



# Data Reliability

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Interpreting Sensor Data



# Notes and Reminders

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- *MPs start next week.* If you have a 4-person group, send the names to me and TA \*today\*:

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- CC: [maamin2@illinois.edu](mailto:maamin2@illinois.edu)

If you do not have one (or do not send email today), a group will be assigned to you.

- *HW2 will be out tonight.* (HW1 solutions out tonight too.) It is due in a week.



# Analogy

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- System reliability challenge:
  - Building reliable systems from less reliable components
- Data reliability challenge:
  - Making reliable conclusions from less reliable (sensor) data



# Making Conclusions from Probabilistic Data

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- Cyber-physical systems obtain data about their environment via sensors
- Sensors (or data sources in general) are often imperfect
- The challenge is: how to correctly compute the “state of the environment” given sensor readings?



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  - Answer: It is the odds that “it rains”, times the odds that “my basement floods given that it rains”:

$$P(\text{rain, flood}) = P(\text{rain}) P(\text{flood}|\text{rain})$$

Note:  $P(\text{flood}|\text{rain})$  is larger than  $P(\text{flood})$



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- $P(A,B) = P(A|B).P(B)$
- Corollary: If events A and B are independent, the odds of them happening together is the product of their individual probabilities.
- $P(A,B) = P(A).P(B)$

Note: This is because  $P(A|B) = P(A)$



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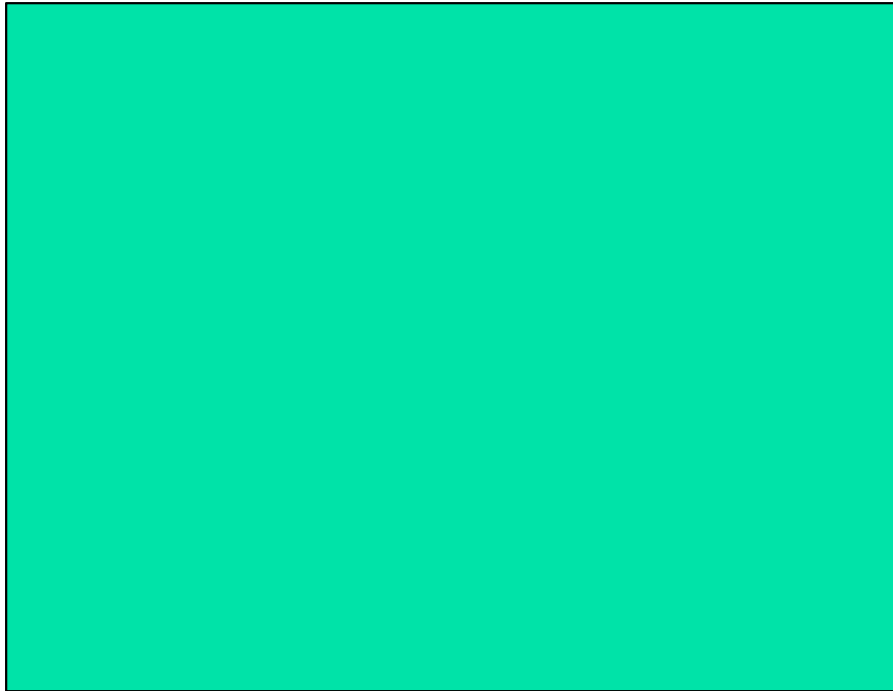
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- Traffic example:
  - $P(\text{Accident})$  may be low
  - $P(\text{Accident}|\text{Black ice})$  is a lot higher!

