



# CS365

# Foundations of Data Science

Lectures 2, 3  
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# What is a fair coin?

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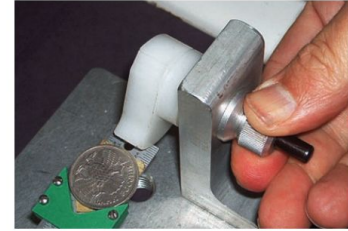
# Are all coin flips random?

- Can a coin flip be “rigged”?
  - Yes!
- Dynamical Bias in the Coin Toss  
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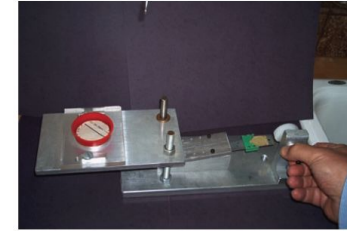
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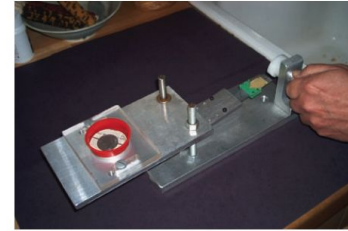
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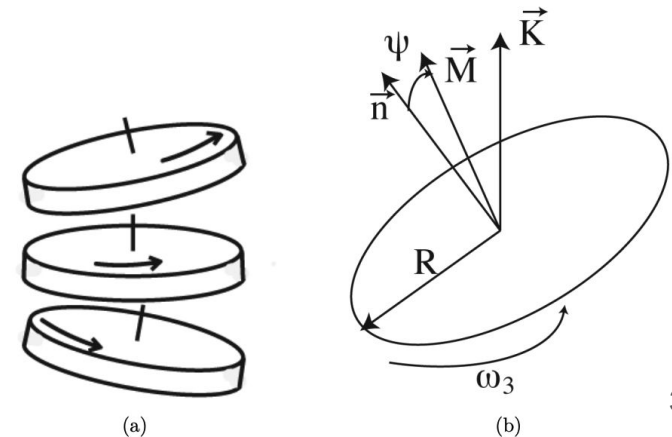


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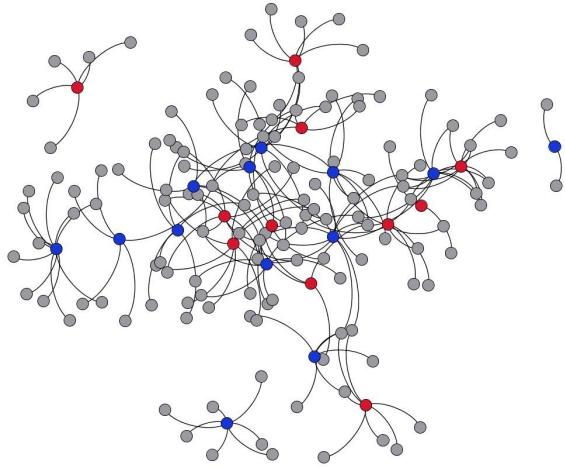


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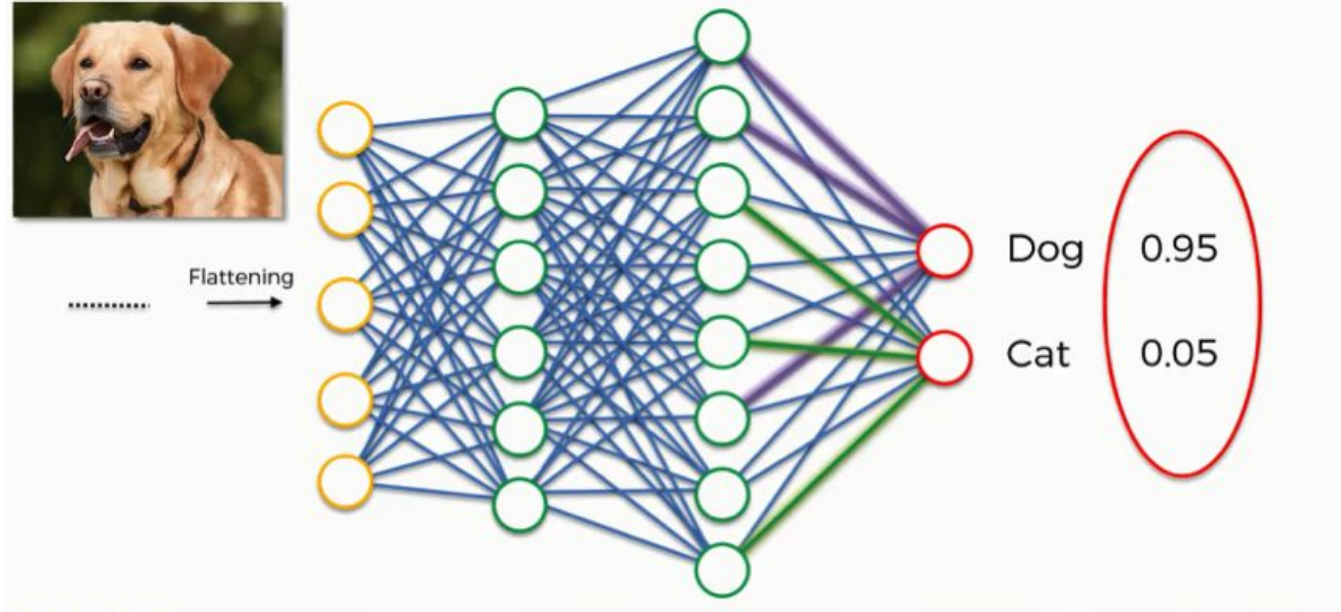
Fig. 1



