

## 2. Probability Theory and Combinatorics

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# Agenda for Today

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

# Basic Probability

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

- Basic Axioms:

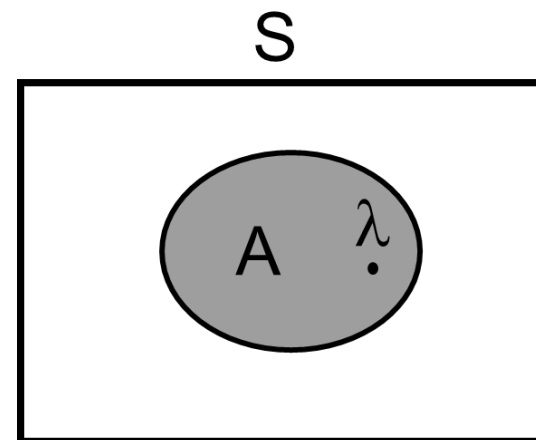
$$\textbf{Axiom 1: } 0 \leq \textit{Pr}(A) \leq 1$$

$$\textbf{Axiom 2: } \textit{Pr}(S) = 1$$

S: Sample space

A: Event

$\lambda$ : Sample point



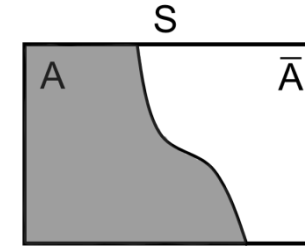
- Often (but not always) we use the relative frequency:

$$\textit{Pr}(A) = \frac{N_A}{N}$$

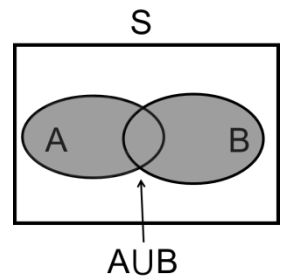
# Basic Probability

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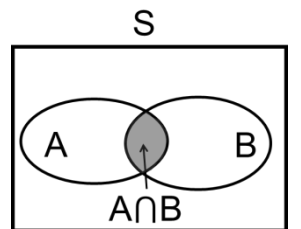
- Complement:  $Pr(A) = 1 - Pr(\bar{A})$



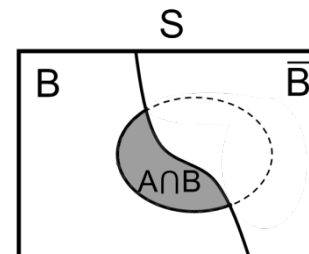
- Union:  $Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$



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



- Conditional:  $Pr(A|B)$



# Bayes Rule and Independence

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- Bayes Rule:

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

- A and B independent:

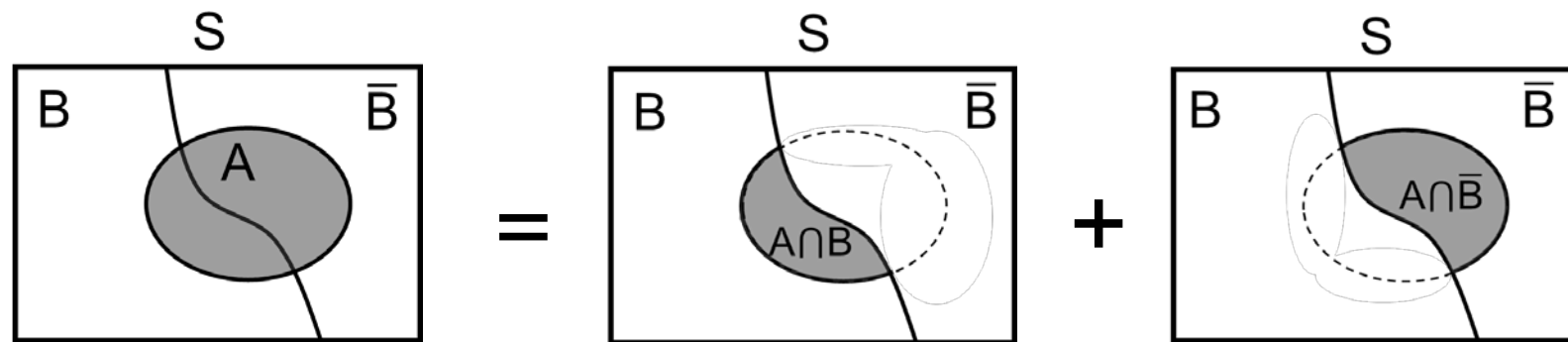
$$Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)$$