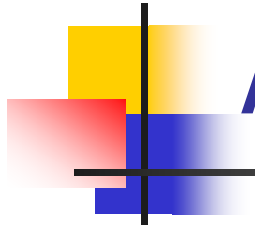


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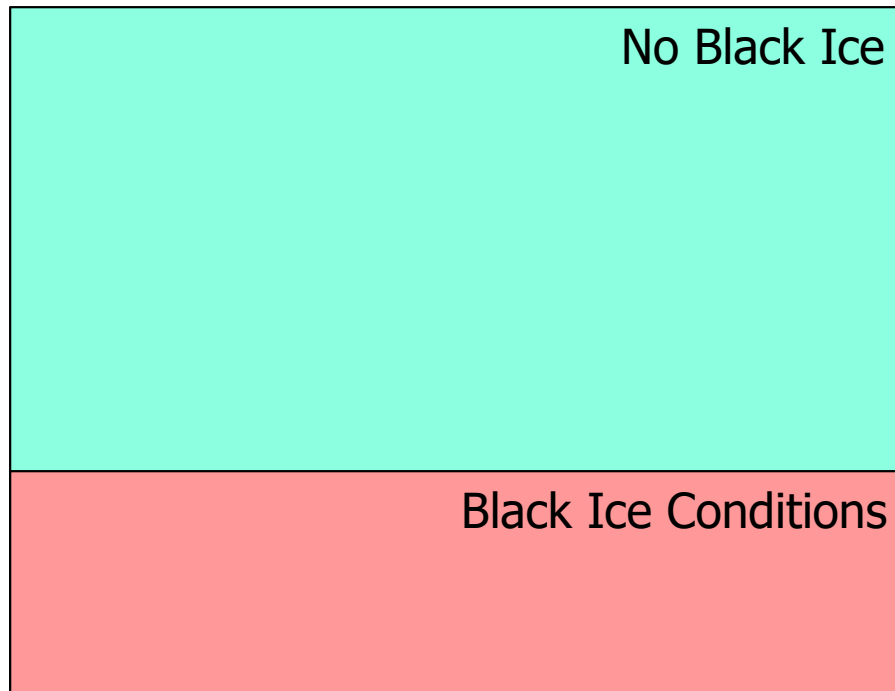




