

Probability Concepts.

- ① If all outcomes in the sample space are equally likely: For event A : $P(A) = \frac{\#(A)}{\#(S)}$;

Note that this also applies if we're looking at the results of a sequence of events with each event having equally likely outcomes.

- ② Permutation: $P[n, r] = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$; Combination: $C[n, r] = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{1}{r!} P[n, r]$;

- ③ If we have an experiment with a constant probability of "success" p and that experiment is repeated n times such that each trial is independent of the other trials, we can use the Binomial Prob. Model: $P(r \text{ "successes"}) = C[n, r](p)^r(1-p)^{n-r}$;

- ④ Conditional Probability: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$;

- ⑤ Compound Probability. AND: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$; OR: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$;
 $P(A \cap B) = P(B) \cdot P(A|B)$;

- ⑥ Independence: The following are equivalent: (1) A and B are independent;
 (2) $P(A|B) = P(A)$ and $P(B|A) = P(B)$;
 (3) $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$;

- ⑦ Mutual Exclusiveness: The following are equivalent: (1) A and B are mutually exclusive.
 (2) $P(A \cap B) = 0$.
 (3) $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
 (4) $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$.

- ⑧ Complement: For an event A : $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$

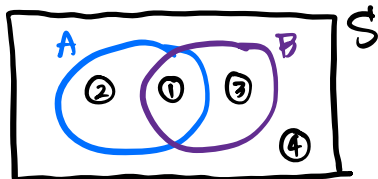
$$P(A|B) + P(\bar{A}|B) = 1 \text{ for some event } B.$$

- ⑨ Partition Theorem: If we have a partition of $S = B_1 \cup B_2$ (with B_1 and B_2 mutually exclusive):
 then for all events A : $P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2)$;

A common partition is $S = A \cup \bar{A}$ for any event A .

- ⑩ In a Venn diagram with 2 events A and B , there is a partition of S by $2^2 = 4$ events.
 That is, $S = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) \cup (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$.

Illustrated:



- $A \cap B$: ①
 $A \cap \bar{B}$: ②
 $\bar{A} \cap B$: ③
 $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$: ④

Since we have a partition, we have: $P(S) = 1 = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B) + P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$;

- ⑪ Bayes' Theorem: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$;