

2. Probability Theory and Combinatorics

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Agenda for Today

- Repetition from last time
- Bayesian probability calculations and total probability
- Bernoulli trials
- Combinatorics
- An experiment

Basic Probability

- Probability theory tells us what is in the sample given nature

- Basic Axioms:

Axion 1: $0 \leq Pr(A) \leq 1$

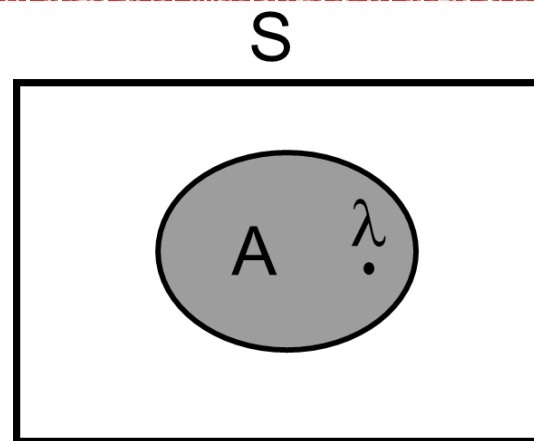
Axion 2: $Pr(S) = 1$

Axion 3: If $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ then
 $Pr(A_1 \cup A_2) = Pr(A_1) + Pr(A_2)$

S: Sample space

A: Event

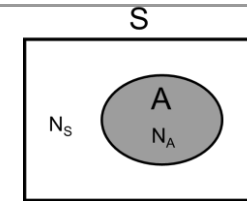
λ : Sample point



- Cardinality (size): $|A| = N_A \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Finite/Infinite} \\ \text{Countable/Uncountable} \end{cases}$

Basic Probability

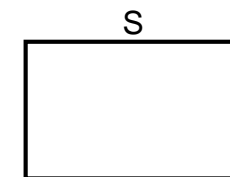
- Relative frequency: $Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{|A|}{|S|}$



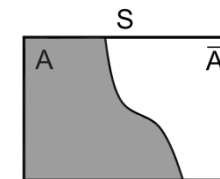
- The certain/universal set S : $Pr(S) = 1$



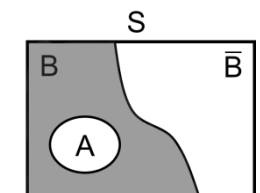
- The empty/null set \emptyset : $|\emptyset| = 0$; $Pr(\emptyset) = 0$



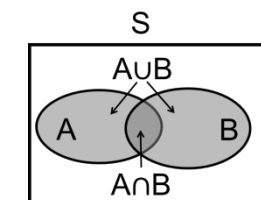
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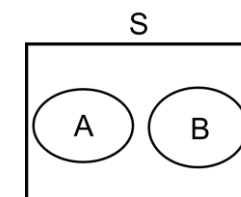
- Exclusive: $Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) = Pr(B) - Pr(A)$ if $A \subset B$



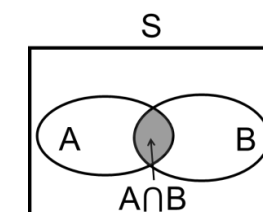
- Union: $Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$



- Mutually Exclusive: $Pr(A \cap B) = 0$



- Independence: $Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)$



Conditional Probability (*Betingede sandsynligheder*)

- We write a conditional probability as:

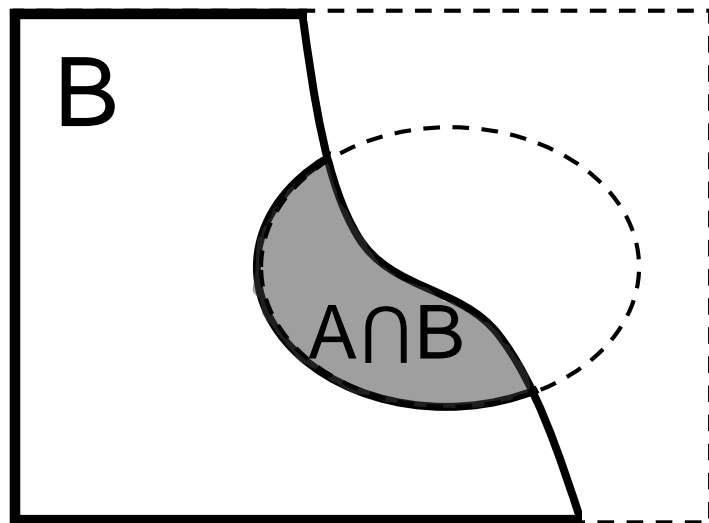
$$Pr(A|B) \quad \text{''A given B''}$$

- This means that if the event B has already happened, what is the probability of the event A.
- Reduction of the sample space (possible events) from S to B

