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{1}{a^2}} = \frac{a}{a^2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= a_1 \cdot \frac{1}{a^0} + a_2 \cdot \frac{1}{a^1} + \dots + a_n \cdot \frac{1}{a^n} \\ P \cdot a &= a_1 \cdot \frac{1}{a^1} + \dots + a_n \cdot \frac{1}{a^n} + a_{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$



4. Suppose  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $P[0] = p$ , and  $P[k] = \frac{1}{2^k k!}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Find the value of  $p$  that will make this a valid probability distribution.

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

**1.1-16.** Let  $p_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , be the probability that an automobile policyholder will file for  $n$  claims in a five-year period. The actuary involved makes the assumption that  $p_{n+1} = (1/4)p_n$ . What is the probability that the holder will file two or more claims during this period?

- R resource <http://www.peterhaschke.com/files/IntroToR.pdf>