

PROBABILITY

DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

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DISCRETE STRUCTURES FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE: COUNTING,
RECURSION, AND PROBABILITY

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Anonymous Broadcasting

You may have seen some probability, and have some intuitions on how to apply it.

We know if you flip a coin it comes up heads with probability 0.50 and it comes up tails with probability 0.50

If I flip a coin and don't show you, you cannot guess with > 0.50 probability whether it is heads or tails.

We intuitively realize that it is unlikely that we will win the lottery.

We intuitively realize that if the weatherman calls for 80% chance of showers, you should bring an umbrella (maybe).

We are going to redefine probability from first principles.

We will start with an example application of probability and random numbers.

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The person who paid, if they paid, will anonymously transmit a single bit, a 1.

Everyone who did not pay will transmit a 0.

In the end, we will know if a 1 has been transmitted (someone paid), or if everyone transmitted a 0 (NSA paid).

But if there is a 1, we will not know who sent it.

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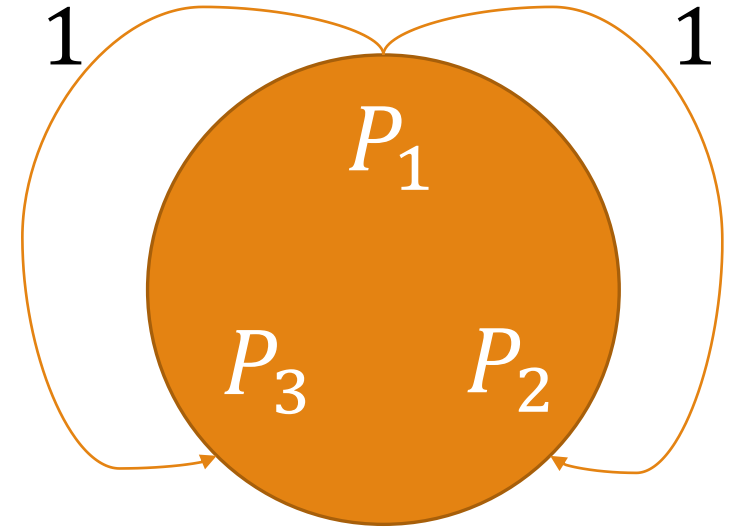
Either:

1. One person transmits 1, two transmit 0
2. All three transmit 0.

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If someone paid for the meal, they transmit a 1, while everyone else transmits 0.

If the transmitted bit is 1, then someone at the table paid.

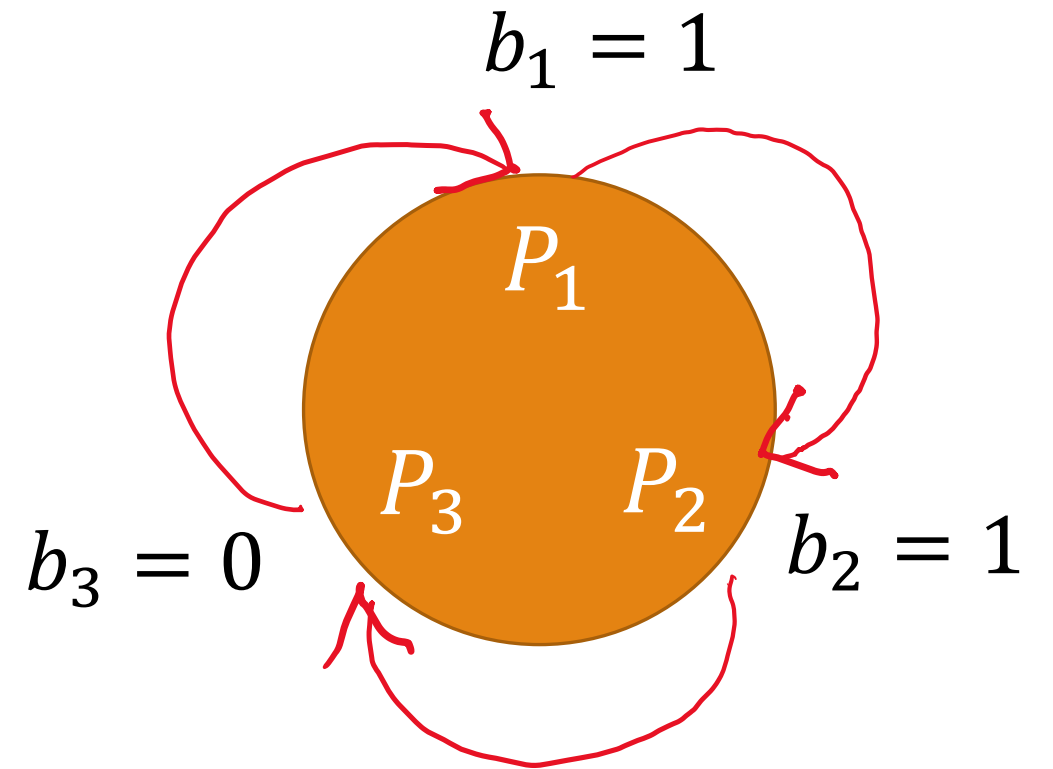


If the bit is 0, the NSA paid.

We will do an example where P_1 paid.