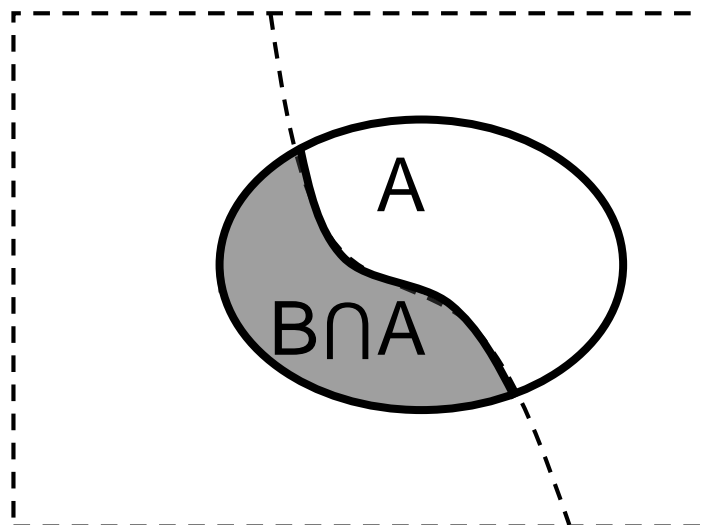
Example:

- From a population, I have selected a female.
- What is the chance that the selected person is below 1.6 m in height?

Conditional Probabilities – Bayes Rule



$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} = \frac{N_{A \cap B} / N_S}{N_B / N_S} = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$



$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{N_{B \cap A}}{N_A} = \frac{N_{B \cap A} / N_S}{N_A / N_S} = \frac{\Pr(B \cap A)}{\Pr(A)}$$

Very important!

Bayes Rule

- We can write Bayes rule for two events as:

$$Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A|B) \cdot Pr(B) = Pr(B|A) \cdot Pr(A)$$

or

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

Bayes rule

Notice:

- We can extend this rule to multiple events:

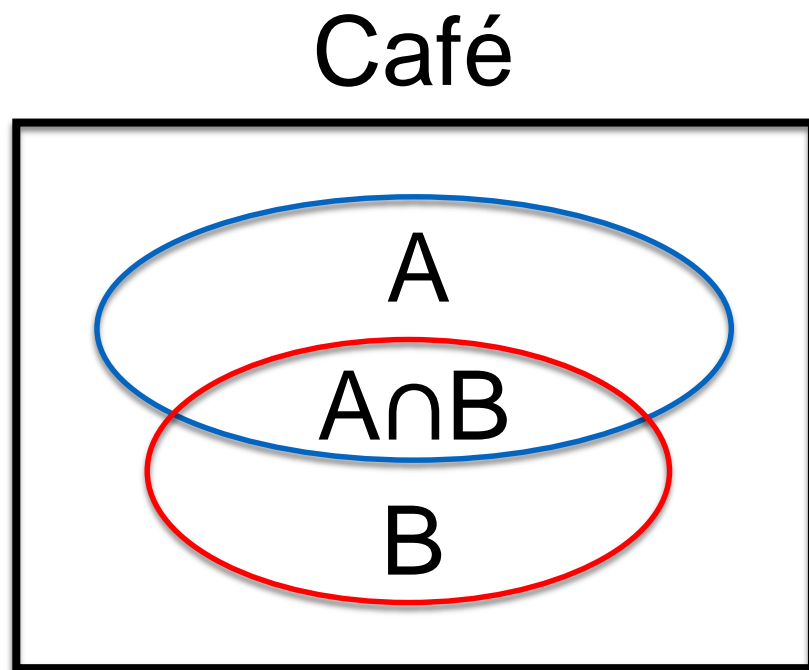
$$Pr(A \cap B \cap C) = Pr(C|A \cap B) \cdot Pr(B|A) \cdot Pr(A)$$

- If A and B independent:

$$Pr(A|B) = Pr(A) \quad \text{and} \quad Pr(B|A) = Pr(B)$$

- Joint events are not the same as conditional events
 $(A \cap B)$ $(A|B)$

Conditional Probabilities – Café Example



A = Coffee

B = Cake

$$\Pr(A) = 0,70$$

$$\Pr(B) = 0,40$$

$$\Pr(A \cap B) = 0,20$$

Both coffee and cake

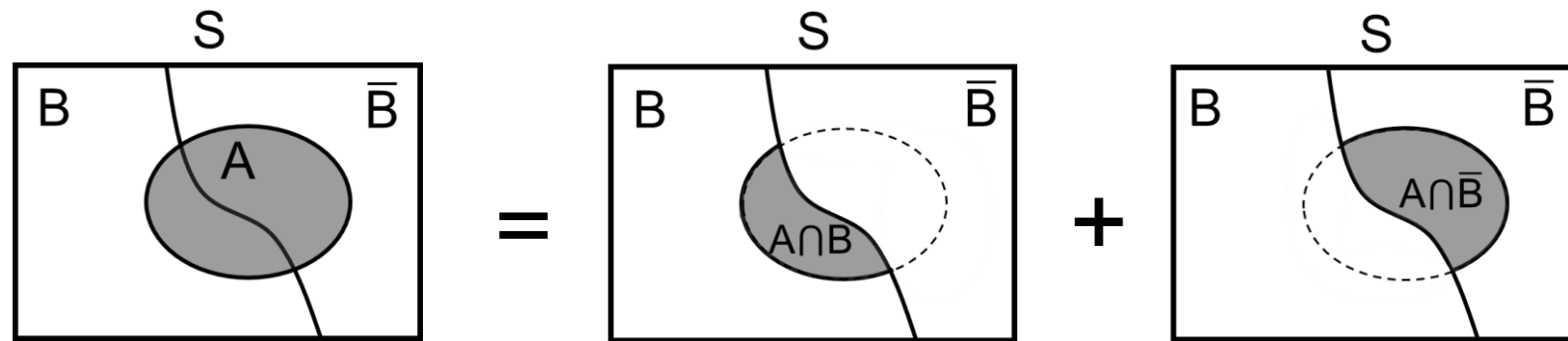
$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{0,20}{0,40} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Coffee given cake

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\Pr(B \cap A)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{\Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 0,40}{0,70} = \frac{2}{7} = 0,286$$

Cake given coffee

Conditional Probabilities – Total Probability



$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} \cdot \frac{N_B}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} \cdot \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A) &= \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) \\ &= \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) + \Pr(A|\bar{B}) \cdot \Pr(\bar{B}) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Probabilities - Example

Rolling a dice:



Sample space:

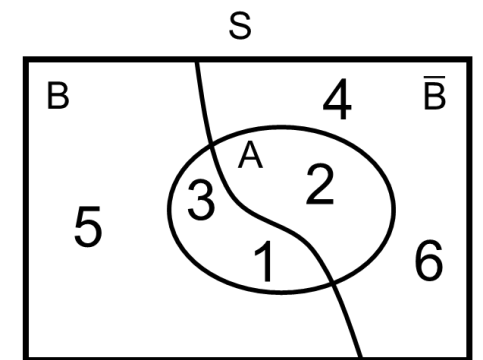
Events:

$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

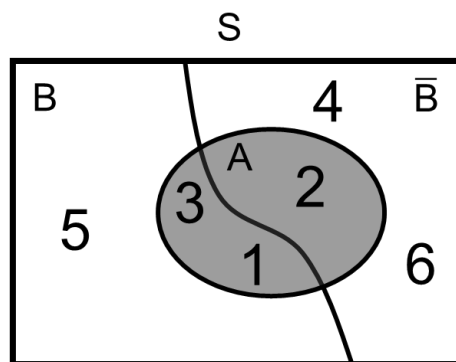
$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$B = \{1, 3, 5\}$

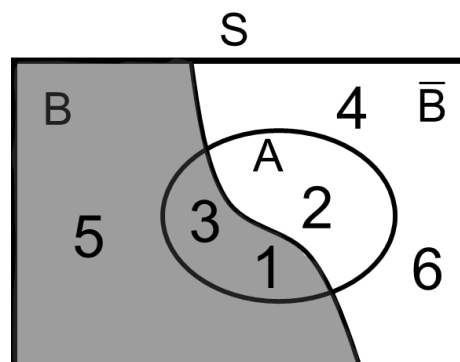
$\bar{B} = \{2, 4, 6\}$



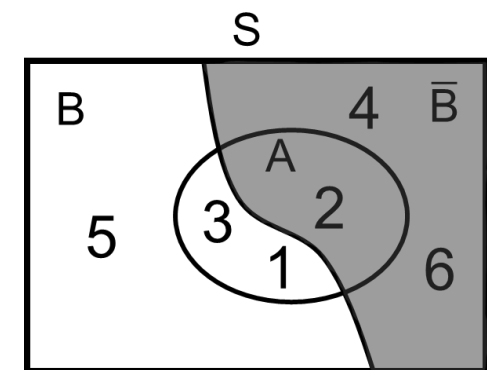
Venn diagram



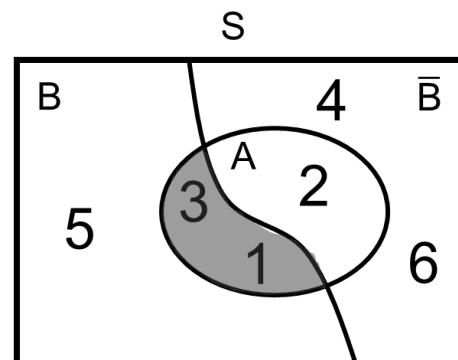
$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$



