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This is math 170E taught by Professor Nguyen. The formal name of the class is **Introduction to Probability and Statistics 1: Probability**. The textbook used for the class is *Probability & Statistical Interference* 10<sup>th</sup> by *Hogg, Tanis*. We meet weekly on MWF from 10:00 – 10:50 and on Tue at the same time frame for discussion with our TA, Jason Snyder. You can also find other lecture notes at ductuanvu.wordpress.com/notes/. Let me know through my email if you notice something mathematically wrong/concerning. Thank you!

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1	.1	Properties of Probability	

- A subset  $A \subseteq S$  is called an event.
- If  $A_1, A_2, \ldots \subseteq S$  satisfy  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$  then they are called "disjoint" (mutually exclusive)
- If  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n \subseteq \text{satisfy } \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \ldots \cup A_n = S$ . Then  $\{A_i\}_{i=1\ldots n}$  are called exhaustive(fully comprehensive).

### **Example 1.2** 1. Flip two coins in order. Denote H = head, T = tail.

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

$$A = \{HH\} = \{\text{both coins are head}\}$$

 $A \subseteq S$  is an event.

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

 $B \subseteq S$  is another event.

 $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , they are disjoint.

2. Flip 2 coins at once.

$$S = \{HH, HT, TT\}$$
 
$$A = \{\text{one head, one tail}\}$$
 
$$A = \{HT\}, \text{is an event.}$$

### Probability – A heuristic intro:

Consider an experiment and repeat n times. Let N(A) = number of times A occurs. The ratio  $\frac{N(A)}{n}$  is called the relative frequency of A in n repetitions of the experiment.

$$0 \le \frac{N(A)}{n} \le 1$$

As  $n \to \infty$ ,

$$\frac{N(A)}{n} \to p \in [0,1]$$

This p is called the prob. that event A occurs.

### Example 1.3

(a) Flip a coin

$$S = \{H, T\}$$
$$A = \{H\}$$

What is P(A)?

(b) Sometimes, we can also assign prob. based on the nature of the event Pick a random point in the unit circle.

$$A = \left\{ \text{chosen point} \in 1^{\text{st}} \text{quadrant} \right\}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{Area of first quadrant}}{\text{Area of unit circle}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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$$P(B) = \frac{1}{10}$$

Table 1: From example 1.3 (a)

n	N(A)	$\frac{N(A)}{n}$
50	37	.74
500	333	.66

It is safe to assign P(A) = 0.66

**Definition 1.4** — Given an outcome space S, the probability of an event A  $A \subseteq S$ , is a number satisfying:

- 1.  $P(A) \ge 0$
- 2. P(S) = 1
- 3.  $A_1, \ldots, A_n \subseteq S$  are disjoint events, i.e.  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$ , then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A_i) = P(A_1) + \dots + P(A_n)$$

More generally, if  $A_1, \ldots, A_n, \ldots \subseteq S$  are disjoint events, then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

**Theorem 1.5** 1. Denote A' to be the complement of A in S, i.e.

$$A' \cup A = S$$
$$A' \cap A = \emptyset$$

Then

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

- 2.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$
- 3. If  $A \leq B$  then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$
- 4.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \cap B)$
- 5.  $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) P(A \cap B) P(B \cap C) P(A \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$

<u>Note</u>: The pattern here is add the prob. of odd event(s) and substract the prob. of even events.(for prop (4) and (5) of theorem 1.5).

Proof.

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

Since  $A' \cap A = \emptyset$  (by def of A'). By property (c),

$$P(\underbrace{A' \cup A}_{S}) = P(A') + P(A)$$

$$\underbrace{P(S)}_{1(\text{by prop.(b)})} = P(A') + P(A)$$

Thus,

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

## $\S2$ Lec 2: Oct 5, 2020

Cont'd of Lec $1\,$ 

(2)

$$P(\emptyset) = 1 - P(S)$$
$$= 1 - 1$$
$$= 0$$

(3)

$$P(A) \le P(B)$$

 $B \setminus A$  is the set s.t.

$$A \cup (B \setminus A) = B$$
$$A \cap (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$$
something here

implying

$$P(A) \le P(B)$$

(4)

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

(5) Textbook Section 1.1.