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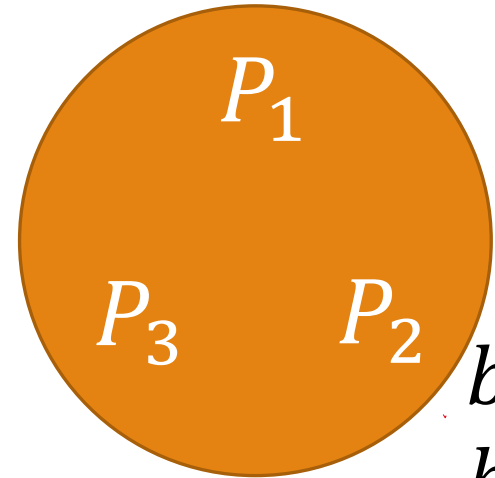


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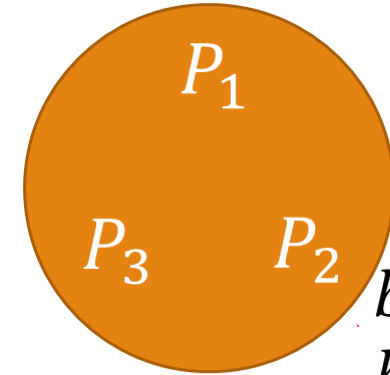
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4. $p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + 1 \text{ mod } 2 = 1 + 0 + 1 = 0$
5. All p_i are transmitted to everyone and combined *mod* 2:
$$a = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 \text{ mod } 2$$
6. Claim: $a = 1$ if someone sent a 1, and $a = 0$ otherwise.
7. In other words, the random bits cancel.

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + 1 \text{ mod } 2 = 0$$

$$b_1 = 1,$$

$$b_3 = 0$$



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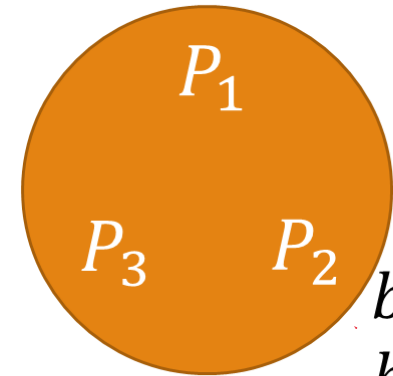
$$a = (b_1 + b_1 + b_2 + b_2 + b_3 + b_3 + 1)$$

$$a = 1$$

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$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + 1 \bmod 2 = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a &= (p_1 + p_2 + p_3) \bmod 2 \\ &= (\underbrace{b_1 + b_1}_0 + \underbrace{b_2 + b_2}_0 + \underbrace{b_3 + b_3}_0 + 1) \bmod 2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

This works because for any bit b_i ,

$$b_i + b_i \bmod 2 = 0$$

If $b_i = 0$, then $0 + 0 \bmod 2 = 0 \bmod 2 = 0$

If $b_i = 1$, then $1 + 1 \bmod 2 = 2 \bmod 2 = 0$

Thus $b_1 + b_1$, $b_2 + b_2$, and $b_3 + b_3$ all cancel out, leaving 1.

$$p_3 = b_3 + b_2 \bmod 2$$
$$= 1$$

$$p_2 = b_1 + b_2 \bmod 2$$
$$= 0$$

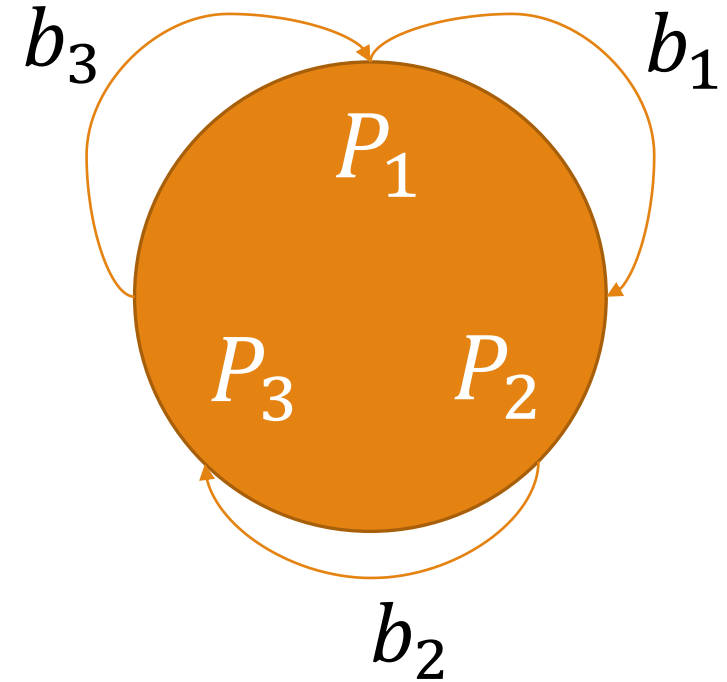
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(Hopefully) we are convinced we can broadcast in this way and each person can extract b .

The purpose of this exercise is to broadcast *anonymously*. How can we prove that?

Lacking any elegant method, we turn to *brute force*, i.e., case analysis.

But we will just show you one case for the previous example to give you the idea behind all of the cases.



Anonymous Broadcasting

Examine this from P_2 's perspective.

P_2 knows that P_1 transmitted $p_1 = 1$

P_2 knows that P_3 transmitted $p_3 = 1$

P_2 knows b_1 and b_2 but not b_3

$$p_1 = (b_1 + b_3 + ? 1) \bmod 2 = 0$$

$$p_3 = (b_3 + b_2 + ? 1) \bmod 2 = 1$$

$$p_1 = (1 + b_3 + ? 1) \bmod 2 = 0$$

$$p_3 = (b_3 + 1 + ? 1) \bmod 2 = 1$$

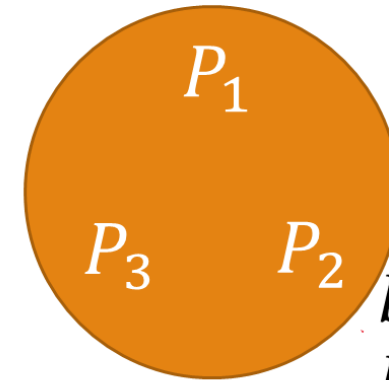
If b_3 is 0, then P_1 sent the bit.

If b_3 is 1, then P_3 sent the bit.

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + 1 \bmod 2 = 0$$

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If b_3 is 0, then P_1 sent the bit.

