

# Lesson 2: Probability Rules

### Introduction

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#### **Lecture Overview:**



#### Goals of the lecture:

1. Understand some basic probability rules

## Probability Rules

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#### **Disjoint Events**



#### Definition:

If A and B are disjoint events  $\mathbb{P}(A \text{ or B}) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B)$ 



#### Example 1:



Probability of throwing a die and getting a 2 or 3

$$\mathbb{P}(2) + \mathbb{P}(3) = 1/6 + 1/6 = 2/6 = 1/3$$

#### **Normalization of Total Probability**

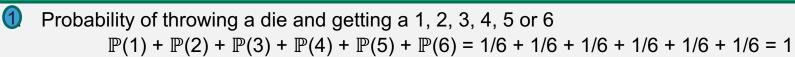


#### **Definition:**

If A, B and C are disjoint events  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B \cup C) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) + \mathbb{P}(C) = \sum_{i} \mathbb{P}(x_i) = 1$ 



#### Example 2:



#### Complementary



#### Definition:

For any event E

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{not E}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(E)$$



#### Example 3:



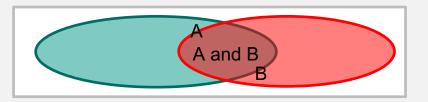
Probability of throwing a die and not getting a 2

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{not 2}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(2) = 1 - 1/6 = 5/6$$



#### Definition:

If A and B are joint events  $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$ 



#### Example 4:



Probability of throwing a die and getting <4 OR even (e.g. {1,2,3,4,6})

$$\mathbb{P}(<4) + \mathbb{P}(\text{even}) - \mathbb{P}(<4 \cap \text{even}) = 3/6 + 3/6 - 1/6 = 5/6$$



#### Example 5:

Out of the students in this class,

- 40% live in Chicago,
- 60% have never programmed before, and
- 30% live in Chicago AND have never programmed before.

What is the probability that a randomly selected student does not live in Chicago and has programmed before?

Draw a diagram representing the Sample Space, and Events and label each part of the diagram.



#### Example 5 (Solution – Part 1):

$$\mathbb{P}(Chicago) = \mathbb{P}(B \cup C) = 0.4$$

$$\mathbb{P}(NoProg) = \mathbb{P}(C \cup D) = 0.6$$

$$\mathbb{P}(Chicago \cap NoProg) = \mathbb{P}(C) = 0.3$$

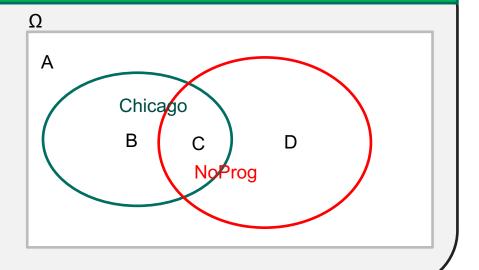
A = NoChicago AND YesProg

B = Chicago AND YesProg

C = Chicago AND NoProg

D = NoProg AND NoChicago

$$\Omega = A + B + C + D$$





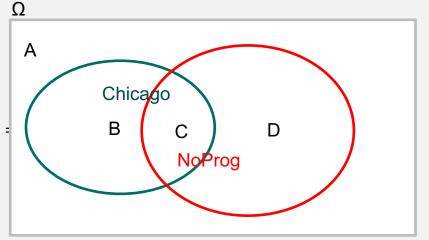
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$$\mathbb{P}(A) = 1 - (\mathbb{P}(Chicago) + \mathbb{P}(NoProg) - \mathbb{P}(C)) = 1-0.4-0.6+0.3 = 0.3$$





#### Problem 1:

1. What is the probability of throwing two dies and getting the same number on both (e.g. (1,1), (2,2), etc)?



#### Solution 1:

6 outcomes out of 36 meet the criteria:

$$\mathbb{P}(same) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6
2,1	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6
3,1	3,2	3,3	3,4	3,5	3,6
4,1	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,5	4,6
5,1	5,2	5,3	4,5	5,5	5,6
6,1	6,2	6,3	4,6	6,5	6,6



#### Problem 2:

1. What is the probability of throwing two dies and the sum is an even number AND is greater than 7?



#### Solution 2:

9 outcomes out of 36 meet the criteria even AND >7:

$$\mathbb{P}(same) = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$$

1,1=2	1,2=3	1,3=4	1,4=5	1,5=6	1,6=7
2,1=3	2,2=4	2,3=5	2,4=6	2,5=7	2,6=8
3,1=4	3,2=5	3,3=6	3,4=7	3,5=8	3,6=9
4,1=5	4,2=6	4,3=7	4,4=8	4,5=9	4,6=10
5,1=6	5,2=7	5,3=8	4,5=9	5,5=10	5,6=11
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#### Problem 3:

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$$\mathbb{P}(\text{even U} > 7) = 1/2 + 5/12 - 1/4 = 8/12 = 2/3$$

### QUESTIONS?