# Modeling uncertainty



Disease spreading

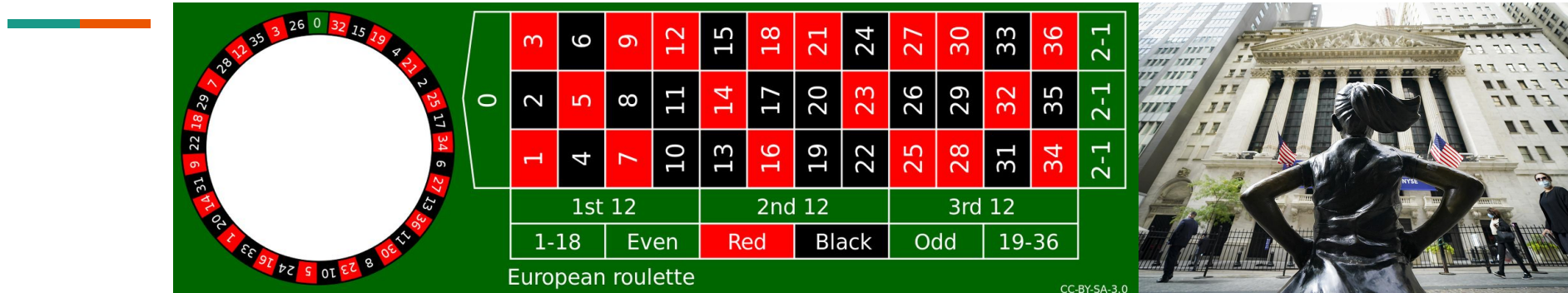


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*covariance?*

# Modeling uncertainty

$$\begin{aligned} & \vec{x} = (x, y) \\ & \boxed{\text{|||||}} \end{aligned}$$



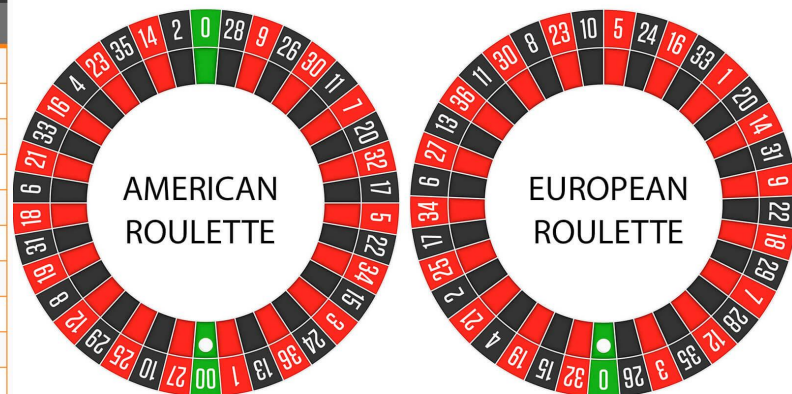
- Information theory, modeling the reliability of numerous complex systems, insurance companies, investments etc.
- **Today's agenda:** reminders of prereq probability material through problem solving.