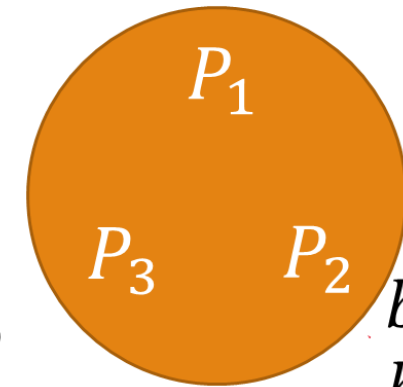
If b_3 is 1, then P_3 sent the bit.

But P_2 does not
know b_3 .

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 \bmod 2 = 0$$

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Assume $b = 1$ and that P_2 is NOT the broadcaster.

We will take on the role of P_2 .

Either P_1 or P_3 is the broadcaster, but we don't know which.

We will see if we can use what we know to determine if P_1 or P_3 is the broadcaster.

We know b_2 and b_1 but do not know b_3 .

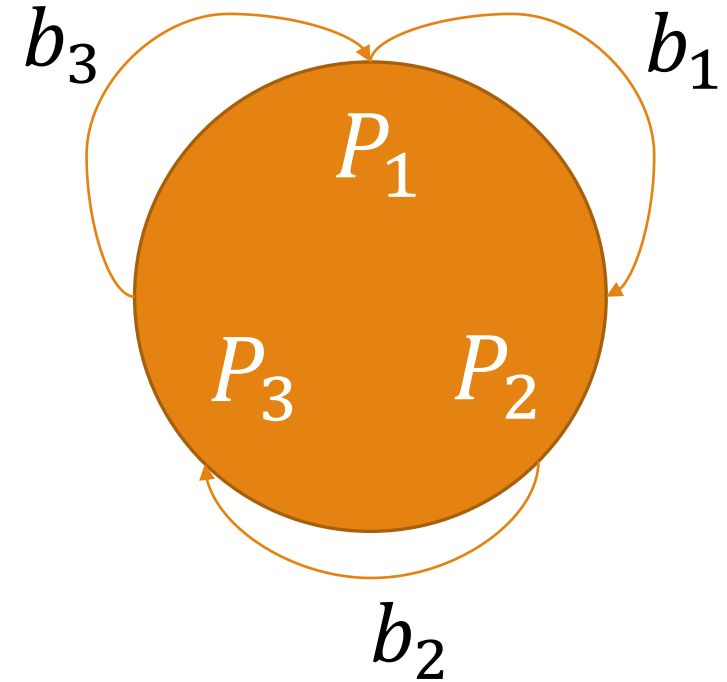
We also know p_1, p_2, p_3 and we know b .

unknown

$$p_2 = b_1 + b_2$$

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + (\text{perhaps } b)$$

$$p_3 = b_2 + b_3 + (\text{perhaps } b)$$



We don't know b_3 and we don't know who added b .

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Case 1: if $b_1 = b_2$:

Case 1.1: if $b_1 = b_2 = b_3$

Case 1.1.1: if P_1 broadcasts, then

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 + b = 1$$

$$p_3 = b_2 + b_3 = 0$$

Case 1.1.2: if P_3 broadcasts, then

$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 = 0$$

$$p_3 = b_2 + b_3 + b = 1$$

Case 1.2: if $b_1 = b_2 \neq b_3$

Case 1.2.1: if P_1 broadcasts, then

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P_2 knows if they are in Case 1, but does not know if they are in Case 1.1 or Case 1.2 unless they know b_3

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For example, we know

$p_1 = 0$ and $p_3 = 1$. We are in Case 1.2.1 or 1.1.2. But we don't know which without b_3

Case 1.2: if $b_1 = b_2 \neq b_3$

Case 1.2.1: if P_1 broadcasts, then

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Assume $b = 1$ and that P_2 is NOT the broadcaster

P_2 knows if they are in Case 2, but $p_1 = p_3$ regardless of who the broadcaster is.

Case 2: if $b_1 \neq b_2$:

Case 2.1: if $b_1 \neq b_2 = b_3$

Case 2.1.1: if P_1 broadcasts, then

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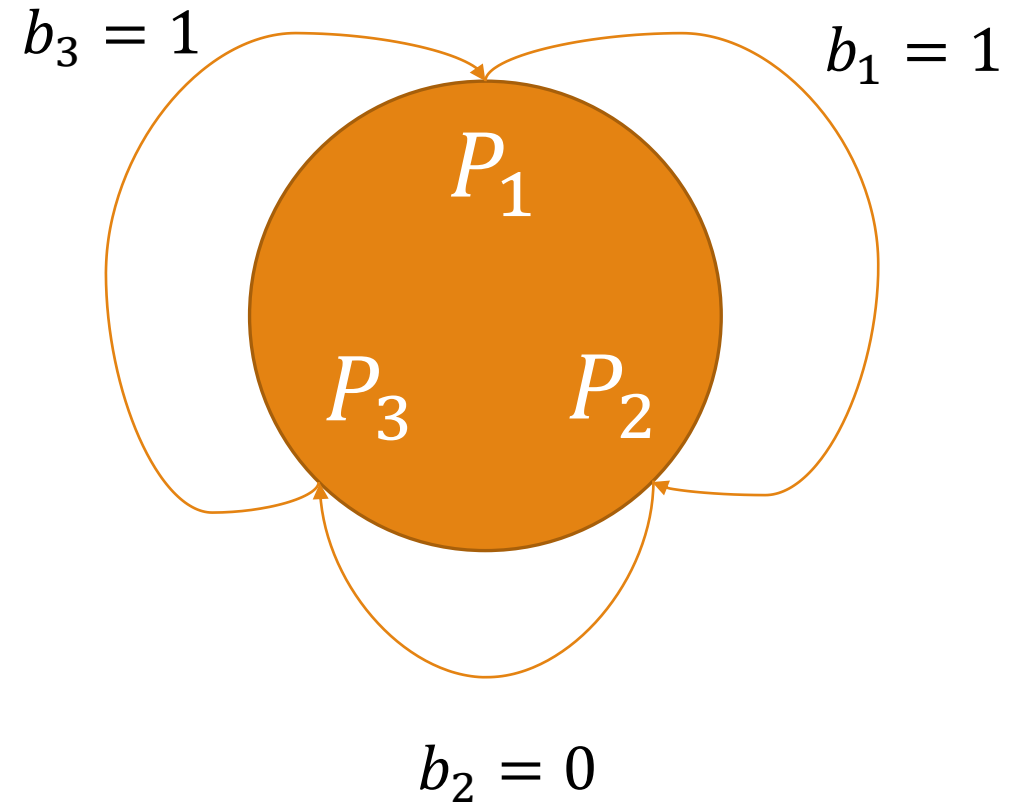
$$p_1 = b_1 + b_3 = 1$$

