

BME 1132

Probability and Biostatistics

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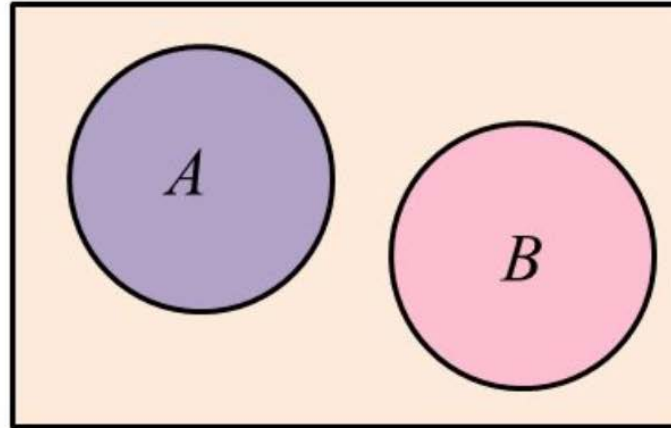
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Sample Space

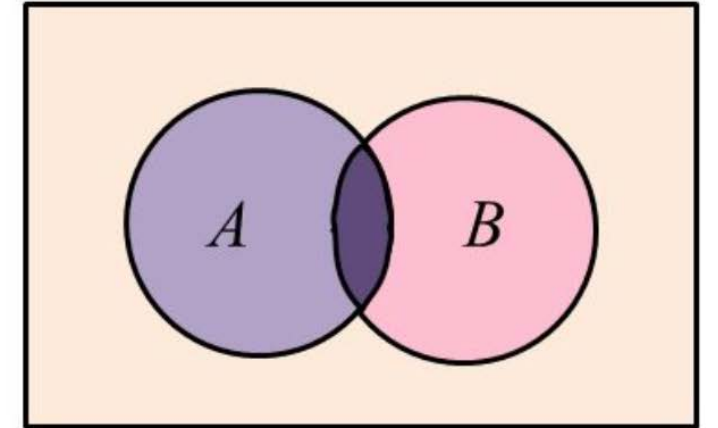
Set of possible outcome, S or Ω

Set must be;

- Mutually exclusive
- Collectively exhaustive
- At the right granularity



A and B are mutually exclusive



A and B are not mutually exclusive

Mutually Exclusive Events

Two events A and B are **mutually exclusive** if they cannot both happen at the same time.

Hypertension Let A be the event that a person has normotensive diastolic blood pressure (DBP) readings ($\text{DBP} < 90$), and let B be the event that a person has borderline DBP readings ($90 \leq \text{DBP} < 95$). Suppose that $\text{Pr}(A) = 0.7$, and $\text{Pr}(B) = 0.1$.

Let Z be the event that a person has a $\text{DBP} < 95$. Then

$$\text{Pr}(Z) = \text{Pr}(A) + \text{Pr}(B) = 0.8$$

because the events A and B cannot occur at the same time.

NOTE:

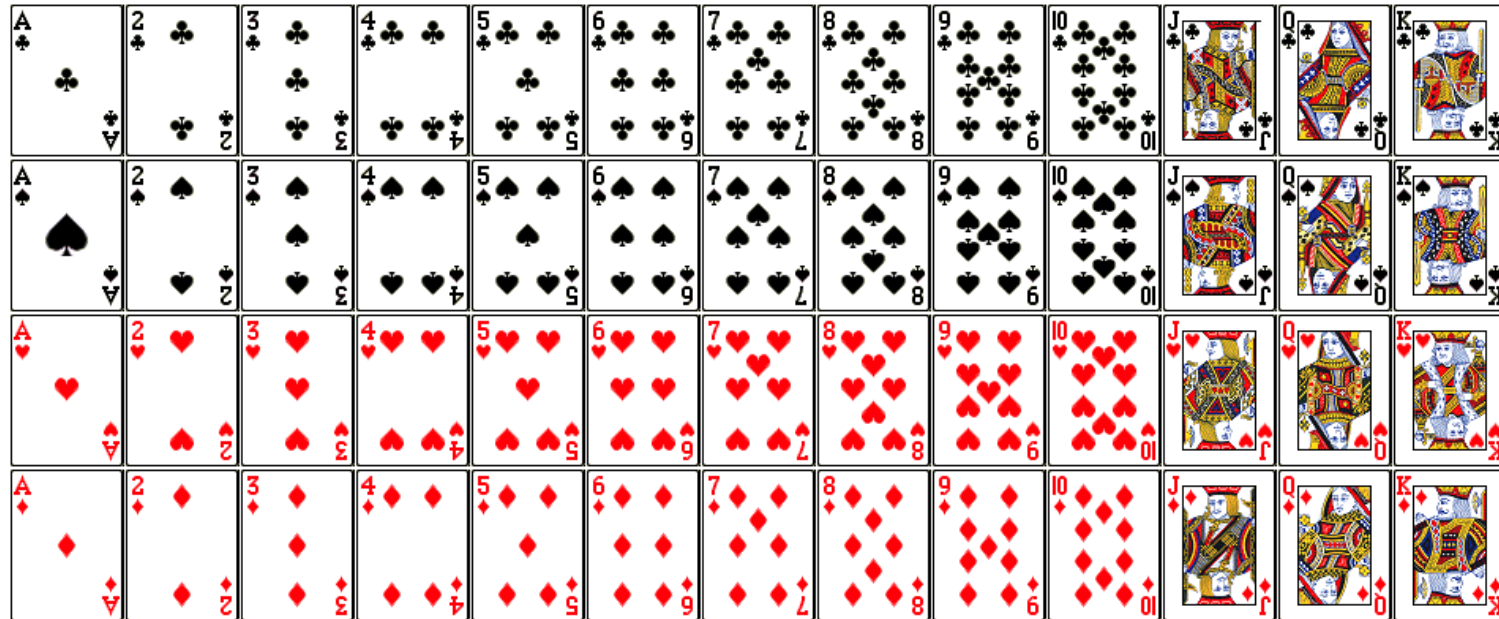
Two events, denoted as A and B , such that