# Roulette



Odds & Payouts at European & American Roulette			
Roulette Bet	Payout	European Roulette Odds	American Roulette Odds
Single Number	35 to 1	2.70%	2.60%
2 Number Combination	17 to 1	5.4%	5.3%
3 Number Combination	11 to 1	8.1%	7.9%
4 Number Combination	8 to 1	10.8%	10.5%
5 Number Combination	6 to 1	13.5%	13.2%
6 Number Combination	5 to 1	16.2%	15.8%
Column	2 to 1	32.40%	31.6%
Dozen	2 to 1	32.40%	31.6%
Even/Odd	1 to 1	48.60%	47.4%
Red/Black	1 to 1	48.60%	47.4%
Low/High	1 to 1	48.60%	47.4%

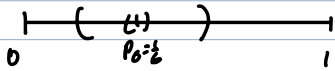


- Even American:  $\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots, 34, 36\}$ , hence  $\Pr(\text{even}) = 18/38 = 0.47368$
- Even European: same favorable outcomes  $\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots, 34, 36\}$ , but  $\Pr(\text{even}) = 18/37 = 0.4864$

전체가수가  
같아서  
확률이 다르다.

$$\hat{p}_6 = \frac{\# \text{ times I observe 6}}{n}$$

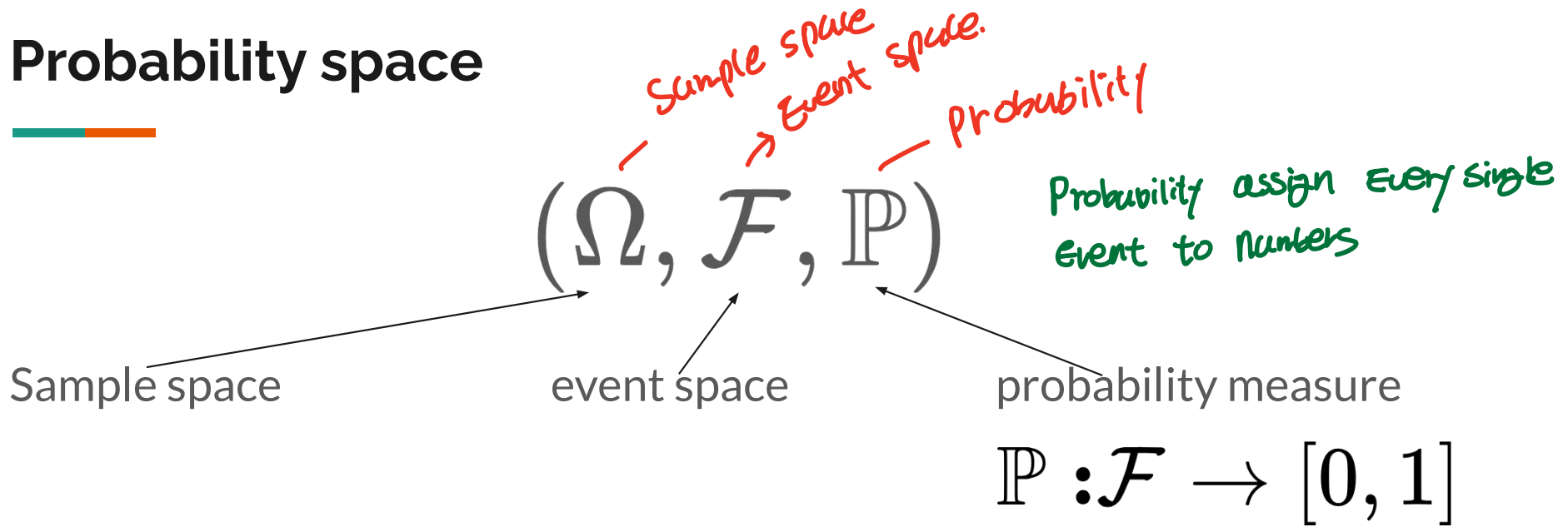
$$\hat{p}_6 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6}$$



$$\Pr(|\hat{p}_6 - p_6| \geq 0.01) \leq 0.05$$

when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ↓ is 0 since  $\hat{p}_6 = p_6$

# Probability space



**Questions:** what is a random variable? What is the difference between continuous and discrete random variables?

Random variable: Toss coin twice  
 $\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$   
 Discrete  $X: \Omega \rightarrow D$  (domain D)