**Definition 2.1** — Suppose  $S = \{e_1, \ldots, e_m\}$  where each  $e_i$  is a possible outcome. Denote n(s) = number of outcomes = m. If each  $e_i$  has the same prob. of occurring, then they are called equally likely. In particular,

$$P(e_i) = \frac{1}{n(s)} = \frac{1}{m}$$

Moreover, if  $A \subseteq S$  is an event s.t. n(A) = k. Then,

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

### Example 2.2

Draw one card from a deck of 52 cards.

$$P(\text{each card is drawn}) = \frac{1}{52}$$

 $A = \{a \text{ king is drawn}\}, \text{ so } n(A) = 4. \text{ Thus},$ 

$$P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{4}{52}$$

### §2.1 Method of Enumeration

#### Multiplication Principle:

Suppose an experiment  $E_1$  has  $n_1$  outcomes

• For each outcome from  $E_1$ , a  $2^{\text{nd}}$  experiment  $E_2$  has  $n_2$  outcomes. Then the composite  $E_1E_2$  has  $n_1 \cdot n_2$  outcomes.

#### Permutation of size n:

**Definition 2.3** — Suppose there are n positions to be filled by n persons. One such arrangement is called a permutation of size n.

FACT: the total number of different such arrangements is given by " $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots n$ "

*Proof.* •  $E_1 = \text{fill the } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ position from n persons } \implies n \text{ outcomes for } E_1.$ 

- $E_2 = \text{fill the } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ pos. from } n-1 \text{ persons left} \implies n-1 \text{ outcomes for } E_2$  :
- $E_n = \text{fill the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ pos. from 1 person left } \implies 1 \text{ outcome for } E_n$
- One arrangement  $= E_1 E_2 \dots E_n$ Thus, total number of arrangements is n!.

### Permutation/Combination of n objects taken k:

**Definition 2.4** — Given  $k \leq n$  and suppose there are n objects. If k objects are taken from n with/without order, then such a selection is called permutation/combination of size n taken k.

<u>Note</u>: "Permutation of size n" = "permutation of size n taken n".

**Fact 2.1.** 1. The total number of permutation n taken k (order is important here) is denoted by  ${}^{n}P_{k}$  is given by

$${}^{n}P_{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

2. The total numbers of combination of n taken k, denoted by  ${}^{n}C_{k}$  or  $\binom{n}{k}$  is given by

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

*Proof.*  $E_1 = \text{fill } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ pos. from } n \implies n \text{ for } E_1$ :

 $E_k = \text{fill } k^{\text{th}} \text{ pos. from } n - k + 1 \text{ persons left. Thus,}$ 

$$permk = n \cdot \ldots \cdot (n - k + 1)$$

(2) Combination of n taken k: Start with  ${}_{n}P_{k}$  as follow:

- $E_1 = \text{take } k \text{ from } n \text{ at once, outcome } =_n C_k = \binom{n}{k}$
- $E_2$  = permute k, outcomes = k!. Thus,

$${}^{n}P_{k} = \binom{n}{k} \cdot k!$$

implying

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

 $\underline{Practice~1}: https://ccle.ucla.edu/pluginfile.php/3766550/mod\_resource/content/1/Practice%201.pdf$ 

1. Consider  $S = \{1, ..., 8\}$  a)

- $E_1 = \text{filling } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ pos } \implies 8 \text{ choices.}$
- Same for  $E_2 \implies 8$  choices.
- Likewise,  $E_3$  has 8 choices.

Thus, the number of 3 digit numbers can be formed is  $8^3$ 

- b) "3 distinct digit numbers" = "permutation of size 8 taken 3" Thus, total such numbers is  $_8P_3 = \frac{8!}{5!} = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6$
- c) Considering subset where order is not taken into account Combination of size 8 taken 3. Thus, the answer is

$$\binom{8}{3} = \frac{8!}{3!5!}$$

- d) 3 digit numbers and divisible by 5
  - $E_1$  = choose 5 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> pos, so 1 choice.
  - $E_2 = 8$  choices
  - $E_3 = 8$  choices

Thus, the total of choices is  $8 \cdot 8 = 64$ .

- e) 4 element subsets of S that has one even digit.
  - $E_1$  = choose one even digit from S, so 4 choices (2,4,6,8).
  - $E_2$  = choose 3 digits from  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  without order, so  $\binom{4}{3}$

Thus, total =  $E_1 \cdot E_2 = 4 \cdot {4 \choose 3}$ .