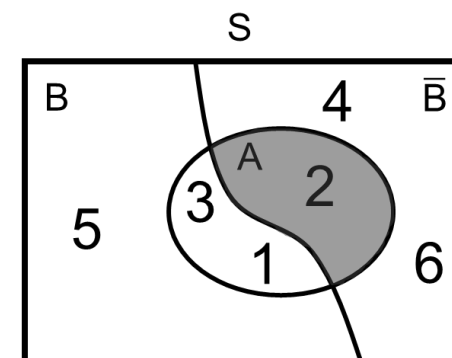
$$\Pr(B) = \frac{N_B}{N_S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\Pr(\bar{B}) = \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

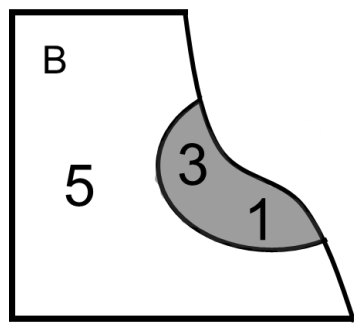


$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$



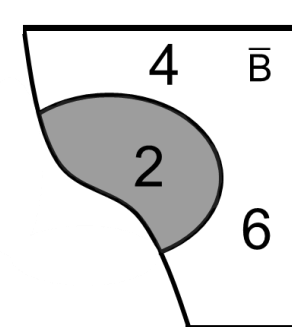
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Conditional Probabilities - Example



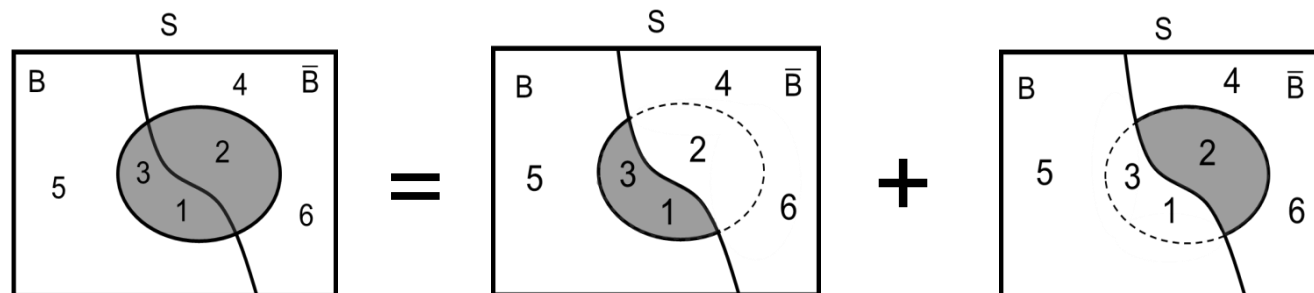
$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{1/3}{1/2} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$$\Pr(A|\bar{B}) = \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(A \cap \bar{B})}{\Pr(\bar{B})} = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} \cdot \frac{N_B}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} \cdot \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S}$$