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This process must be repeated for every bit in order to transmit a longer string.

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + b \\ = 0 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$



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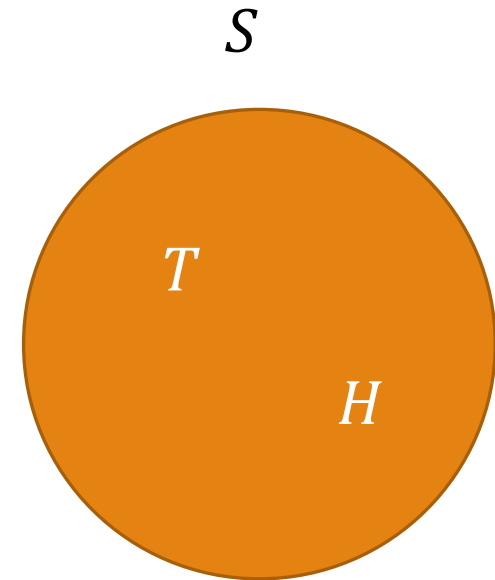
A **Probability function** $\text{Pr}: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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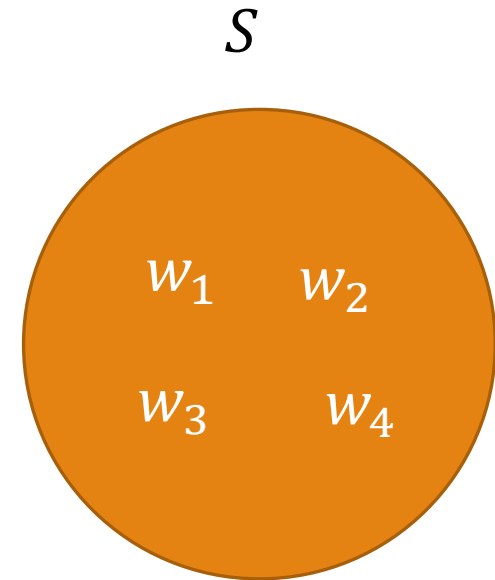
$$\text{Pr}(w_1) = 0.3$$

$$\text{Pr}(w_2) = 0.25$$

$$\text{Pr}(w_3) = 0.2$$

$$\text{Pr}(w_4) = 0.25$$

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Probability

Flip a coin, $S = \{H, T\}$.

If the coin is fair:

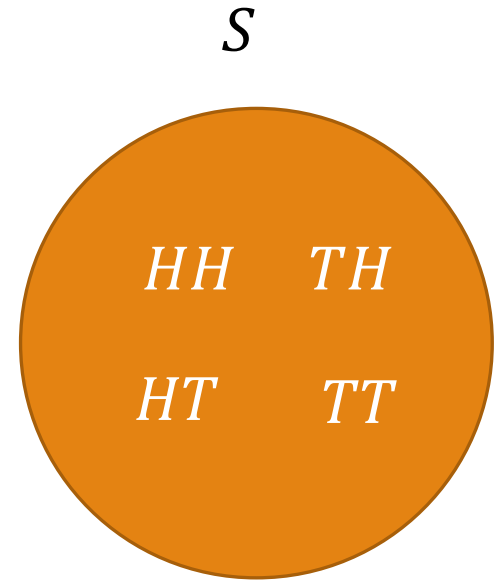
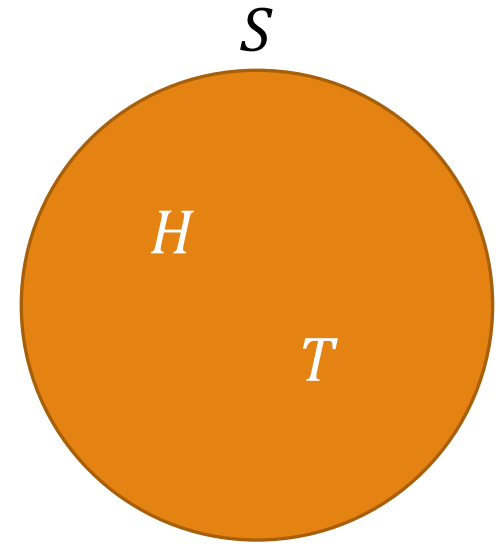
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Pr(H) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \Pr(T) = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \Pr(H) + \Pr(T) = 1$$

Flip a fair coin twice:

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

Each outcome may happen with equal probability

$$\Pr(HH) = \Pr(HT) = \Pr(TH) = \Pr(TT) = 1/4$$



Events

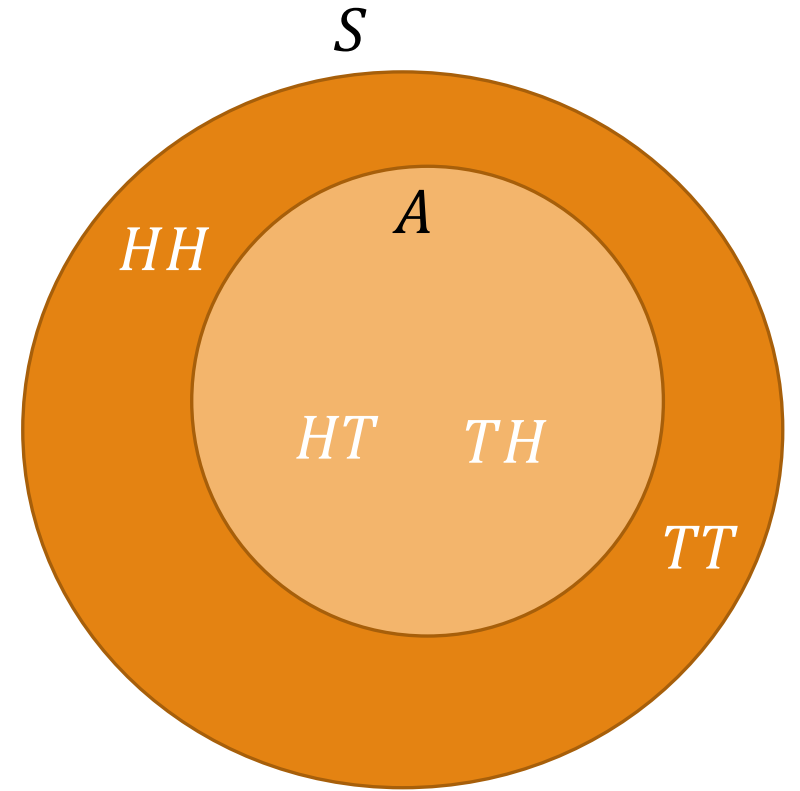
An **Event** A , $A \subseteq S$

An **Event** is a **subset** of the **sample space**.

A = "One head, one tail"

The probability of an **Event** is the sum of the probabilities of each of the **outcomes** in the **Event**.

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{w \in A} \Pr(w)$$



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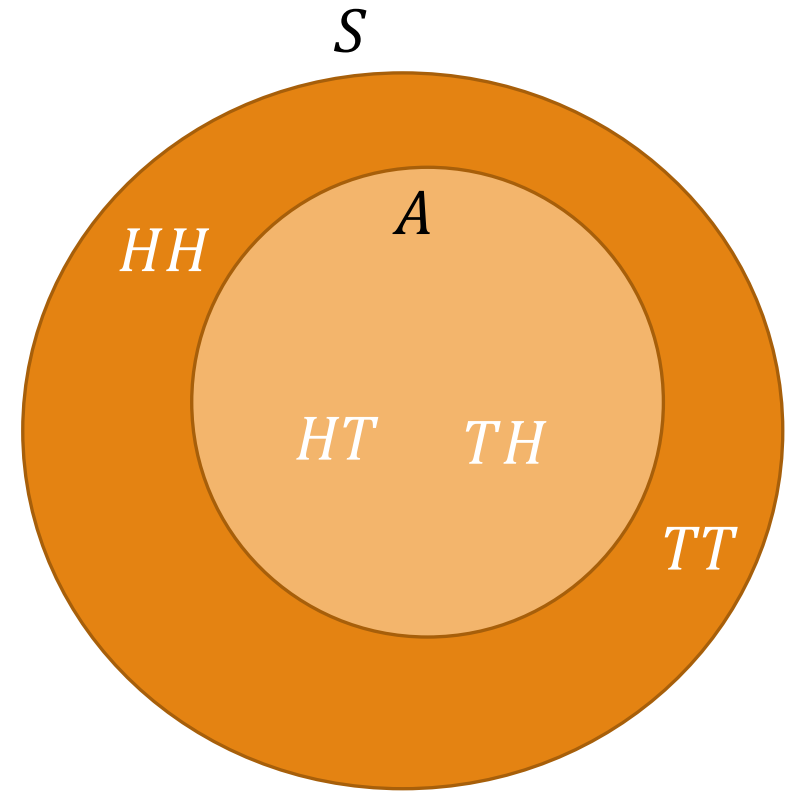
Experiment: Flip a fair coin twice

The **Event** A = "One head, one tail"

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$A = \{HT, TH\}$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(HT) + \Pr(TH) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$



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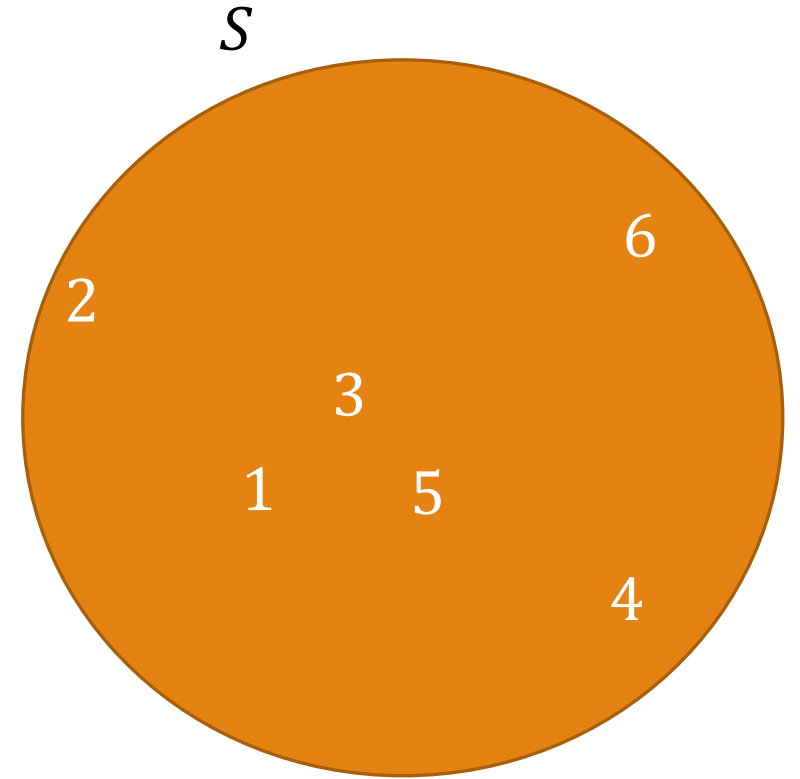
Roll a fair die:

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\Pr(1) = \Pr(2) = \dots = \Pr(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in \{1..6\}} \Pr(i) = 1$$



Probability

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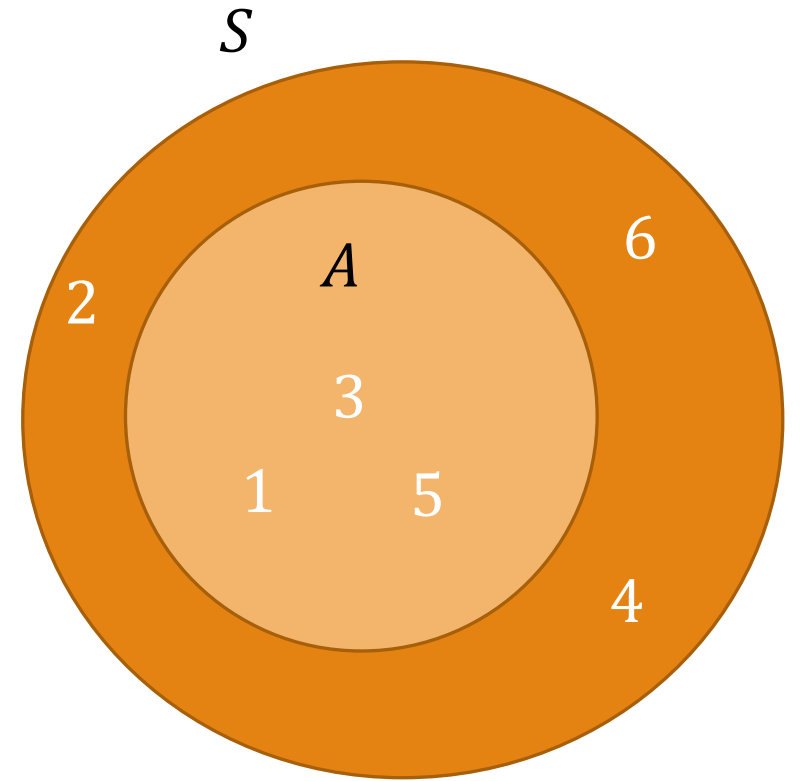
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The probability of an **Event** A is the sum of the probabilities of the individual **Outcomes** in A



Probability

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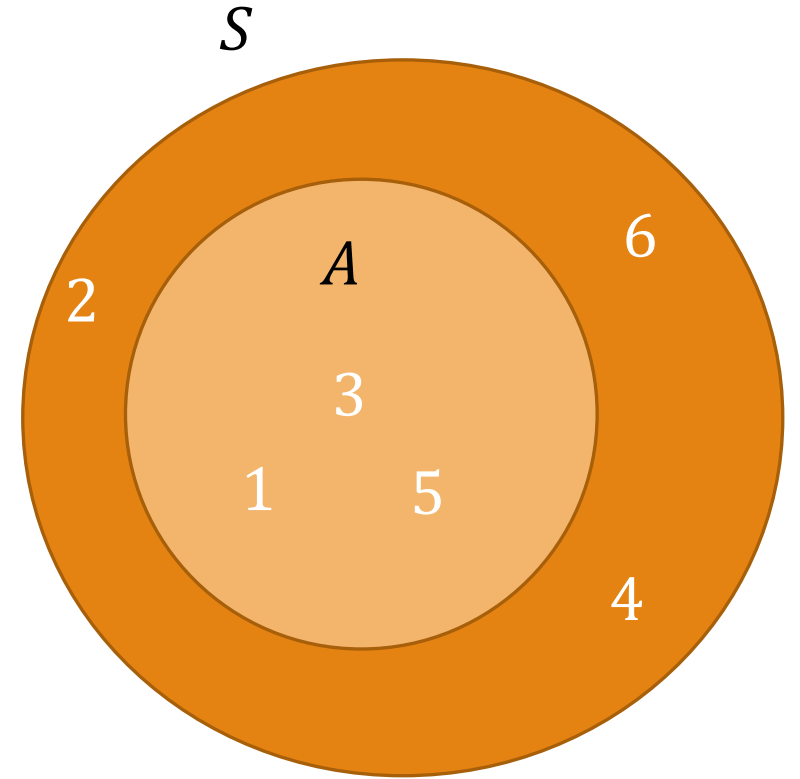
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Probability

Roll a red die and a blue die.





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i = red die , j = blue die



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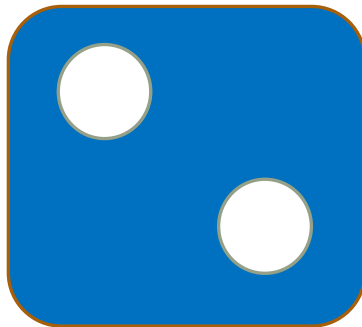
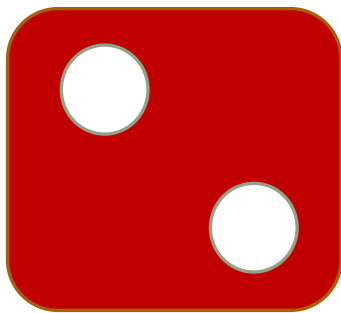
Probability


Event A = "sum of red and blue is 4"

$$= \{ (1,3), (2,2), (3,1) \}$$

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$$= \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$$



