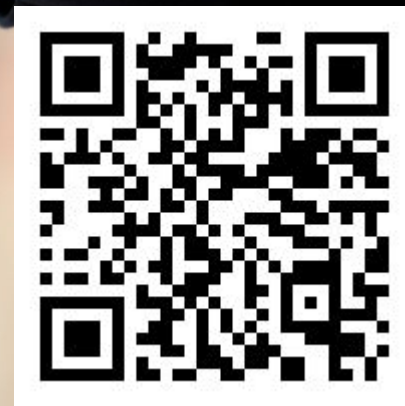




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# Probability Theory

- ML circle Discussion Session  
(by Abhishek Varghese)





# Takeaways

- Understand probability in depth and intuitively
- Understand the concept of Independence and its significance
- Understand what random variables really are and why do we need it
- Understand deeply all the terms/ keywords you may or maynot have known
  - Expectation
  - Correlation
  - Variance, etc

Soft takeaways :

- A push to think on a concept until you deeply understand it

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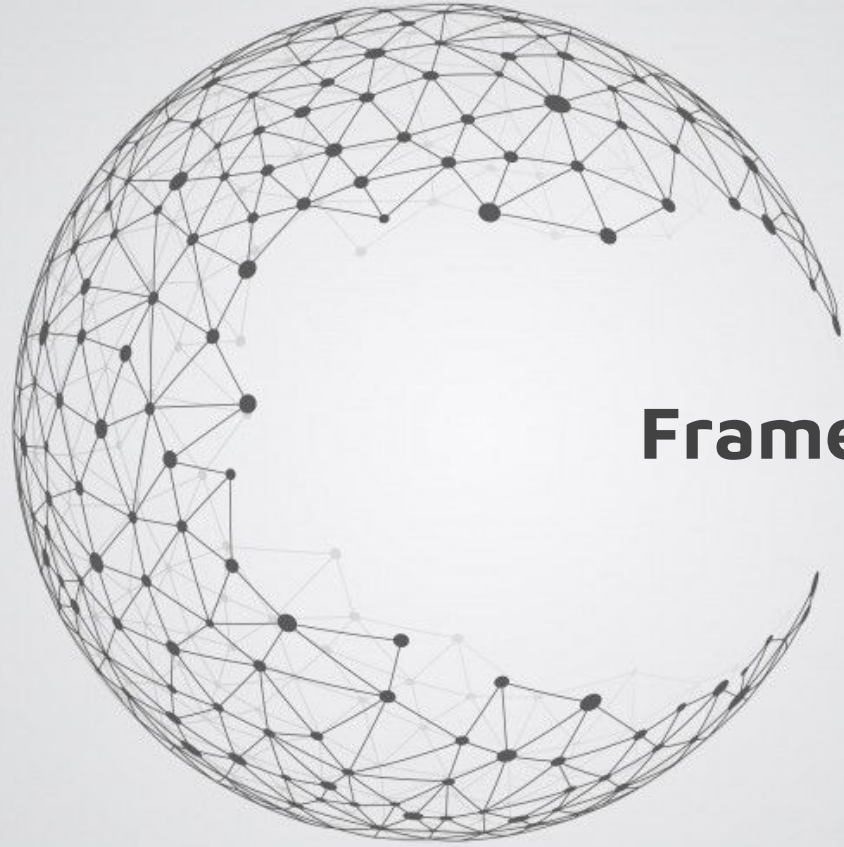
Session 1

# Philosophical Thinking



# Models





**Frameworks to build a model**

°C



$$F = (9/5 * C) + 32$$



°F



Foundations of

# Probability Theory





## The classical definition (and its limitations)

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of favourable outcomes}}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}}$$

- where, all outcomes are equally likely



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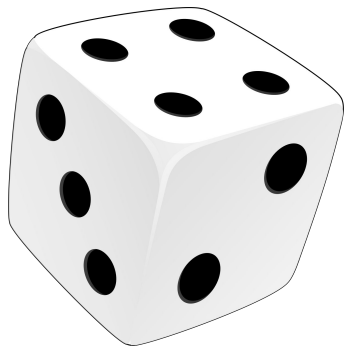
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- 2) Event : associated with an experiment corresponds to a question about the experiment, that has a yes or no answer.





## Ingredients for constructing mathematical theory of Probability

$$\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$
$$\#heads \leq 1$$
$$A = \{HT, TH, TT\}$$

The event A will occur in a given performance of the experiment if and only if the outcome of the experiment corresponds to one of the points of A.



## Ingredients for constructing mathematical theory of Probability

$$A = \{HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$B = \{HH, TH, HT\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{TH, HT\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{HH, TT, TH, HT\}$$



# Ingredients for constructing mathematical theory of Probability

3.  $\mathcal{F}$  - Sigma Field of  $\Omega$  : Collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  that follow the following rules -

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$$





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Event Space - Set of all possible events generated from a sample space.