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

are said to be **mutually exclusive**.

Not Mutually Exclusive Events

What is the probability that a card chosen at random from a standard deck of cards will be either a king or a heart?



Mutually Exclusive VS Independent

If two events A and B are independent a real-life example is the following. Consider a fair coin and a fair six-sided die. Let event A be obtaining heads, and event B be rolling a 6. Then we can reasonably assume that events A and B are independent, because the outcome of one does not affect the outcome of the other. The probability that both A and B occur is

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B) = (1/2)(1/6) = 1/12.$$

An example of a mutually exclusive event is the following. Consider a fair six-sided die as before, only in addition to the numbers 1 through 6 on each face, we have the property that the even-numbered faces are colored red, and the odd-numbered faces are colored green. Let event A be rolling a green face, and event B be rolling a 6. Then

$$P(B) = 1/6$$

$$P(A) = 1/2$$

as in our previous example. But it is obvious that events A and B cannot simultaneously occur, since rolling a 6 means the face is red, and rolling a green face means the number showing is odd. Therefore

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.$$

Sample Space: Discrete Example

Roll two dice

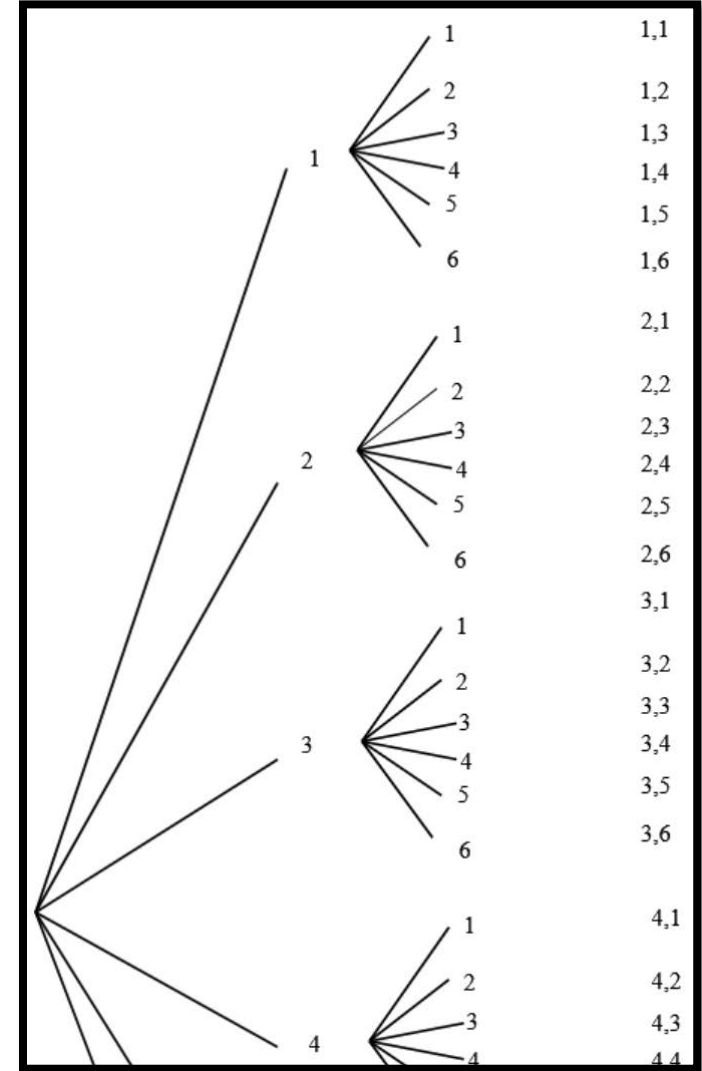


$Y = \text{second roll}$

6						
5						
4						
3						
2						
1						
	1	2	3	4	5	6

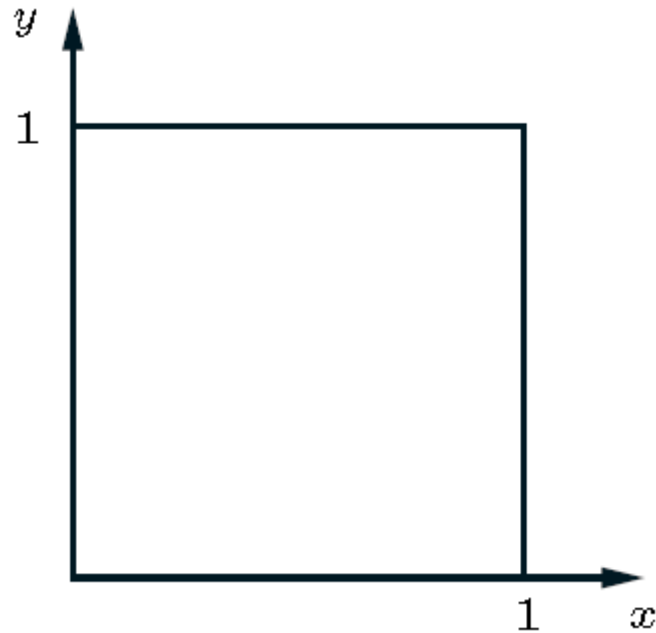
$X = \text{first roll}$

Tree diagram or
Sequential description



Sample Space: Continuous Example

(x, y) such that $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$



Axioms & Consequences

Axioms

Normalization: $P(\Omega) = 1$

Nonnegativity: $P(A) \geq 0$

Additivity: If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Consequences

$$P(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$$

$$\text{If } A \subset B, \text{ then } P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$$

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

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

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(A^c \cap B) + P(A^c \cap B^c \cap C)$$

Probability Calculation: Discrete Example

Roll two dice



$Y = \text{second roll}$	6						
	5						
	4						
	3						
	2						
	1						
		1	2	3	4	5	6
		$X = \text{first roll}$					

$$P(Y = 1) = ?$$

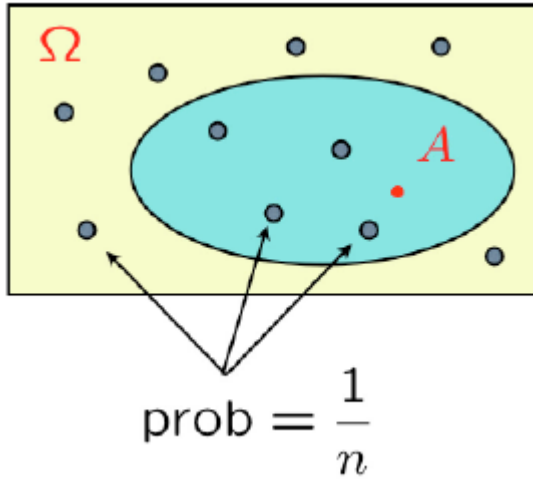
$$\text{Let } Z = \min(X, Y)$$

$$P(Z = 6) = ?$$

$$P(Z = 4) = ?$$

Note: These are fair dice, so each outcome have probability $1/36$.

