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Discrete Structures II

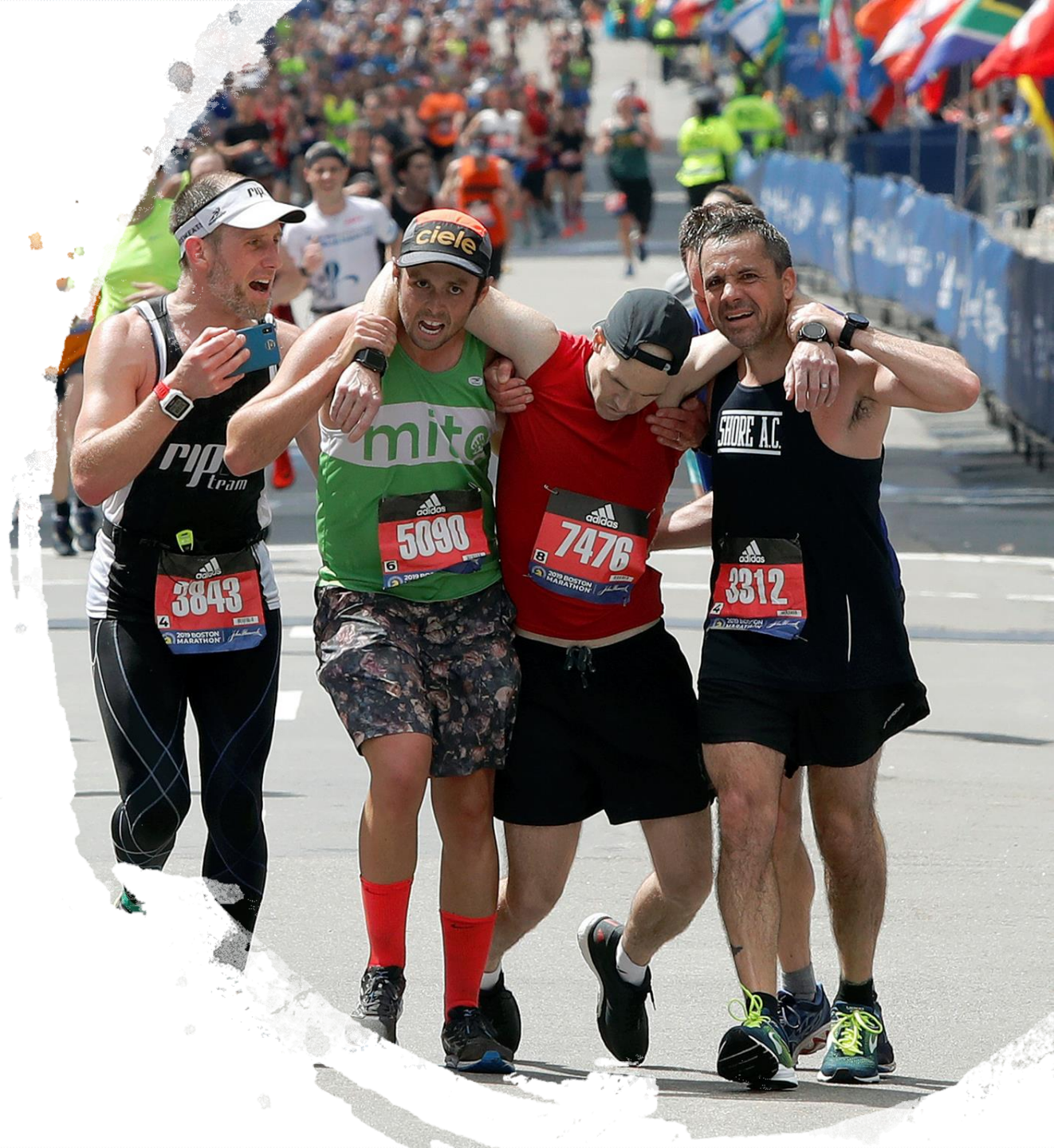
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Announcements

- Assignment 2 is running
- Quiz 5 → Next week
- Extra Homework for extra credits?
 - We will find out soon...



Probabilities - Outline for this month

- Sample spaces and events
- Basics of probability
- Independence, conditional probability
- Random variables, expectation, variance

→ Basic building blocks

→ Intermediate

→ Advanced

How many people are needed so that at least 2 of them have the same birthday, with probability above 95%?



Uniform Distribution

- 23 people are in a room. Suppose all birthdays are equally likely. What is the probability that two will have the same birthday?

