

# Probability

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## Three Axioms of Probability

1.  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$  for any event  $A$ .
2.  $P(\Omega) = 1$  ( $\Omega$ : sample space).
3.  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually exclusive events  $\Rightarrow P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$   
> mutually exclusive:  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ .

## Derived from three axioms

- $P(\emptyset) = 0$  Empty set
- $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$ : Complement
- $P(A) = P(A - B) + P(A \cap B)$ : DeMorgan's Law
- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ : Union and Intersection
- If  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$ : Inclusion-Exclusion Principle
- Bool's Inequality:  $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$
- Bonferroni's Inequality:  $P(A \cap B) \geq P(A) + P(B) - 1$  (not sure)

## Events Relations and Probability Rules

- Dependent: A event is affected by another event.
- Independent: A event is not affected by another event.
- Mutually Exclusive: Two events cannot happen at the same time.

## Counting Principles

Rule of Sum, Rule of Product, Permutations, Combinations

## Rule of Product

## Permutations

$$P(n, r) = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - r + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n - r)!}$$

**Theorem:** Number of permutations of  $n$  distinct objects arranged in a **circle** is  $(n - 1)!$ .

## Combinations

$$C(n, r) = \frac{P(n, r)}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n - r)!}$$