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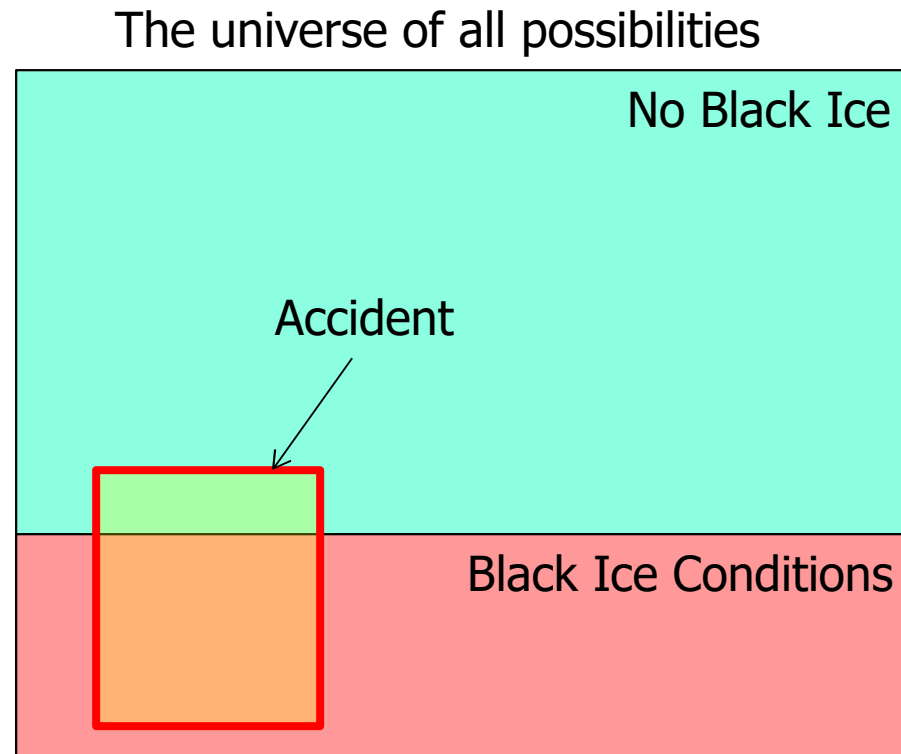
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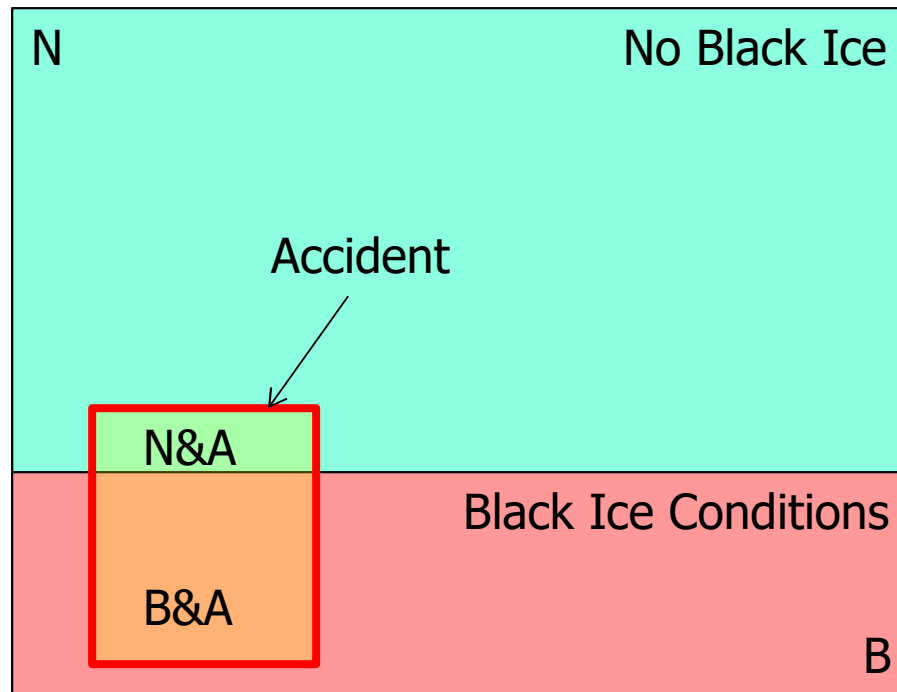
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