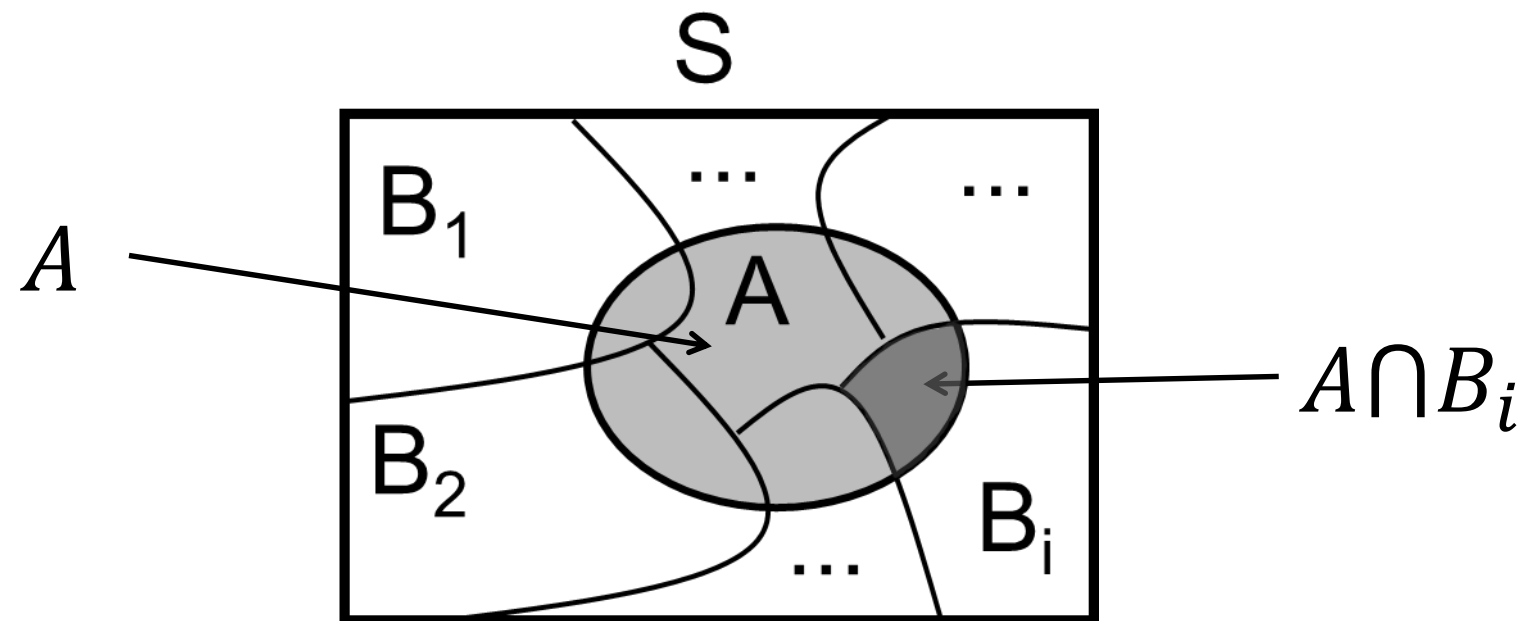
$$= \frac{3}{6} = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) = \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) + \Pr(A|\bar{B}) \cdot \Pr(\bar{B}) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Total Probability

We sometime call it the marginal

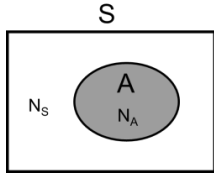
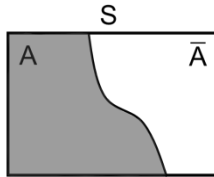
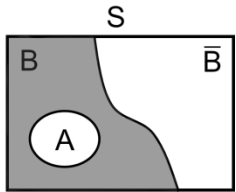
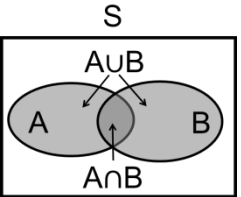
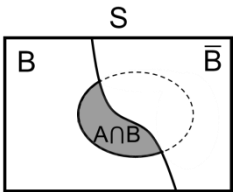
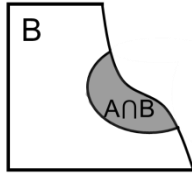
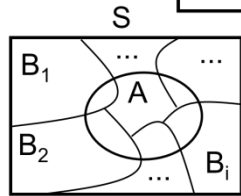
- $\Pr(A)$ of an event is the total probability of that event.



$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A) &= \Pr(A \cap B_1) + \Pr(A \cap B_2) + \dots + \Pr(A \cap B_i) + \dots \\ &= \Pr(A|B_1) \cdot \Pr(B_1) + \Pr(A|B_2) \cdot \Pr(B_2) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