$X(\omega)$ : # heads in  $\omega$   
 $X(HH) = 2$   $X(HT) = 1$   $X(TH) = 1$   $X(TT) = 0$

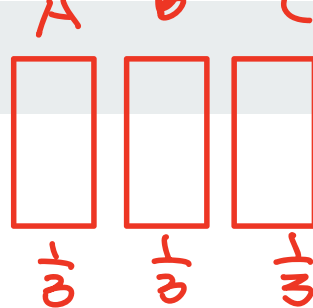
$P(\Omega) = 1$  Countable Central limit theorem



Bayes

# Monty-hall problem

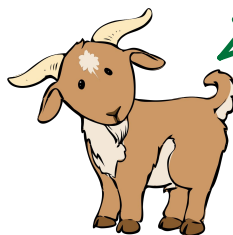
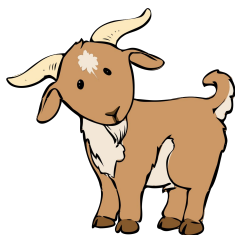
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Suppose you're on a game show, and you're given the choice of three doors:

- Behind one door is a car; behind the others, goats.
- You pick a door, say No. A, and the host, who knows what's behind the doors, opens another door, say No. C, which has a goat.
- He then says to you, "Do you want to pick door No. B?" Is it to your advantage to switch your choice?

$$\frac{P(A|D)}{P(D)} = \frac{P(D|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(A)} \times \frac{P(A)}{P(D)} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 0 = \frac{2}{6}$$



$P(A|D)$

open C

A: car  $P(D|A) = \frac{P(D|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(A)} = \frac{1}{2}$

B: car  $P(D|B) = 1$  C는 열 수 밖에

C: car  $P(D|C) = 0$   
 $P(D|A) \cdot P(A)$

$$P(A|D) = \frac{P(D|A)P(A) + P(D|B)P(B) + P(D|C)P(C)}{P(D|A)P(A) + P(D|B)P(B) + P(D|C)P(C)}$$

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

# Assumptions

Let's make the problem concrete by specifying certain assumptions.

- Let's say the car is placed uniformly at random (**uar**) behind a door.
- Our initial guess is also **uar** *uniformly at random*  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{3}$
- The host opens a door with a goat. When there exist two such doors, i.e., our guess is the car, he chooses **uar**.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 0 \times \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{4} \\
 P(B|D) &= \frac{P(D|B) P(B)}{P(D|A) P(A) + P(D|B) P(B) + P(D|C) P(C)} \\
 &= \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A|C) = \frac{P(C|A) P(A)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(C|A) P(A)}{P(C|A) P(A) + P(C|A^c) P(A^c)}$$

$\underbrace{P(C|A)}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ 
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$$P(C) = P(A \cap C) + P(C \cap A^c)$$