Discrete Uniform Law

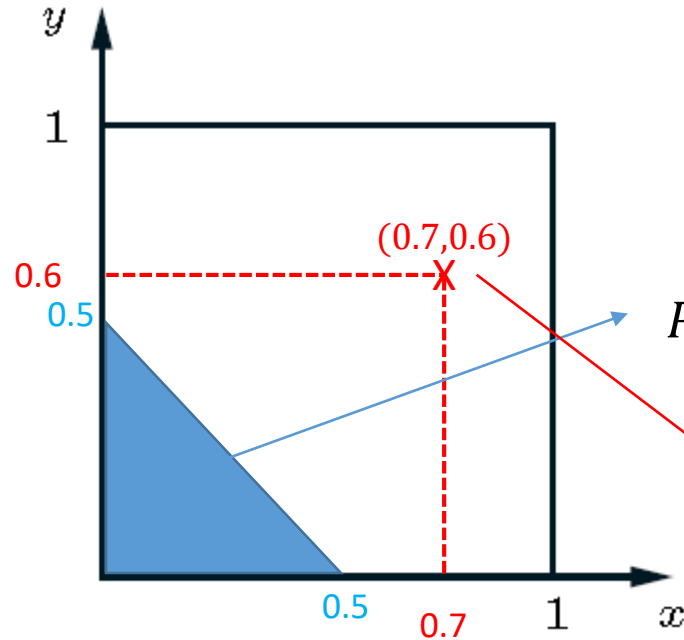


Assume Ω consists of n equally likely elements,
Assume A consists of k elements

$$P(A) = k \frac{1}{n}$$

Probability Calculation: Continuous Example

(x, y) such that $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$

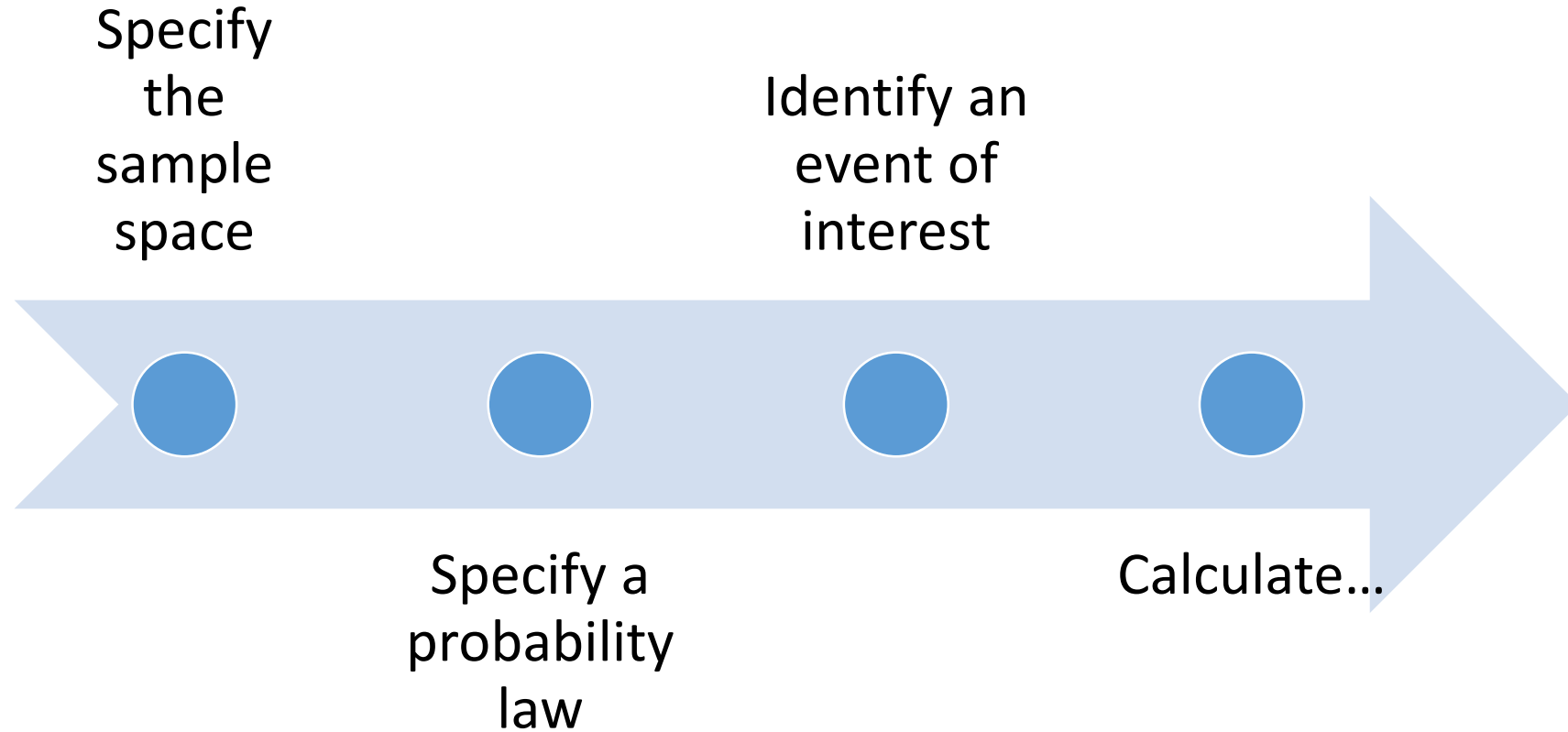


$$P(\{(x, y) | x + y \leq 1/2\}) = \frac{0.5 \cdot 0.5}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(\{0.7, 0.6\}) = 0$$

Uniform probability law: *Probability = Area*

Probability Calculation Steps



Questions?