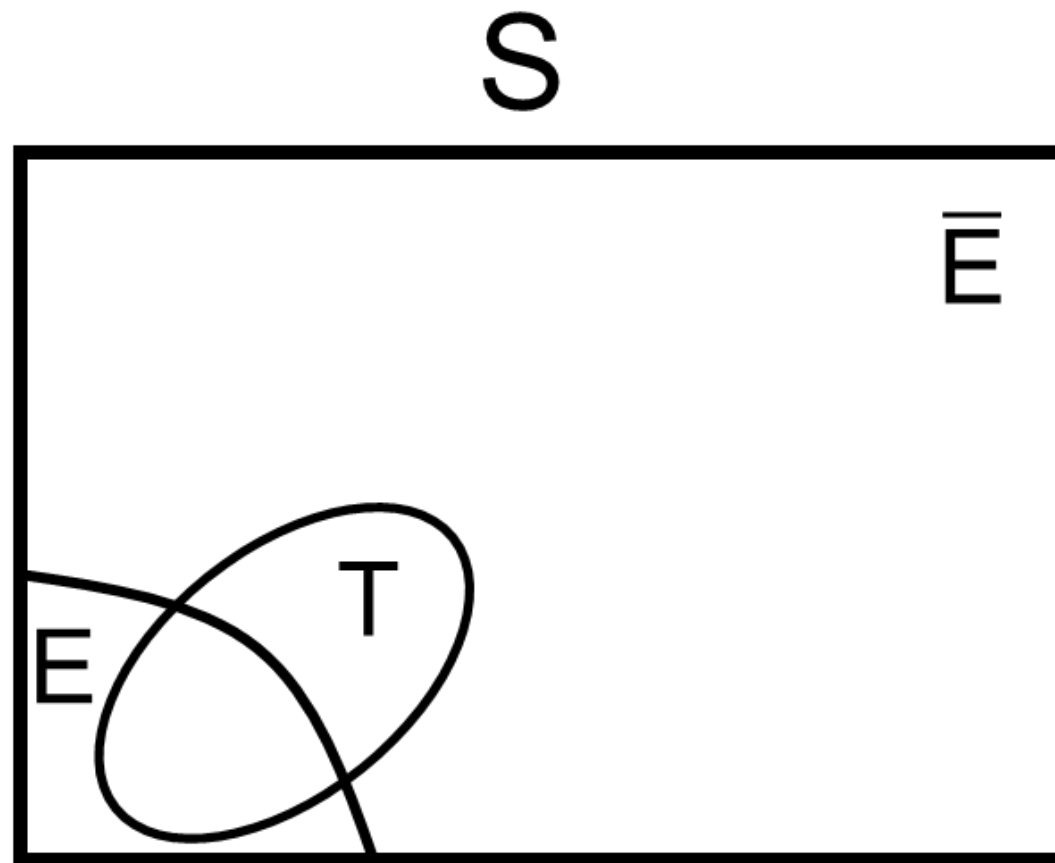
where the B_i 's are mutually exclusive ($B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$)
and $S = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_i \cup \dots$

Summary of Probability

Relative frequency:	$Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S}$	
Complement:	$Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - Pr(A)$	
Exclusive:	$Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) = Pr(B) - Pr(A) \quad \text{if } A \subset B$	
Union:	$Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$	
Joint:	$Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A B) \cdot Pr(B) = Pr(B A) \cdot Pr(A)$	
Conditional:	$Pr(A B) = \frac{Pr(A \cap B)}{Pr(B)} \quad \text{if } Pr(B) \neq 0$	
Total probability:	$Pr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A B_i) \cdot Pr(B_i)$	
Bayes rule:	$Pr(B A) = \frac{Pr(A B) \cdot Pr(B)}{Pr(A)}$	
Bayes formula:	$Pr(B_i A) = \frac{Pr(A B_i) \cdot Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A B_i) \cdot Pr(B_i)}$	
Independence:	$Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)$	

Example: Ebola Test

- Event E: Patient are infectious with Ebola.
- Event T: The Ebola test is positive.



Example: Ebola Test

- **Prior:** What are the probability of a patient having Ebola?

$$Pr(E)$$

- **Likelihood:** What are the probability of a positive test given infectious with Ebola? Or of a negative test given not infectious with Ebola?

$$Pr(T|E) \text{ Sensitivity}$$

$$Pr(\bar{T}|\bar{E}) \text{ Specificity}$$

- **Posterior:** What are the probability of being infectious given that a test is positive?

$$Pr(E|T)$$

Example: Ebola Test – Prior knowledge

- **Prior:** What are the probability of a patient having ebola?

$$Pr(E) = 0,01$$

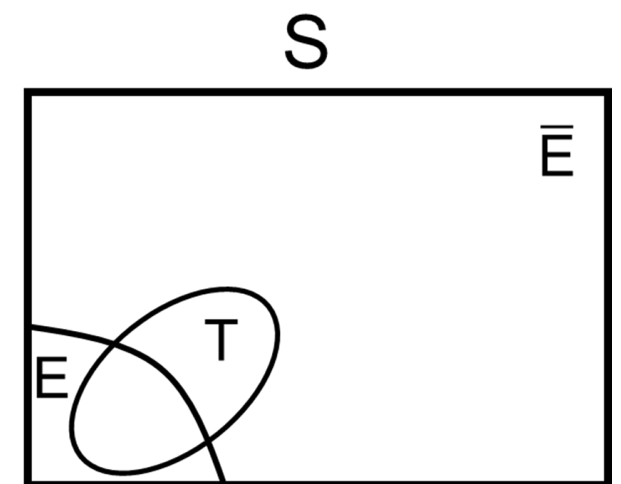
Complement of E

$$Pr(\bar{E}) = 1 - 0,01 = 0,99$$

- **Likelihood:** What are the probabilities of the tests?

$$Pr(T|E) = 0,9 \quad \leftarrow \text{Sensitivity}$$

$$Pr(\bar{T}|\bar{E}) = 0,8 \quad \leftarrow \text{Specificity}$$



Example: Ebola Test — Type I and II Error

- **Complement (Errors):**

What are the probability of a patient having a positive test without being infectious?