- e') What if "at least one even digit" instead of "exactly one even"?
  - 1. Total = exactly "one even" + "two even" + "three even" + "four even"
  - 2. Total = "4-element subset" "4-element subset with no even digit"

# $\S3$ Lec 3: Oct 7, 2020

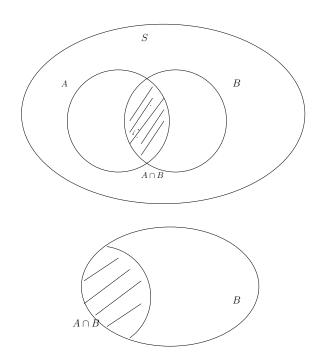
### §3.1 Conditional Probability

**Definition 3.1** — Let  $A, B \subseteq S$  be two events. The conditional prob. of A, given that B has occurred with P(B) > 0, is defined as

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

A heuristic explanation:  $A \cap B$ : "the portion in B that A occurs"

$$P(A|B) = \frac{\text{"area of A in B"}}{\text{"area of B"}}$$



### Example 3.2

Suppose my family has two kids. Given that there is at least a boy, what is the prob. my family has two boys?

$$S = \{bb, bg, gb, gg\}$$

Now, let  $B = \{$  at least a boy $\}$ . So we only look at the first three outcomes from S (B). Define  $A = \{$  two boys $\}$ 

$$A \cap B = \{bb\}$$

Note  $A = A \cap B$  since  $A \subseteq B$ . Thus,

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

<u>Note</u>: We can also consider the alternative outcome space without order as follows

$$S = \left\{ (b,b) - -\frac{1}{4}, (b,g) - -\frac{1}{2}, (g,g) - -\frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

**Fact 3.1.** P(A|B) satisfies basic properties of probability:

- $P(A|B) \ge 0$
- P(B|B) = 1Moreover, if  $B \le C$  then

$$P(C|B) = 1$$

• If  $A_1, \ldots, A_n \ldots$  are disjoint events,

$$P(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k | B) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k | B)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} \ \ (\text{a}) \ P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \geq 0 \\ \text{(b)} \ P(B|B) = \frac{P(B \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1 \\ \text{If} \ B \subseteq C \ \text{then} \ B \cap C = B \end{array}$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

 $B\subseteq C$  means "if B occurs then C must occur". (c)  $P(\bigcup_{\infty}^{k=1}A_k|B)=\frac{P(\bigcup_{\infty}^{k=1}A_k\cap B}{P(B)}$ . By distributive law,

$$= \frac{P(\bigcup_{\infty}^{k=1} (A_k \cap B))}{P(B)}$$
$$= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k \cap B)}{P(B)}$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k | B)$$

\*INSERT: PRACTICE 1 #3 here\*

1.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$  given that P(B) > 0Theorem 3.3

2.  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) \cdot P(C|A \cap B)$  given  $P(A), P(A \cap B) > 0$ .

Proof. 1. By defn of cond. prob.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

implying

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

2.  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(C \cap (A \cap B))$ . By part 1,

$$= P(C|A \cap B)P(A \cap B)P(A \cap B)$$
$$= P(C|A \cap B)P(B|A)P(A)$$

Practice 3.1. The url: https://ccle.ucla.edu/pluginfile.php/3776692/mod\_resource/ content/0/Practice%202.pdf

\*INSERT: Look at the online notes\*

# $\S4$ Lec 4: Oct 9, 2020

Cont'd (Practice)

3)

$$A = \{\text{spade}\}$$
  $B = \{\text{heart}\}$   $C = \{\text{diamond}\}$   $D = \{\text{club}\}$ 

 $P = (A \cap B \cap C \cap D = ? So,$ 

$$= P(A)P(B|A)P(C|A \cap B)P(D|A \cap B \cap C)$$

(from problem 2 in practice 2)

- $P(A) = \frac{13}{52}$
- P(B|A) =, now restricted to outcome space {51 cards in cluding 13 hearts} B|A = { dealing a heart}. Thus,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{13}{51}$$

• Similarly,

$$P(C|A \cap B) = \frac{13}{50}$$

(13 diamond from 50 cards left)

•  $P(D|A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{13}{49}$  (13 clubs from 49 cards left).