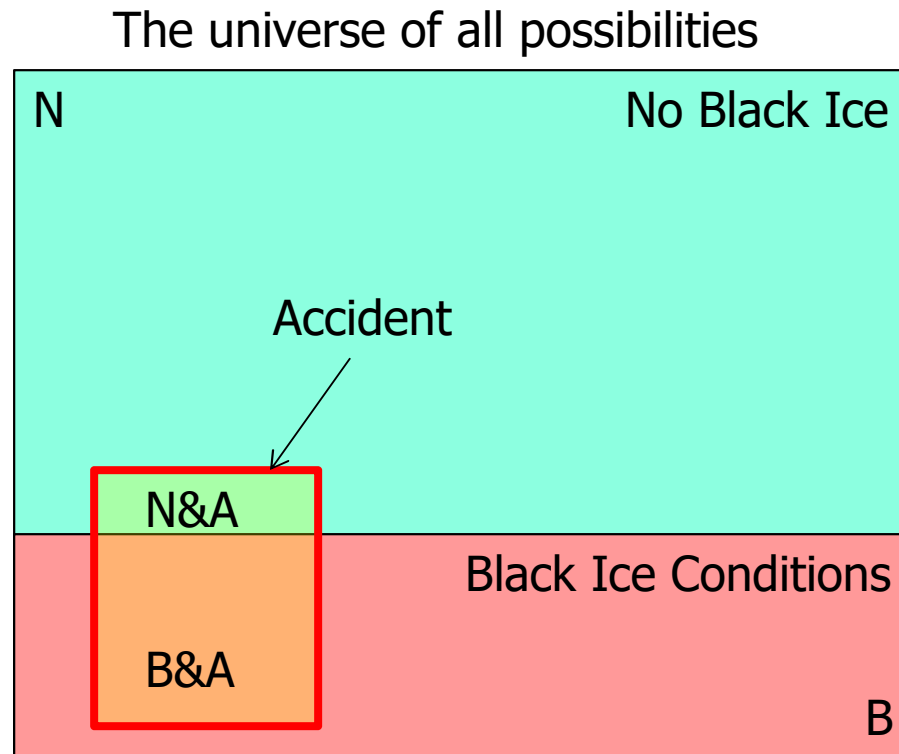
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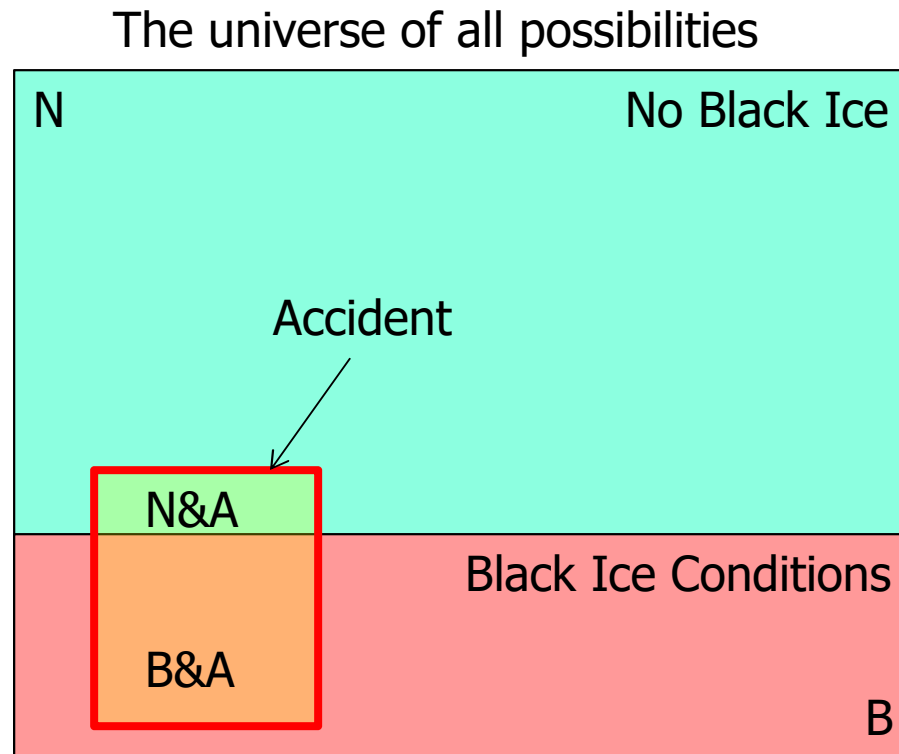
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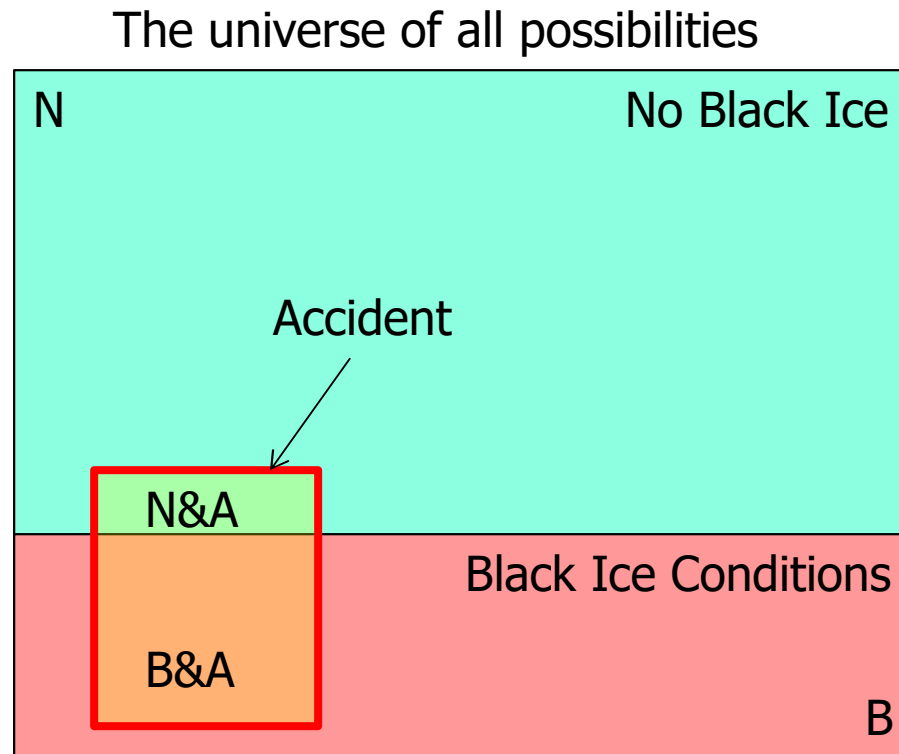


