



Ch 31 Probability (C)



All probabilities lie in the range $[0, 1]$.

Complementary events

→ one or the other must occur, each excludes the other

→ The sum of the probabilities of the two complementary events must always equal 1 (*total probability*).

Calculating theoretical probabilities

→ when the events are equally likely, fair, unbiased



When all events are equally likely

$$P\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{obtaining our} \\ \text{chosen event} \end{array}\right) = \frac{\text{number of ways the chosen event can occur}}{\text{total number of possibilities}}$$

Calculating experimental probabilities

→ when events are not equally likely



$$P\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{chosen event} \\ \text{occurs} \end{array}\right) = \frac{\text{number of ways the chosen event occurs}}{\text{total number of times the experiment is repeated}}$$

Independent events



If events A and B are independent, then the probabilities of obtaining A and B is given by $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$