Assume \rightarrow 365 possible birth days
 $\Omega \rightarrow$ all possible assignment of birthdays to 23 people
 $|\Omega| = 365^{23}$
 $A \rightarrow$ all outcomes where at least two have same birthday

Uniform Distribution

- 23 people are in a room. Suppose all birthdays are equally likely. What is the probability that two will have the same birthday?

$$P(A) = 1 - \frac{|B|}{|\Omega|}$$

$B \rightarrow$ all outcomes where no two have same birthday

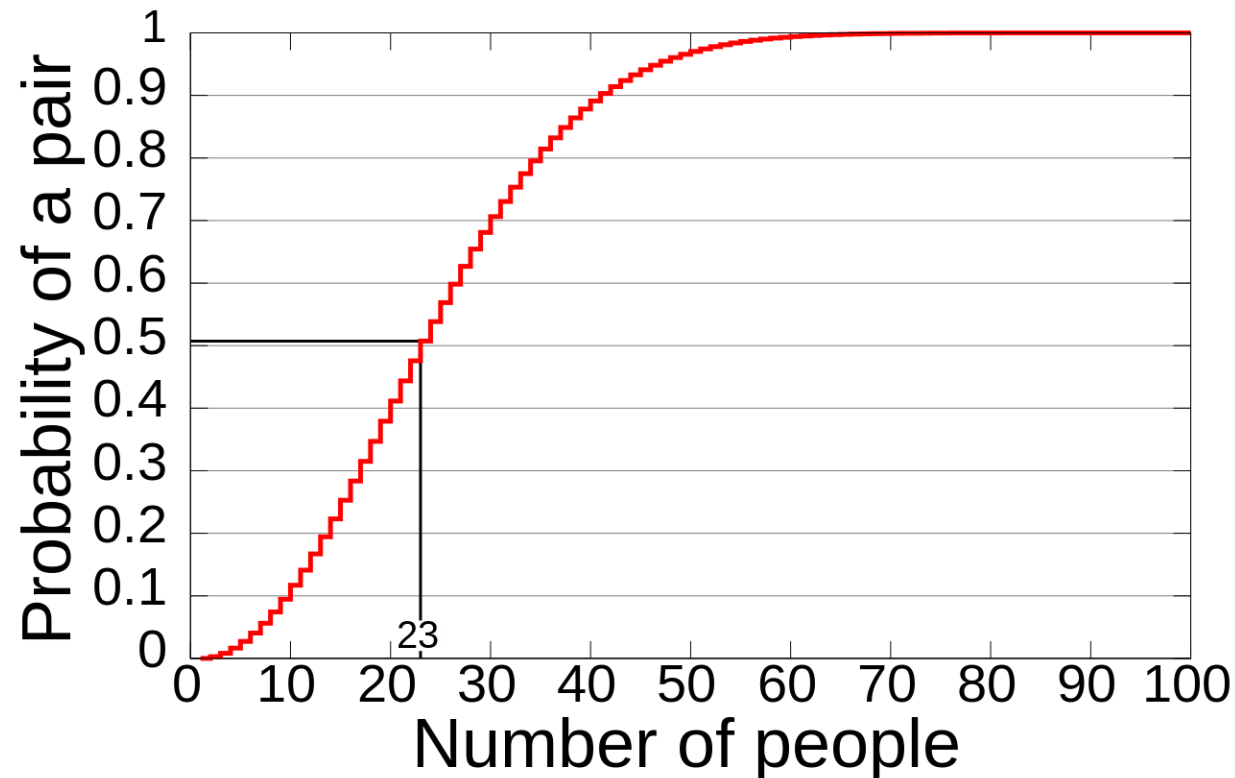
$$|B| = 365 P_{23} = 365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdot \dots \cdot 343$$

$$P(A) = 1 - \frac{365 P_{23}}{(365)^{23}} \approx .5027$$

Uniform Distribution

- 23 people are in a room. Suppose all birthdays are equally likely. What is the probability that two will have the same birthday?

Birthday
Paradox!!



Uniform Distribution

- 55% of adults consume coffee regularly, 45% consume soda and 70% regularly consume at least one of the two.
- What is probability that a randomly selected adult consumes both coffee and soda?

$A \rightarrow$ an adult consumes coffee regularly
 $B \rightarrow$ an adult consumes soda regularly

$$P(A) = .55, P(B) = .45, P(A \cup B) = .7$$

Want:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$$
$$= .55 + .45 - .7$$

Uniform Distribution

- 55% of adults consume coffee regularly, 45% consume soda and 70% regularly consume at least one of the two.
- What is the probability that a randomly selected individual **doesn't consume either of the two**.

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \text{people who consume at least one of two} \\ (A \cup B)' &= \text{people who don't consume either} \\ P((A \cup B)') &= 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - .7 \end{aligned}$$

Uniform Distribution

- A box contains six 40W bulbs, five 60W bulbs and four 75W bulbs. If bulbs are selected one by one in a random order, what is the probability that at least two bulbs must be selected in order to get one that is rated 75W?

$A \rightarrow$ at least 2 tries for seeing 75W
 $A' \rightarrow$ see 75W bulb on first try

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A') = 1 - \frac{|A'|}{|U|}$$

$$|U| = \frac{15!}{6!5!4!} \quad , \quad |A'| = \frac{14!}{6!5!3!}$$



Next...