	1	2	3	4	5	6
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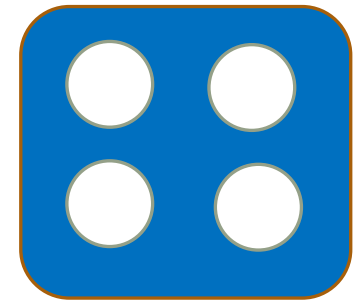
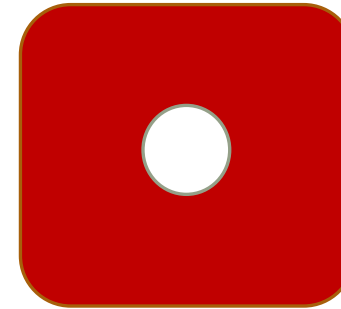
Event B = "sum is 5"


$$= \{ (1,4), (2,3), (3,2), (4,1) \}$$

$$\Pr(B)$$

$$= \Pr(1,4) + \Pr(2,3) + \Pr(3,2) + \Pr(4,1)$$

$$= \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$



 1 2 3 4 5 6	1	2	3	4	5	6
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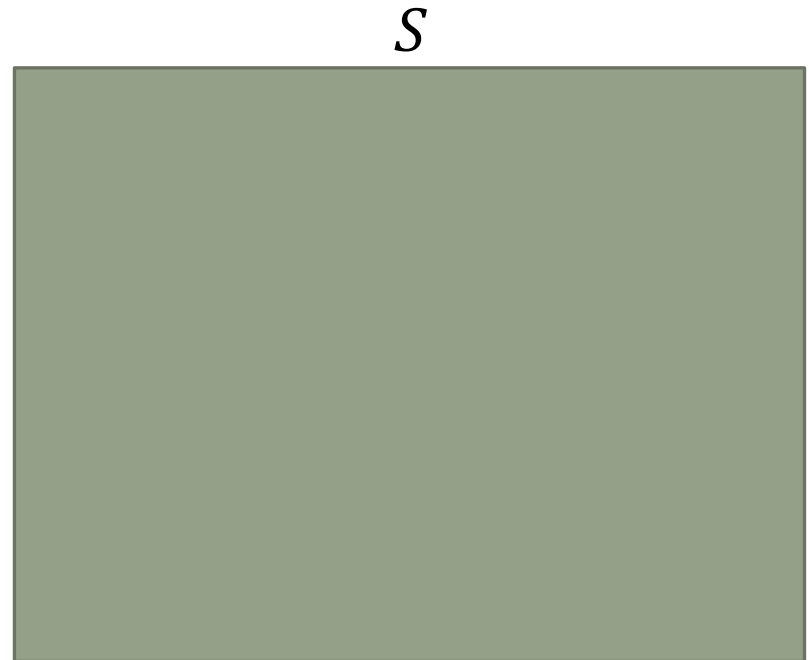
Event $A, A \subseteq S$

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{w \in A} \Pr(w)$$

We know that $S \subseteq S$,
Thus S is an event and

$$\Pr(S) = \sum_{w \in S} \Pr(w) = 1$$

"What is the probability that something
(anything) happens?"



Probability

Event $A, A \subseteq S$

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{w \in A} \Pr(w)$$

Also \emptyset is an event

And $\Pr(\emptyset) = 0$

"What is the probability of an impossible outcome?"

We have to select something because of how we defined "outcome".

S



Probability

Event $A, A \subseteq S$

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{w \in A} \Pr(w)$$

What is $\Pr(\bar{A})$?

$\bar{A} \subseteq S$ is a subset of S and thus an event.

We can use what we know of A to determine it.

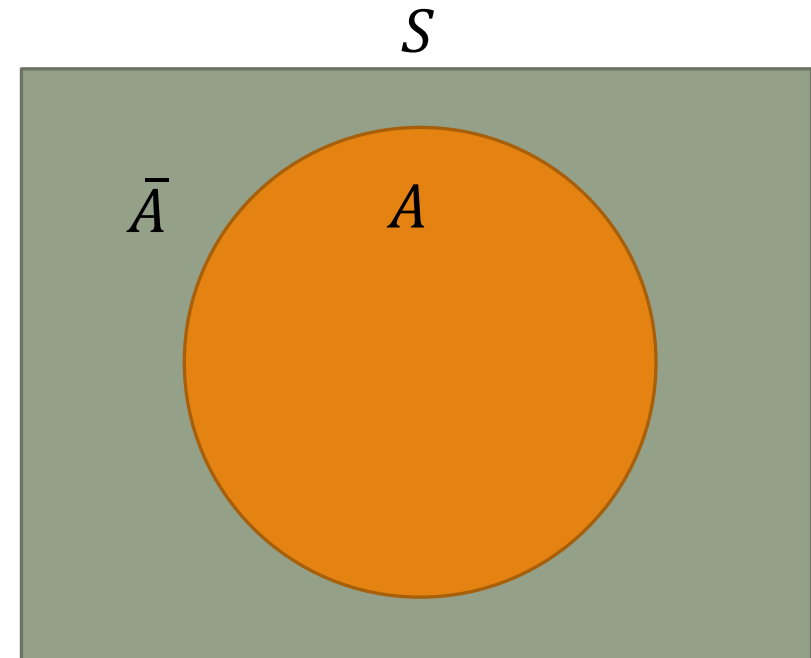
Since $A \cup \bar{A} = S$,

$$\Pr(A) + \Pr(\bar{A}) = \Pr(S) = 1$$

Thus $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$

Complement Rule: $\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(\bar{A})$

As with counting, sometimes it is easier to compute the \Pr of the complement



Probability

Event A, B **disjoint** sets.