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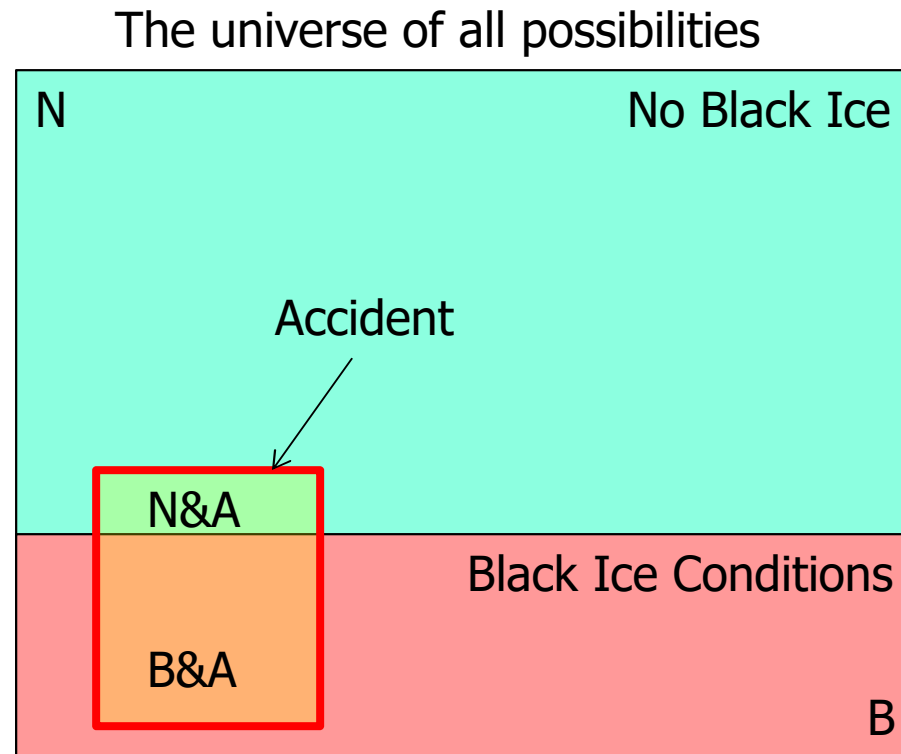