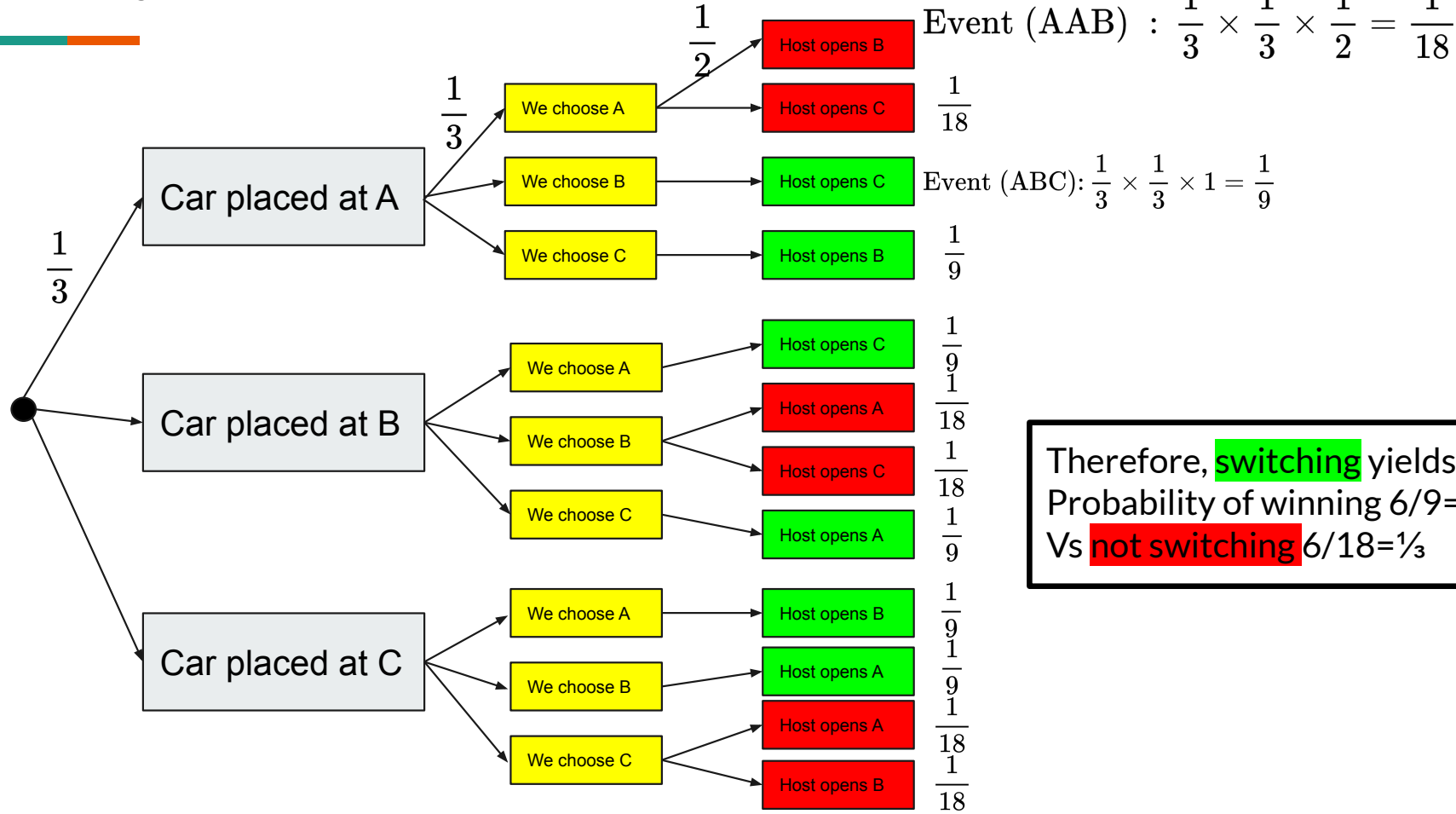


$$P(C) = \frac{P(C \cap A)}{P(A)} \times P(A) + \frac{P(C \cap A^c)}{P(A^c)} \times P(A^c)$$

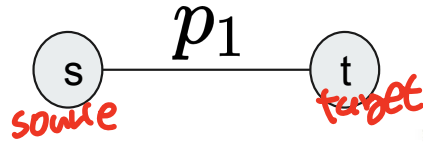
## CS131 Reminder: Four step-method

1. Find the sample space
2. Define events of interest
3. Determine outcome probabilities
4. Compute event probabilities

# Monty hall - 4 steps in one slide

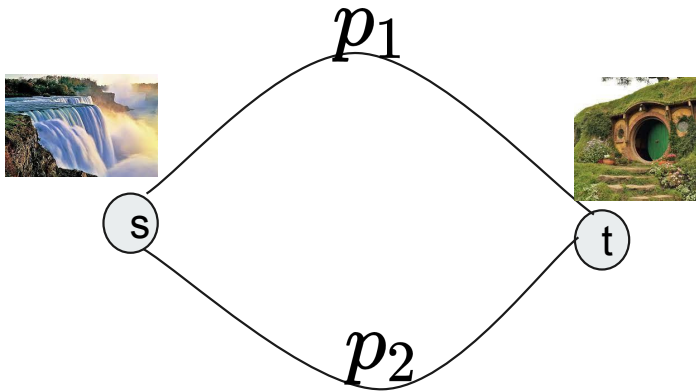


# Transfer water



- Consider a water source  $s$  and a destination village  $t$ .
- Each pipe  $i$  has probability of failure  $p_i$ . Pipes fail independently.
- Question: What is the probability we cannot get water from  $s$  to  $t$ ? In other words:
  - when is the village  $t$  not reachable from the water source  $s$ ?

# Exercise 1



- Clearly, there is no path if both pipes fail
- Since they are independent, the probability of this event is the product of the probabilities of the individual events

Thus, failure probability is  $p_1 p_2$



# Reminders: Independent events, conditional probability



Intuitive two events  $A, B$  are dependent if  $A$ 's occurrence or non-occurrence provides us with some information about event  $B$ .