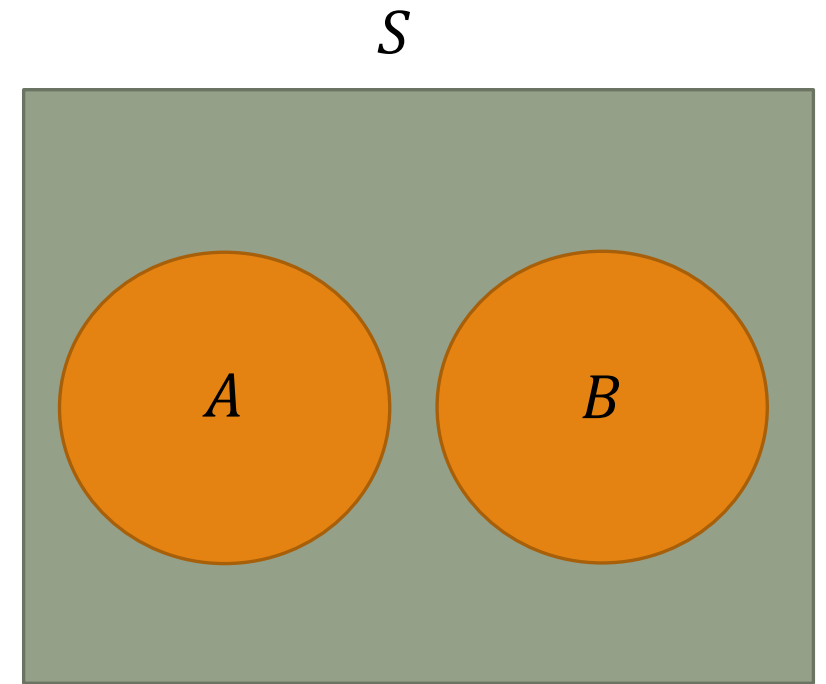
$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{w \in A} \Pr(w)$$

$$\Pr(B) = \sum_{w \in B} \Pr(w)$$

We can define an event $A \cup B$, and thus:

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B)$$

Equivalent of sum rule of counting, but now each element has a value (\Pr) associated with it.



Probability

Events A, B **NOT disjoint** sets.

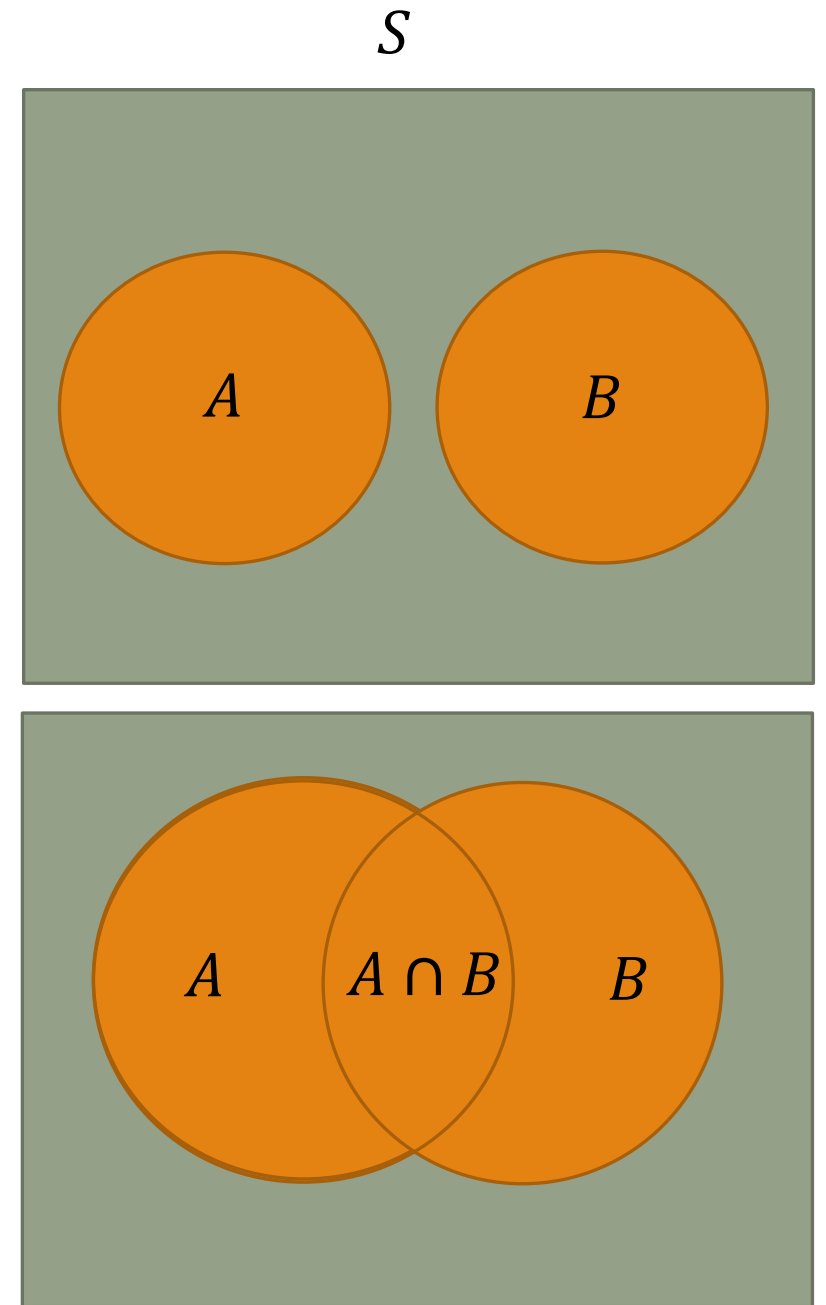
To count the elements:

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

Instead of counting elements, we are counting the probabilities, and thus:

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

Similar to inclusion / exclusion



Example

$$S = \{1, 2, \dots, 1000\}, \Pr(i) = \frac{1}{1000}$$

Choose a random element x in S .

What is $\Pr(x \text{ is divisible by 2 or 3})$?

$A = \text{"div by 2"}, B = \text{"div by 3"}$

$$\Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{500}{1000} + \frac{333}{1000} - \Pr(\text{div by 6}) \\ &= \frac{500}{1000} + \frac{333}{1000} - \frac{166}{1000} = \frac{667}{1000} \end{aligned}$$