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- $(N\&A+B\&A)/(N+B)?$

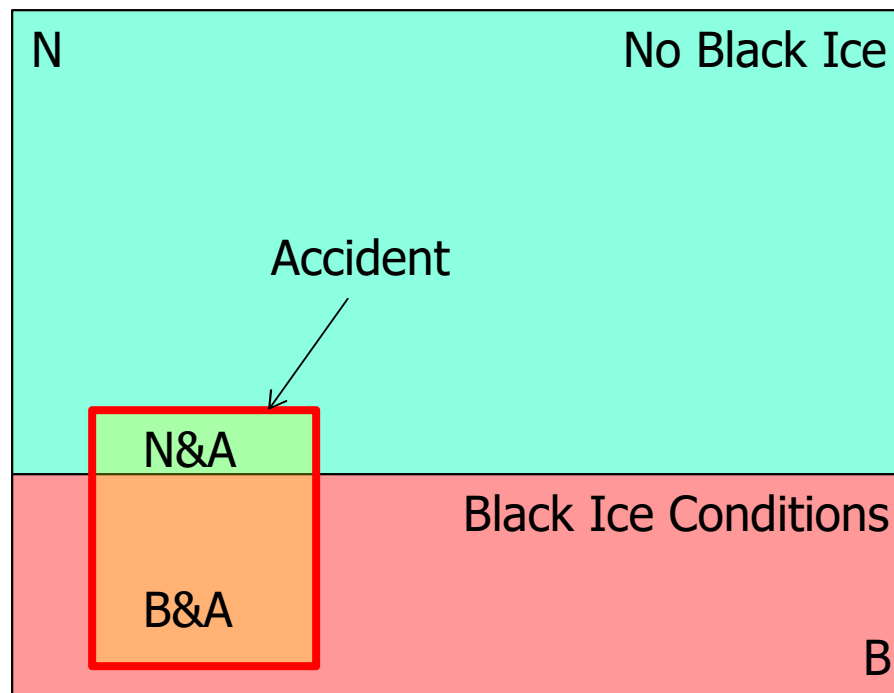
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# Review:

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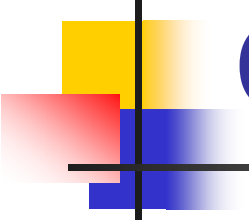
$$P(\text{Something}) = P(\text{Something}|X) P(X) + P(\text{Something}|\bar{X}) P(\bar{X})$$

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- $P(\text{Accident}) =$   
 $0.1 * 0.2$   
 $+ 0.02 * 0.8$   
 $= 0.032$