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

# Total Probability

*We sometime call it the marginal*

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



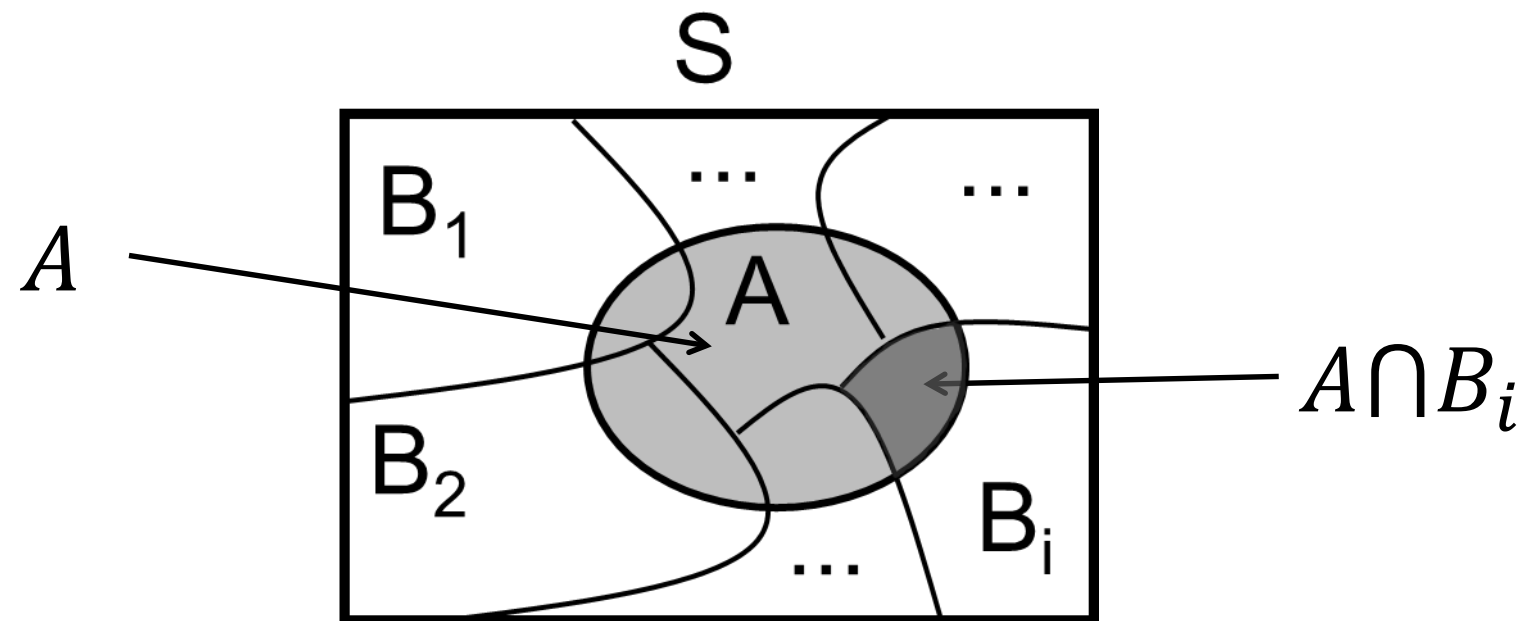
$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A) &= \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) \\ &= \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) + \Pr(A|\bar{B}) \cdot \Pr(\bar{B})\end{aligned}$$



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

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

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

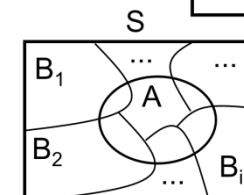
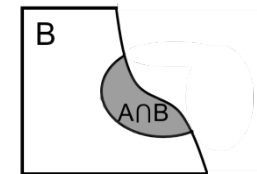
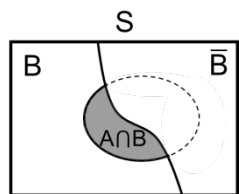
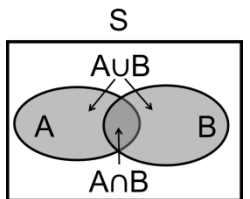
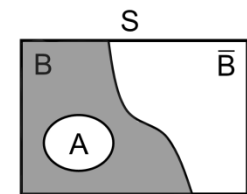
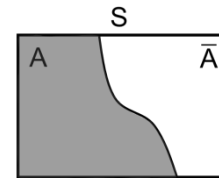
Conditional:  $Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(A \cap B)}{Pr(B)}$  if  $Pr(B) \neq 0$

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





# Orca Example



- In a conversation effort, we look for dead orcas when we are visiting an ocean.
- Given (conditioned) that we have selected an ocean to examine, how many males and females orcas will we observe?

Gender\ location	Atlantic ( $A_1$ )	Antartica ( $A_2$ )	Pacific ( $A_3$ )	Seaworld ( $A_4$ )
Female ( $\bar{B}$ )	2	7	11	9
Male ( $B$ )	8	3	1	19
Total	10	10	12	28

# Orca Example (Cont'd)



- The probability selecting an ocean is identical.

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$A_1$	$A_2$
$A_3$	$A_4$

- Event  $A_1$  : Atlantic
- Event  $A_2$  : Antarctica
- Event  $A_3$  : Pacific
- Event  $A_4$  : Seaworld

$$Pr(A_1) = Pr(A_2) = Pr(A_3) = Pr(A_4) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$Pr(A_1) + Pr(A_2) + Pr(A_3) + Pr(A_4) = 1$$

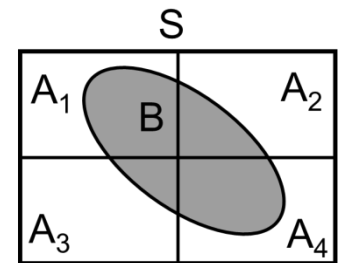
The events  $A_1 - A_4$  are mutually exclusive.