Event Space is a sigma field.



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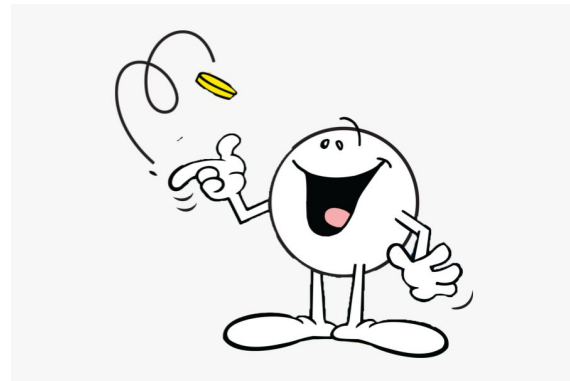
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# Definition

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where

- $\Omega$  is a set,
- $\mathcal{F}$  is a sigma field of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and
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# Randomness is not a Fundamental Force of Nature.

- Upto debate





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**Probability Space for the experiment where a coin is tossed on pluto? (Roll the dice too because why not)**



# Reflection

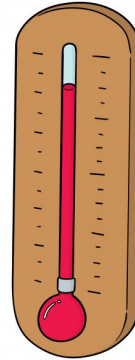


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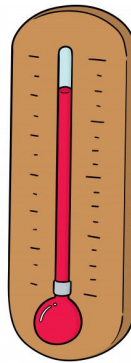
**B**



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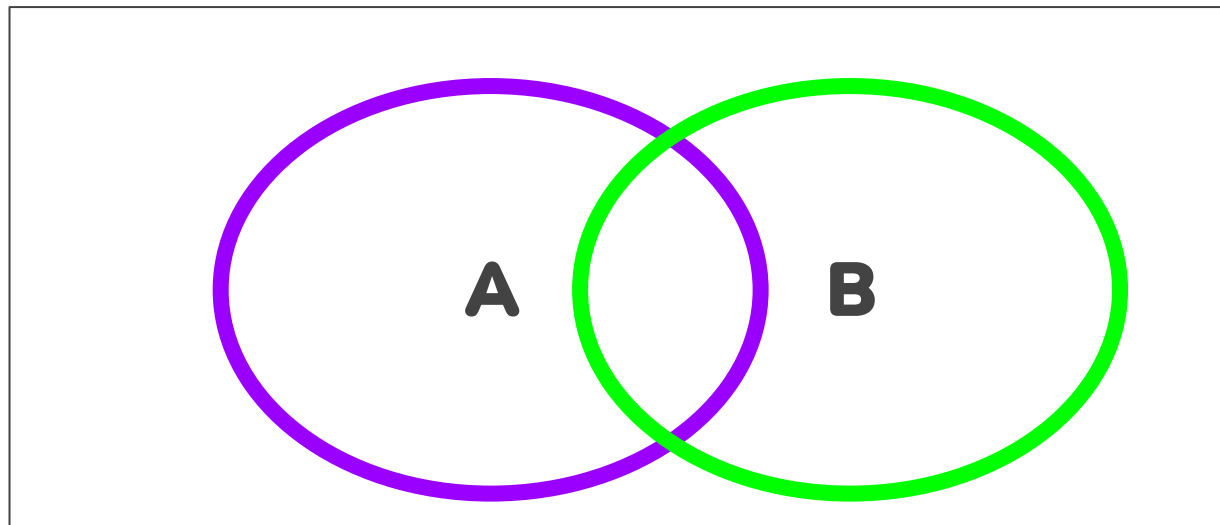
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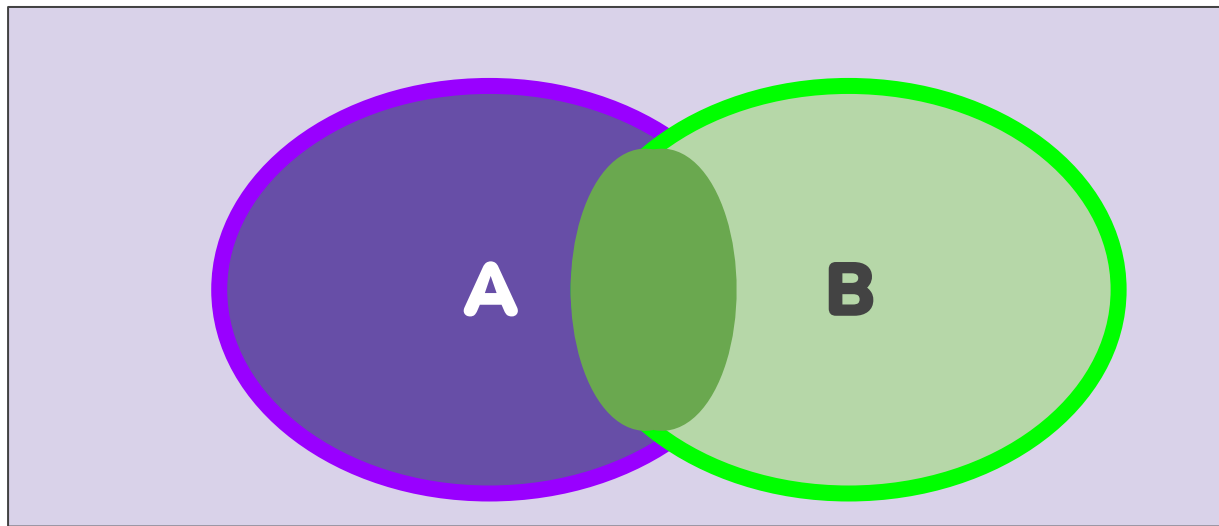
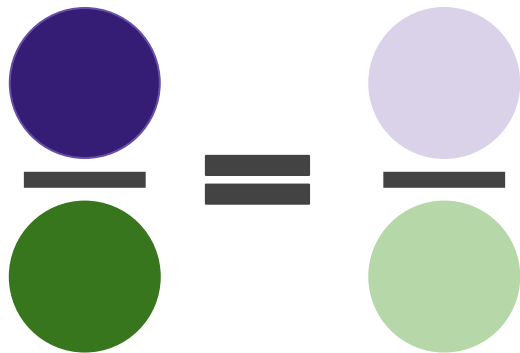