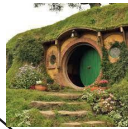
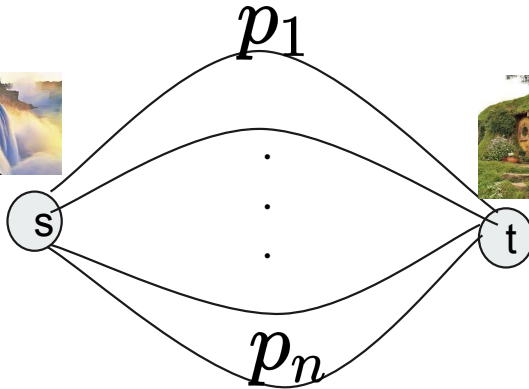
Formally,  $A, B$  are independent if and only iff  $\boxed{\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)}$

By rearranging we get  $\boxed{\Pr(A) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}}$

Recall that by the law of conditional probability  $\boxed{\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}}$

Therefore, when  $A, B$  are independent  $\Pr(A) = \Pr(A|B)$  and of course  $\Pr(B) = \Pr(B|A)$ .

## Exercise 2

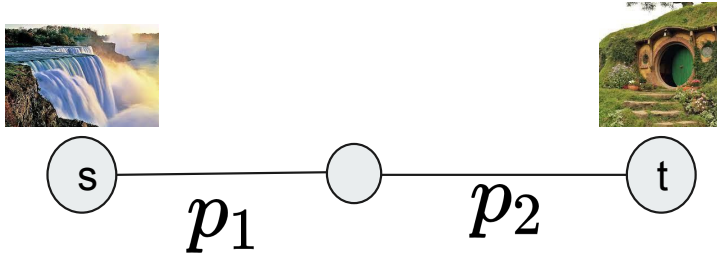


- Clearly, there is no path if **all** pipes fail
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Thus, failure probability is

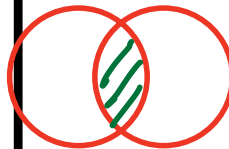
$$p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$$

## Exercise 3

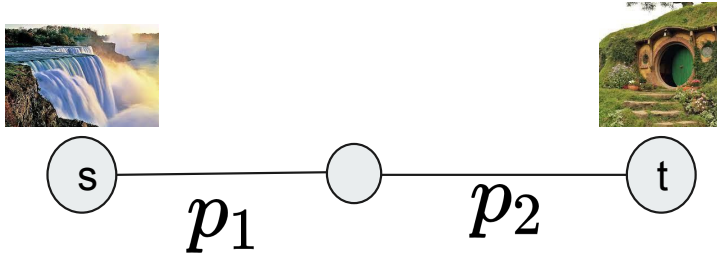


- Clearly, there is no path if **at least one** of the pipes fail
- Let  $A_i$  be the event that pipe  $i$  fails.
- Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2) &= \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) - \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2) \\ &= p_1 + p_2 - \Pr(A_1) \Pr(A_2) \quad \downarrow \text{independent.} \\ &= p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2\end{aligned}$$



## Exercise 3



### - Using conditional probability

- We condition on whether the one of the two pipes (say the first) is broken or not.
- Let  $A_i$  be the event that pipe  $i$  fails.