- Conditional Probability
 - And formula...
- Independent Events

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Conditional Probabilities - Example

A = man survives

- A man went on an airplane ride.
- Unfortunately, he fell out.
- Fortunately, he had a parachute on.
- Unfortunately, the parachute did not open.
- Fortunately, there was a haystack below him, directly in the path of his fall.
- Unfortunately, there was a pitchfork sticking out of the top of the haystack.
- Fortunately, he missed the pitchfork.
- Unfortunately, he missed the haystack.

$\rightarrow P(A) = .1$

$\rightarrow P(A) = .7$

$\rightarrow P(A) = .1$

$\rightarrow P(A) = .5$

$\rightarrow P(A) = .1$

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Monty Hall Problem

Door 1 → G
Door 2 → G
Door 3 → (a)



Monty Hall Problem

Door 1 \rightarrow Goat
Door 2 \rightarrow Goat
Door 3 \rightarrow Car

- Announcer hides prize behind one of 3 doors. You select some door at random. Announcer opens one of others with no prize. You can decide to keep or switch.
- What to do?

$A \rightarrow$ I win If I switch
 $B \rightarrow$ door with no prize is revealed

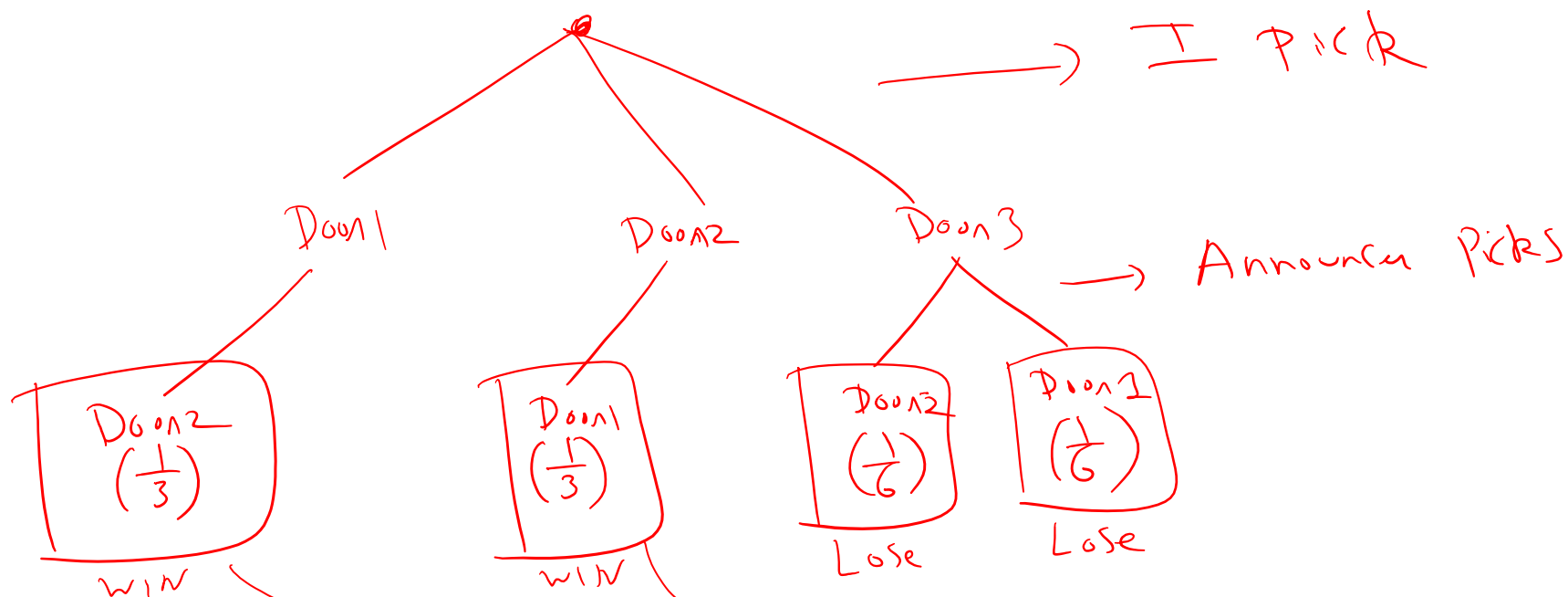
$$P(A|B) > \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } < \frac{1}{2} ??$$

will show $P(A|B) = \frac{2}{3}$

In this case $P(B)=1$ [Because of rules of the game]

Monty Hall Problem

Door 1 \rightarrow G
Door 2 \rightarrow G
Door 3 \rightarrow Car



$$P(\text{win by switching}) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Conditional Probabilities

- Suppose we roll a white and a black die. What is the probability that the white die is 1 given that the sum is 7?

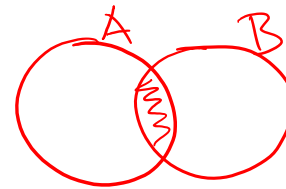
- A = white die is 1

- B = sum is 7

- We want $P(A|B)$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|U|} = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

→ Conditional Probability



We know B has happened

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

→ Formula for conditional probability

$$= \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|} \rightarrow \text{If equally likely outcomes}$$