Hence,

$$P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D) = \frac{13}{52} \frac{13}{51} \frac{13}{50} \frac{13}{49}$$

## §4.1 Independent Events

### Example 4.1

Flip a fair coin twice

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

$$A = \{1^{\text{st}H}\}$$

$$B = \{2^{\text{nd}}T\}$$

$$C = \{\text{TT}\}$$

 $C \subseteq B$  "2 tails"  $\implies$  "2nd is T". i.e., if C occurs then B must have occurred. Thus,

$$P(B|C) = 1$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, P(A|B) = P(A), i.e., B occurring does not impact the occurrence of A.

Note also that

$$\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A|B) = P(A)$$

implying

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

**Definition 4.2** — Given two events A, B which are called independents iff

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

### Theorem 4.3

The following are equivalent

- $\bullet$  A, B are independent
- P(A|B) = P(B), provided P(B) > 0
- P(B|A) = P(B), provided P(A) > 0

*Proof.* Left as an excercise.

**Theorem 4.4** 1. If P(A) = 0 then A is independent with any event.

2. If A and B are independent then so are the following pairs:

$$A, B'$$
  $A', B$   $A', B'$ 

*Proof.* 1. Let B an arbitrary event, we need to show  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ . Since P(A) = 0, P(A)P(B) = 0.

$$A \cap B \subseteq A$$

imply

$$0 \le P(A \cap B) \le P(A) = 0$$

thus  $P(A \cap B) = 0$ .

2. Textbook(section 1.5)

Practice 4.1. Practice 2 – Problem 4:

Let's consider C and D first

$$D = \{ \text{ sum of two rolls } = 12 \}$$
$$= \{ (6,6) \}$$

Thus,  $D \subseteq C = \{ \text{first roll is 6} \}$ . Hence, C and D are dependent.

A v.s. B

$$P(A) = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$B = \{ \text{ sum is even} \}$$

$$= \{ \text{ first and second roll are even} \} \cup \{ \text{first and second roll are odd} \}$$

$$P(B) = P(\text{first even})P(\text{second even}) + P(\text{first odd})P(\text{second odd})$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} \frac{3}{6} + \frac{3}{6} \frac{3}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

Now, consider  $A \cap B = \{1^{st} \neq 3, \text{ sum is even}\}$ . So,

$$\begin{split} A \cap B &= \left\{ 1^{\text{st}} \neq 3, 1^{\text{st}} \text{ odd}, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ odd} \right\} \cup \left\{ 1^{\text{st}} \neq 3, 1^{\text{st}} \text{ even}, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ even} \right\} \\ P(A \cap B) &= P(1^{\text{st}} \neq, 1^{\text{st}} \text{ odd}) P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ odd}) + P(1^{\text{st}} \neq 3, 1^{\text{st}} \text{ even}) P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ even}) \\ &= \frac{2}{6} \frac{3}{6} + \frac{3}{6} \frac{3}{6} \\ &= \frac{5}{12} \end{split}$$

Since  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{5}{12} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{1}{2} = P(A)P(B)$ , A and B are independent.

## $\S 5$ Lec 5: Oct 12, 2020

### §5.1 Independent Events (cont'd)

**Definition 5.1** — A, B, C are called "mutually independent" if followings hold:

• pairwise independent

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

• "triple" wise independent, i.e.,

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

<u>Note</u>: analogous defin holds for  $A_1, \ldots, A_n, \ldots$  in which any pairs, triple, quadruple and so on must satisfy the similarly multiplication rules. Usually, the term "mutually" is dropped but it is understood that "independence" means "mutually independence".

Remark 5.2. In general, pairwise independence does not imply triple-wise independence.

Practice 5.1. 2 – Problem 5:

$$A = \{1, 2\}, \quad B = \{1, 3\}, \quad C = \{1, 4\}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{2}{4} = P(B) = P(C)$$

$$A \cap B = \{1\} = B \cap C = A \cap C$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap C) = P(C \cap A) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Thus,

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4} = P(A)P(B)$$

Same for B, C and A, C – so pairwise independent.

Triple:

$$A \cap B \cap C = \{1\}$$

 $P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}$ ; on the other hand,  $P(A)P(B)P(C) = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$ . They are not equal! Therefore, A, B, C are not mutually independent.