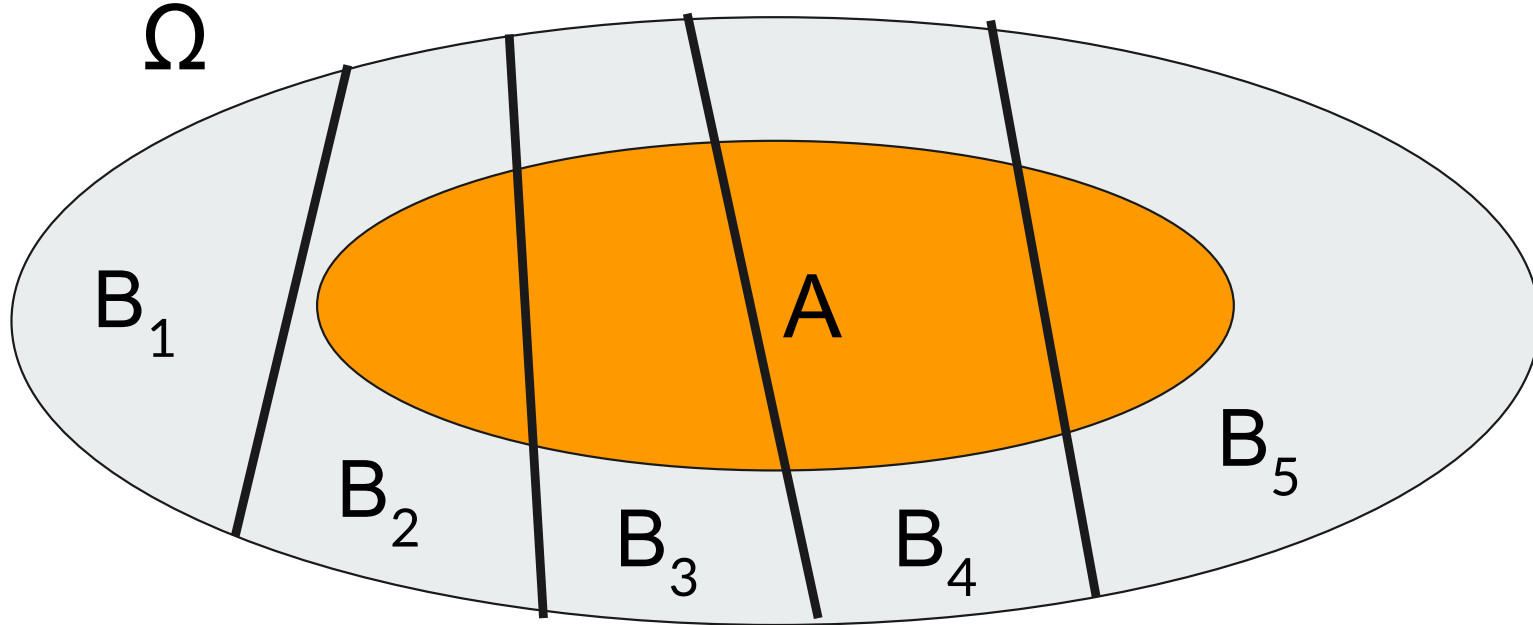
$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2) &= \Pr(A_1) + (1 - \Pr(A_1)) \Pr(A_2) \\ &= p_1 + (1 - p_1)p_2 \\ &= p_1 + p_2 - p_1p_2\end{aligned}$$

*Success and fail*

# We used the law of total probability

Let  $\Omega$  be a probability space. Let  $B_1, \dots, B_m$  be a partition of  $\Omega$ . Then,

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \Pr(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \Pr(B_i) \Pr(A|B_i)$$



## Exercise 4



- Instead of thinking the probability that  $t$  will not be reachable from  $s$ , we think of the probability that it is. **Reminder:**  $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$ 
  - Let  $\bar{A}_i$  be the event that pipe  $i$  does not fail.

- The probability of not failing is  $\Pr\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(\bar{A}_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i)$

Therefore, the right answer is  $1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i)$ .



## Reminder: chain rule

Chain rule:

$$\frac{\Pr(A_2 \cap A_1)}{\Pr(A_1)}$$

$$\frac{\Pr(A_3 \cap A_2 \cap A_1)}{\Pr(A_2 \cap A_1)}$$

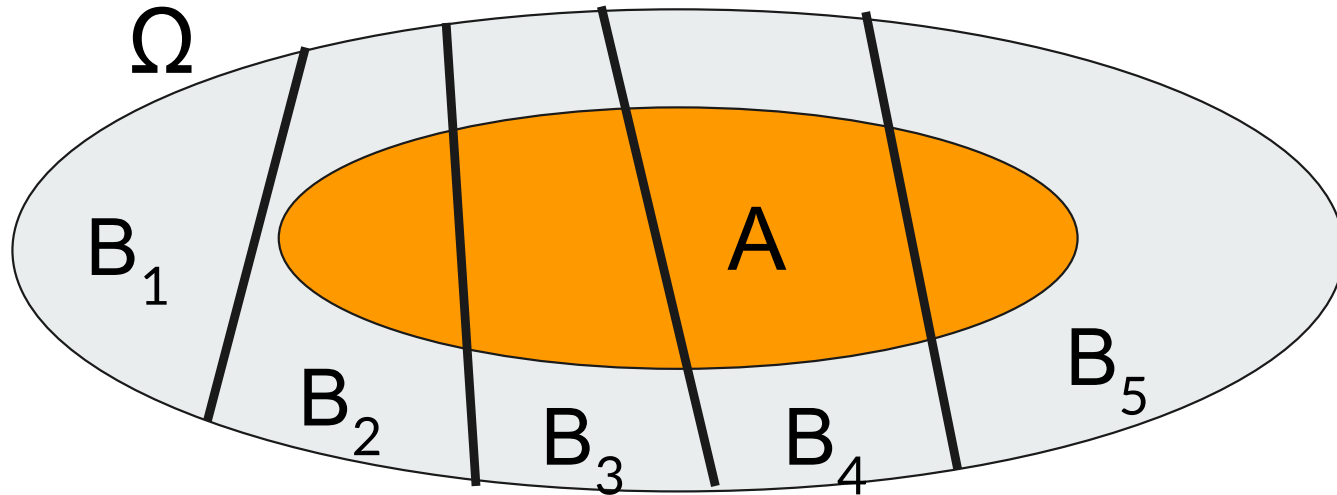
$$\Pr(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \Pr(A_1) \Pr(A_2|A_1) \Pr(A_3|A_2 A_1) \dots \Pr(A_n|A_{n-1} \dots A_1)$$

In our case the events are mutually independent, so this simplifies to the product of the individual probabilities of the events  $A_i$ .

Question: what is the difference between pairwise and mutually independent events?

# Conditional probability + Law of total probability → Bayes rule

$$\Pr(B_i|A) = \frac{\Pr(B_i \cap A)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{\Pr(B_i) \Pr(A|B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n \Pr(B_j) \Pr(A|B_j)}$$



## Exercise n=3

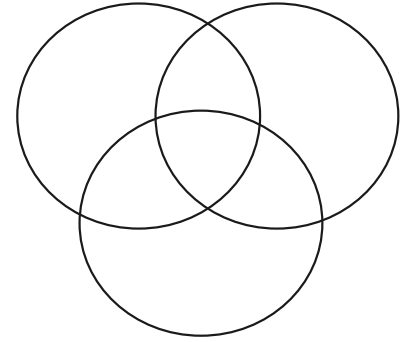


$p_1$

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$p_2$

$p_3$



$$1 - \underbrace{(1 - p_1)}_{\text{Sully}} \underbrace{(1 - p_2)}_{\text{Sully}} \underbrace{(1 - p_3)}_{\text{Sully}} = 1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2 - p_3 + p_2p_3)$$

$$= 1 - (1 - p_2 - p_3 + p_2p_3 - p_1 + p_1p_2 + p_1p_3 - p_1p_2p_3)$$

$$= p_1 + p_2 + p_3 - p_1p_2 - p_1p_3 - p_2p_3 + p_1p_2p_3$$

Does this remind of something from CS131?

## Exercise 4



- We condition on whether the one of the two pipes (say the first) is broken or not.
- Let  $A_i$  be the event that pipe  $i$  fails.
- We are interested in  $\Pr(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ .

# Inclusion-exclusion

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$$\Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \\ |\mathcal{J}| = k}} (-1)^{k+1} P\left(\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{J}} A_i\right)$$

Proof sketch (inductive proof)

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{U}} (-1)^{|\mathcal{I}|+1} \left| \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \right|$$

When  $n=1$  the statement is obvious. Use the IH and the fact that

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) + P\left(A_{n+1} \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$$

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

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) + P(A_{n+1}) - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A_i \cap A_{n+1})\right).$$

$$|B \cap C| = |C \cap A| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$



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## Inclusion exclusion

Another convenient way to write the IE formula is the following

$$\mathbf{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = S_1 - S_2 + S_3 - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} S_n$$

where

$$S_k = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \mathbf{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}).$$

In our setting, due to the independence of the events  $A_i$  we can write the following expression

$$\Pr(\cup A_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{I \subseteq [n], |I|=k} \prod_{i \in I} \Pr(A_i)$$

let's write down some terms

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\cup A_i) &= p_1 + \dots + p_n \\ &\quad - (p_1 p_2 + \dots + p_{n-1} p_n) \\ &\quad + (p_1 p_2 p_3 + \dots + p_{n-2} p_{n-1} p_n) \\ &\quad - \dots \end{aligned}$$



# Union bound

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be events in a probability space. Then, we get the following upper bound on the probability of their union.

$$\Pr(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A_i)$$

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