$$Pr(T|\bar{E}) = 1 - Pr(\bar{T}|\bar{E}) = 1 - 0,8 = 0,2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Type I Error}$$

What are the probability of a patient having a negative test being infectious?

$$Pr(\bar{T}|E) = 1 - Pr(T|E) = 1 - 0,9 = 0,1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Type II Error}$$

Tests and Types of Errors

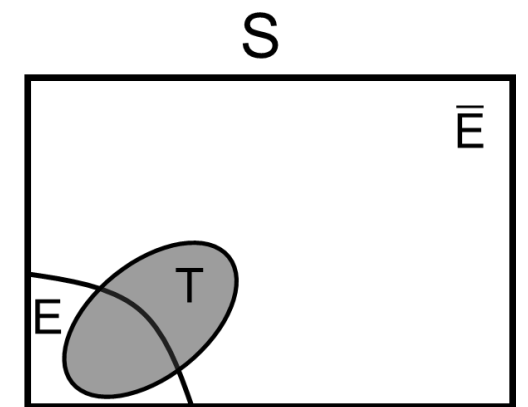
- We can classify testing with two outcomes as:

<div>Result \ Given</div>	Disease (True)	No disease (False)
Positive test	Sensitivity	Type I Error
Negative test	Type II Error	Specificity

Example: Ebola Test — Total Probability

- **Total Probability with the Sum Rule:** What are the probability of a patient having a positive test?

$$Pr(T) = Pr(T \cap E) + Pr(T \cap \bar{E})$$



- **The Product Rule:** We can with Bayes rule find

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(T) &= Pr(T|E) Pr(E) + Pr(T|\bar{E}) Pr(\bar{E}) \\ &= 0,9 \cdot 0,01 + 0,2 \cdot 0,99 \\ &= 0,09 + 0,198 \\ &= 0,207 \end{aligned}$$

Ebola Example — Posterior

- **We have:** We now know the probabilities:

$$Pr(E) = 0,01 \quad \leftarrow \text{Prior}$$

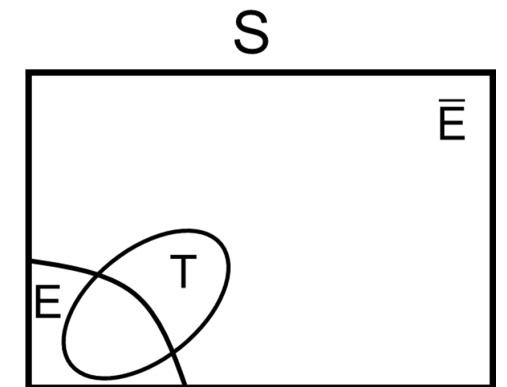
$$Pr(T) = 0,207 \quad \leftarrow \text{Total probability}$$

$$Pr(T|E) = 0,9 \quad \leftarrow \text{Likelihood (Sensitivity)}$$

$$Pr(\bar{T}|\bar{E}) = 0,8 \quad \leftarrow \text{Likelihood (Specificity)}$$

$$Pr(T|\bar{E}) = 0,2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Type I Error}$$

$$Pr(\bar{T}|E) = 0,1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Type II Error}$$



Ebola Example — Posterior

Bayes rule

- What are the probability of being infectious given that a test is positive?

$$Pr(E|T) = \frac{Pr(T|E)Pr(E)}{Pr(T)} = \frac{0,9 \cdot 0,01}{0,207} = 0,043$$

- What are the probability of not being infectious given that a test is positive?

$$Pr(\bar{E} | T) = 1 - Pr(E|T) = 0,957$$

- What are the probability of not being infectious given a negative test?

$$Pr(\bar{E}|\bar{T}) = \frac{Pr(\bar{T} | \bar{E})Pr(\bar{E})}{Pr(\bar{T})} = \frac{0,8 \cdot 0,99}{0,793} = 0,999$$

- What are the probability of being infectious given that a test is negative?

$$Pr(E | \bar{T}) = 1 - Pr(\bar{E}|\bar{T}) = 0,001$$

Ebola Example — Conclusion

- If the test is negative, it is almost certain (99,9%) that you're not being infectious:

$$Pr(\bar{E}|\bar{T}) = 0,999$$

- If the test is positive, there is still only a small risk (4,3%) that you actually are being infectious:

$$Pr(E|T) = 0,043$$

- The test will only catch 90% of the patients having ebola; ie. 10% of the ebola infected patients will not be caught:

$$Pr(T|E) = 0,90 \quad Pr(\bar{T}|E) = 0,1$$

The Bernoulli Trial

- Two possible outcomes:
 - 1 = "Success"** : $\Pr(B = 1) = p$
 - 0 = "Failure"** : $\Pr(B = 0) = 1 - p = q$