### §5.2 Bayes's Theorem

**Definition 5.3** — The events  $B_1, \ldots, B_n$  (n may be finite or  $\infty$ ) are called a partition of the outcome space S if followings hold

- disjoint:  $B_i \cap B_k = \emptyset, i \neq k$
- exhausted:  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{i=1} B_i = S$

then,

$$P(B_1) + \ldots + P(B_n) = P(S) = 1$$

### **Theorem 5.4** (Law of total Probability)

Suppose  $B_1, \ldots, B_n$  is a partition of S with  $P(B_i) > 0$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . If A is an event in S, then

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

where  $P(B_i)$  is called the prior probability.

Proof. (sketch)

$$P(A) = P(\bigcup_{n}^{i=1} (A \cap B_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A \cap B_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

### Practice 5.2. 3 – problem 1:

$$P(I) = .35$$

$$P(II) = .25$$

$$P(III) = .4$$

 $A = \{ \text{ a spring is defective} \}, P(A) =? \text{ We know}$ 

$$P(A|I) = .02$$

$$P(A|II) = .01$$

$$P(A|III) = .03$$

By law of total prob:

$$P(A) = P(A|I)P(I) + P(A|II)P(II) + P(A|III)P(III)$$
$$= 0.0215$$

#### **Theorem 5.5** (Bayes's Theorem)

Suppose  $\{B_i\}_{i=1,...,n}$  is a partition of S with  $P(B_i)>0$ . If A with P(A)>0, then for all  $i=1,\ldots,n$ 

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}$$

where  $P(B_i|A)$  is called posterior probability.

Proof.

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(B_i \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap B_i)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A|B_1)P(B_1) + \dots + P(A|B_n)P(B_n)}$$

**Practice 5.3.** 3 – problem 2:  $A = \{ \text{ person has disease } \}, P(A) = .005.$ 

$$+ = \{\text{test } +\}$$

$$- = \{ \text{ test } -\}$$

$$P(+|A) = .99$$

$$P(\underbrace{+|A'|}) = .03$$
false positive
$$P(A|+) = ?$$

By Bayes's Theorem:

$$P(A|+) = \frac{P(+|A)P(A)}{P(+|A)P(A) + P(+|A')P(A')}$$
$$= \frac{(.99)(.005)}{(.99)(.005) + (.03)(.995)}$$

 $\{A, A'\}$  is a partition of S.

- §6 Dis 1: Oct 6, 2020
- §6.1 Set Theory

**Definition 6.1** — A set is a collection of items.

### Example 6.2

$$T = \{1, 2, 3, \text{red}, \text{blue}\}$$

$$S = \{1, 3, \text{red}\}$$

$$R = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$S \subseteq T$$

$$S' = S^c = \{2, \text{blue}\}$$

$$R \not\subseteq T$$

$$3 \qquad \longleftarrow T$$
is an element of 
$$\{3\} \subseteq T$$

### Example 6.3

$$A = \{1, 3, 7\} \qquad A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7\}$$
 
$$B = \{2, 3, 4\} \qquad A \cap B = \{3\}$$
 
$$A \setminus B = \{1, 7\} \qquad B \setminus A = \{2, 4\}$$

De Morgan Laws:

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$
  

$$(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \ldots \cup A_n) = A'_1 \cap A'_2 \cap \ldots \cap A'_n$$
  

$$(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$$

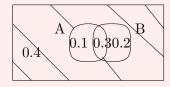
If have a sample space S, and subset of S are called <u>events</u>. A <u>probability function</u> is a function  $\mathbb{P}$  that assigns a real number each event with three rules:

- 1.  $P(A) \ge 0$
- 2. P(S) = 1
- 3.  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  with  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset = \{\}$ , then  $P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + \dots + P(A_n)$

### Example 6.4

1.1-6 (from the book):  $P(A)=0.4,\ \ P(B)=0.5,\ \ P(A\cap B)=0.3$  Find

- $P(A \cup B) = .1 + .3 + .2 = .6$
- $P(A \cap B)' = .1$
- $P(A' \cap B) = .2$



 $\underline{Note}$ : (P, S): probability space on all subsets of S

### Example 6.5

1.2-5: How many four letter codes can be made from the letters in IOWA if

- Letters may not be repeat: 4! = 24 ways.
- Letters may repeat:  $4^4 = 256$  ways.