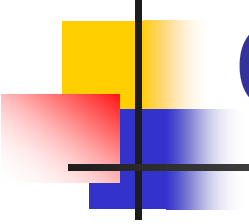
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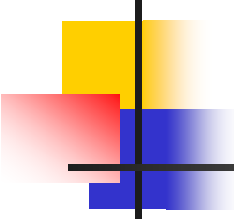
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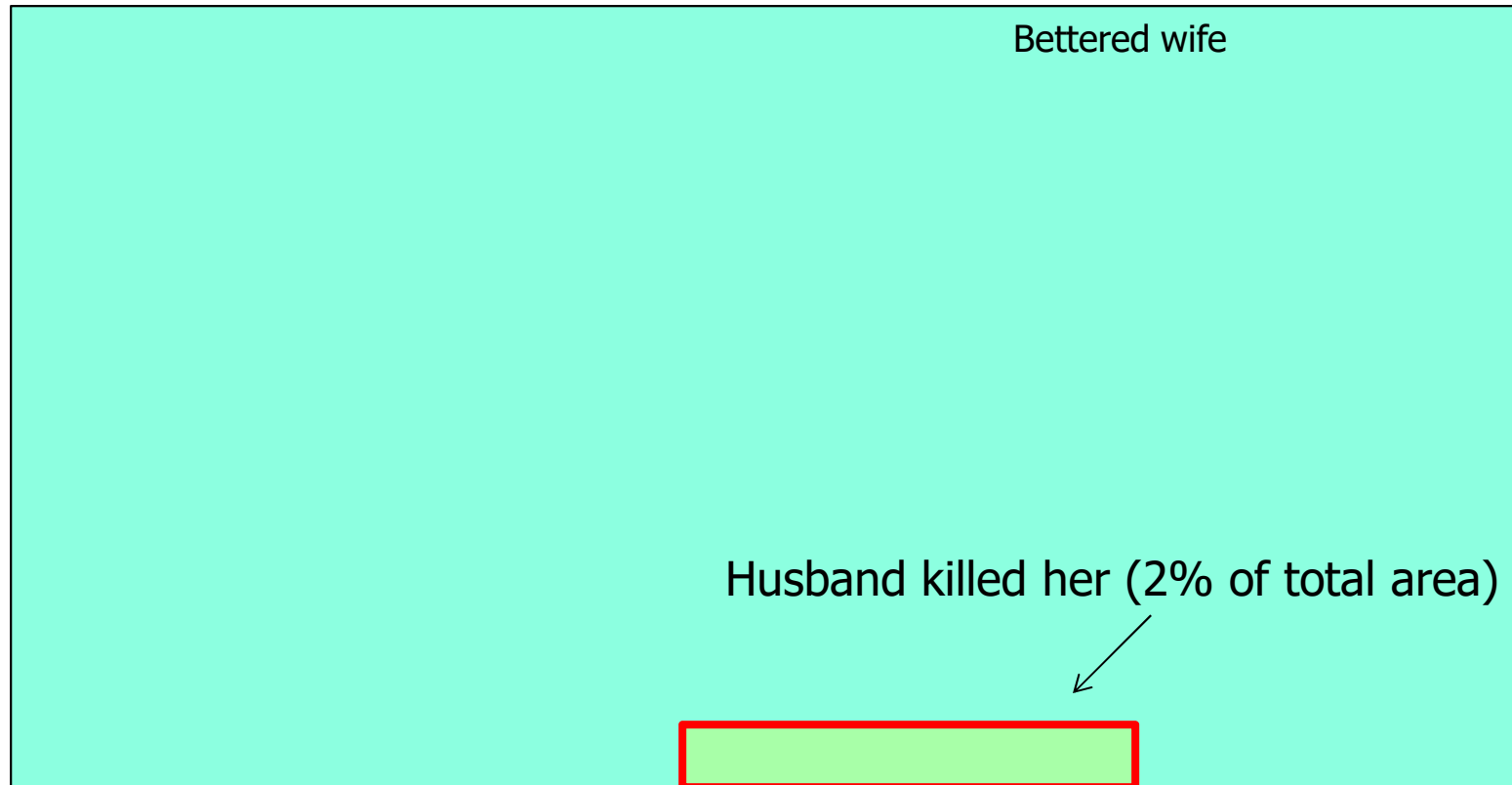
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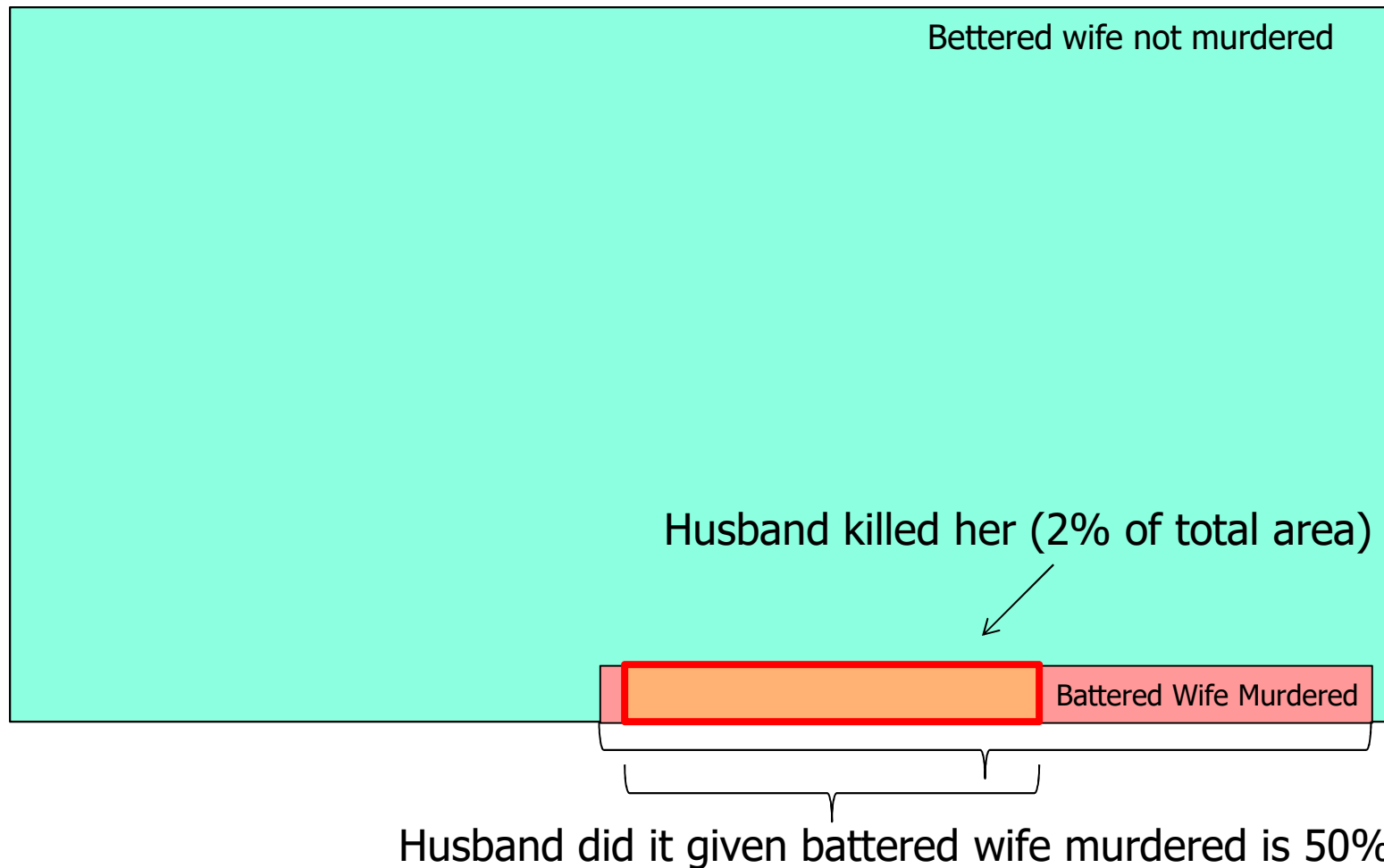
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  - $P(B|A) = P(\text{Backup given Asteroid}) = 1$
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- $P(A) = P(\text{Asteroid}) = 0.000001$
- $P(B) = P(\text{Backup}) = 0.01$
- $P(B|A) = 1$
- $P(A|B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)/P(B) = 0.001$



# Review of Important Theorems

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- Total Probability Theorem:

$$P(A) = P(A|C_1) P(C_1) + \dots + P(A|C_n) P(C_n)$$

where  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  cover the space of all possibilities

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- Other:  $P(A,B) = P(A|B) P(B)$



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  - $P(B|A) = P(A|B).P(B)/P(A) = 0.33$  (i.e., if alarm sounds, there is a 33% chance it is a burglar)



## A Second Sensor

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- In the intrusion detection example, assume that there is a vibration sensor on the floor that detects footsteps. If a burglar enters the building, there is a 90% chance that the vibration sensor will fire. If the vibration sensor fires, what are the odds that there is a burglar? Assume that the vibration sensor fires 10 times a year



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 $= 0.9 * (1/365) / (10/365) = 0.09$



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- $P(\text{Burg}|A, \text{Vib})$  Solution steps:
  - Find the probability of false alarms from:
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$$P(V) = P(V|B) P(B) + P(V|\bar{B}) P(\bar{B})$$
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  - $P(B|A,V) = P(A,V|B) P(B)/P(A,V) = 94.62\%$