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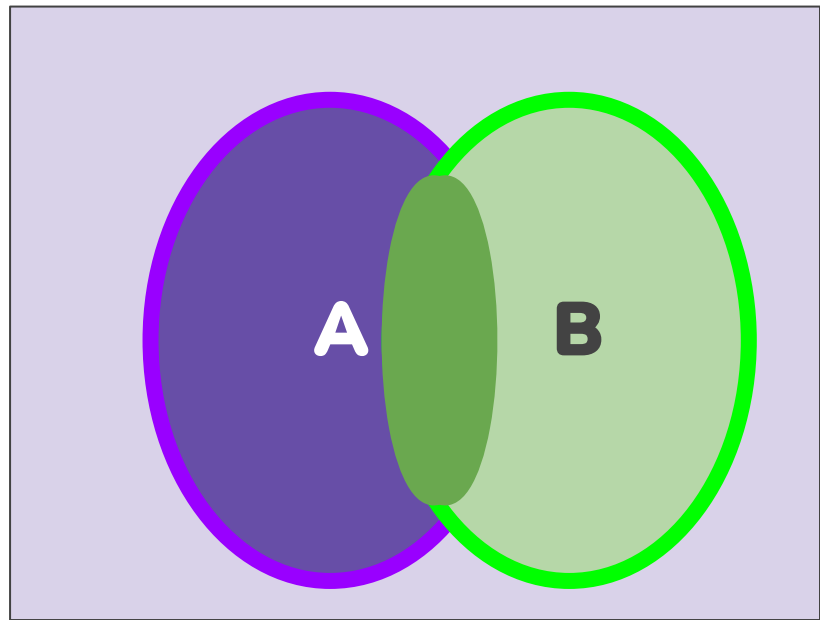
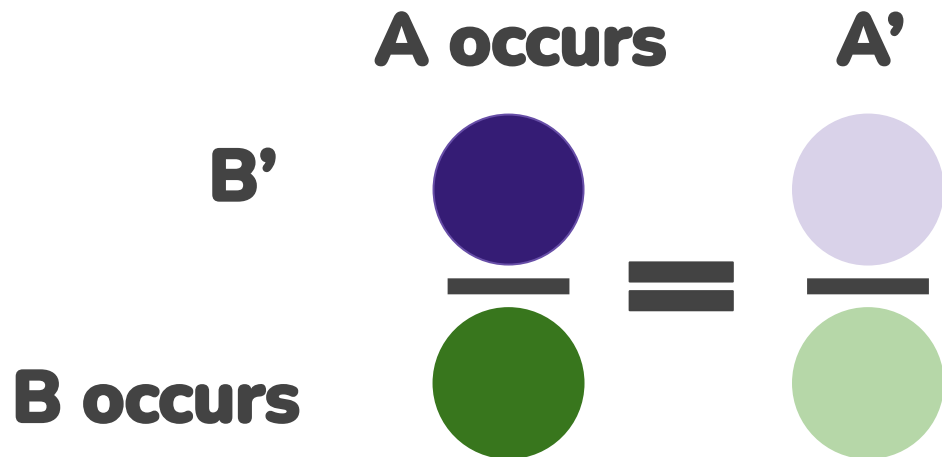




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## Independence

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$$

# Closing Remarks