Bernoulli trial

Examples:

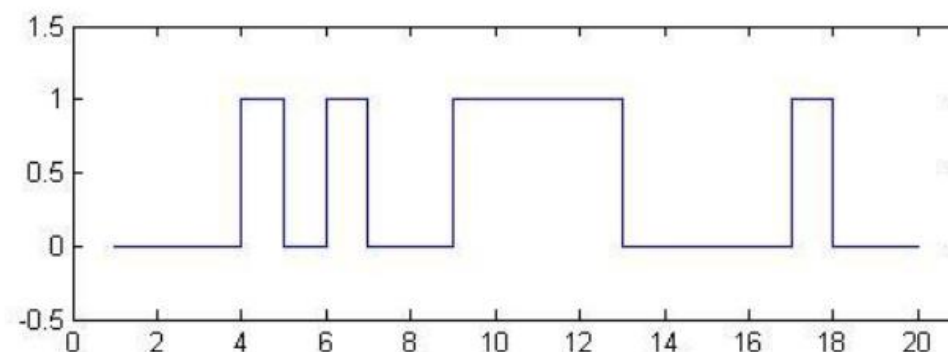


- Flip a coin
- Sample space for the experiment is: {Head (1), Tail (0)}

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- Digital noise
- Sample space: {1, 0}



The Binomial Distribution

- We have n repeated trials.
- Each trial has two possible outcomes
 - **Success** — probability p
 - **Failure** — probability $q=1-p$
- What is the probability of having k successes out of n trials?
- We write this question as:

$$Pr_n(k) = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} p^k q^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

- Faculty: $n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$
 $0! = 1$

Bernoulli trial

Binomial Coefficient

Definition: The binomial coefficient is defined as:

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

Number of ways to
select k objects out of a
collection of n objects

Example: Out of 10 children, what is the probability that exactly 2 are girls?

$$\begin{aligned} Pr_n(k) &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k q^{n-k} \\ &= \frac{10!}{2!(10-2)!} (0,5)^2 (1-0,5)^{10-2} = 0,044 \end{aligned}$$

Combinatorics

- Take an object from a collection of n objects.
- Repeat the test k times.

Types of Experiments:

- With or without replacement
- Ordered or unordered

Example:

What is the probability that if I have two children that the oldest is a girl and the youngest is a boy?

- Ordered.
- With replacement.



*Lotto:
Unordered without
replacement*



*Joker:
Ordered with
replacement*

Ordered with Replacement

- Take an object from a collection of n objects.
- **Put it back** each time.
- Repeat the test k times.
- **The sequence** of the objects **matters**.
- The number of combinations is: n^k
 - Each trial has n possible outcomes
 - All the trials are independent

Joker:
 $10^7 = 10.000.000$

Ordered without Replacement

- Take an object from a collection of n objects.
- **Do not** put it back each time.
- Repeat the test k times.
- **The sequence** of the objects **matters**.

- The number of combinations is:

$${}_nP_k = P_k^n = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = n \cdot (n-1) \dots (n-k+1)$$

- The 1st trial has n possible outcomes, the 2nd trial has $n-1$ possible outcomes, ... , the k 'th trial has $n-k+1$ possible outcomes

Unordered without Replacement

- Take an object from a collection of n objects.
- **Do not** put it back each time.
- Repeat the test k times.
- **The sequence** of the objects **do not matter**.

- The number of combinations is:

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

Lotto:

$$\frac{36!}{7! 29!} = 8.347.680$$

- The k ordered draws can be shuffled in $k!$ different ways (sequences)

Unordered with Replacement

- Take an object from a collection of n objects.
- **Put it back** each time.
- Repeat the test k times.
- **The sequence** of the objects **do not matter**.
- The number of combinations is:

$$\binom{n + k - 1}{k} = \frac{(n + k - 1)!}{k! (n - 1)!}$$

- Each time we draw an object, we should replace an object (except for the last draw). This correspond to we start with $n+k-1$ object and draw k objects unordered without replacement.
- Equal to the number of solutions to the equation:
$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots x_n = k, \text{ where } x_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

Summary of Combinatorics

- We can summarise the number of possible outcomes of k trials, sampled from a set of n objects.

		Replacement	
		With	Without
Sam- pling	Ordered	n^k	$P_k^n = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
	Unordered	$\binom{n+k-1}{k} = \frac{(n+k-1)!}{k!(n-1)!}$	$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

Words and Concepts to Know

Prior

Binomial coefficient

Type I Error

Sampling

Bayes rule

Unordered

Replacement

Likelihood

Specificity

Total probability

Combinatorics

Sensitivity

Bernoulli Trial

Ordered

Posterior

Type II Error

Binomial distribution

Conditional probability