# Orca Example Total Probability



- The event  $B$ , that the orca is a male, can then be written as:

$$B = (B \cap A_1) \cup (B \cap A_2) \cup (B \cap A_3) \cup (B \cap A_4)$$



- The total probability of a found killer whale, being a male, since event  $A_1 - A_4$  are mutually exclusive (sum rule):

$$Pr(B) = Pr(B \cap A_1) + Pr(B \cap A_2) + Pr(B \cap A_3) + Pr(B \cap A_4)$$

- We rewrite with Bayes rule:

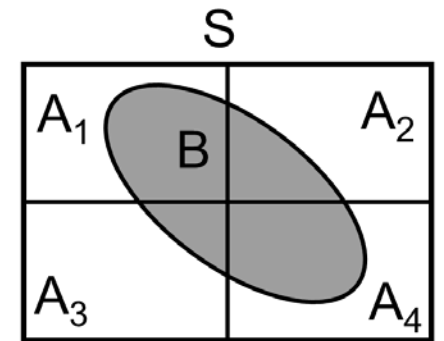
$$\begin{aligned} Pr(B) = & Pr(A_1) Pr(B|A_1) + Pr(A_2) Pr(B|A_2) \\ & + Pr(A_3) Pr(B|A_3) + Pr(A_4) Pr(B|A_4) \end{aligned}$$

# Orca Example Cont'd



- Total Probability:

$$Pr(B) = Pr(A_1) Pr(B|A_1) + Pr(A_2) Pr(B|A_2) + Pr(A_3) Pr(B|A_3) + Pr(A_4) Pr(B|A_4)$$



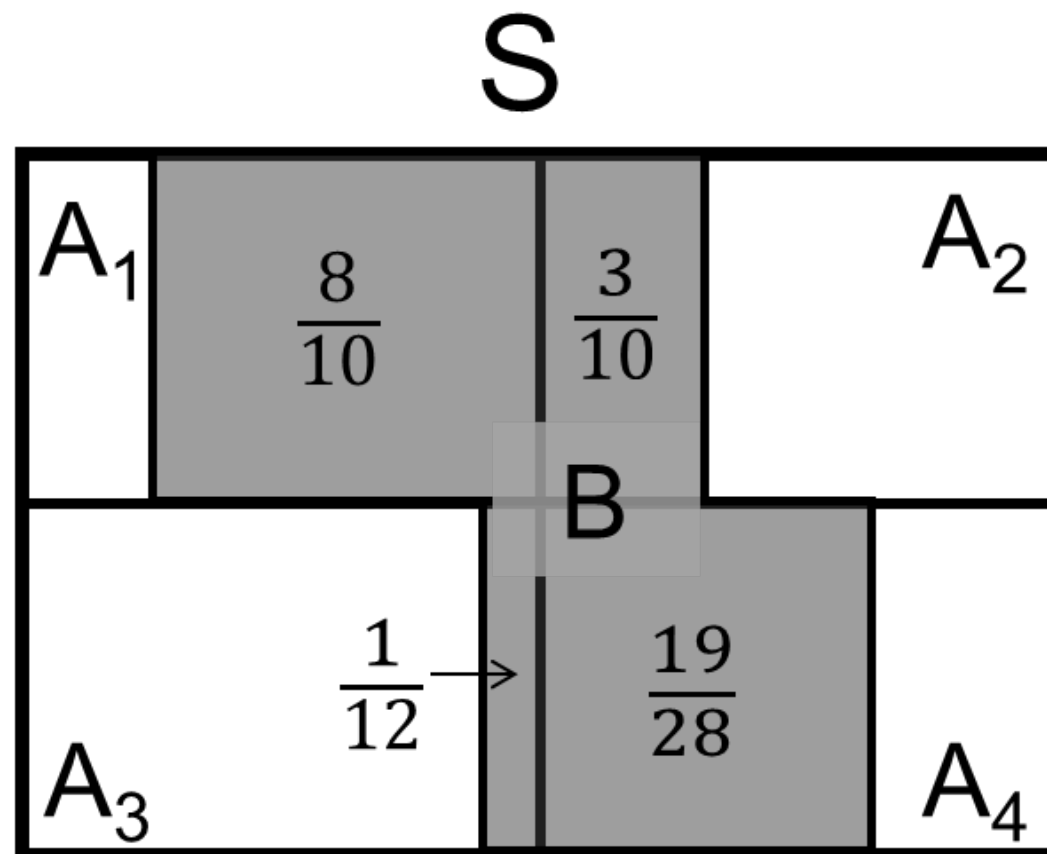
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$$Pr(B) = \frac{8}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{19}{28} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 0,465$$

# Orca Example Graphical



- We can also use a Graphical approach with Venn diagrams.



- The total probability of B is given by the marked area divided by the area of S.

# Orca Example

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- If an orca found is a male, what is the probability of us being in the Antartica?

$$Pr(A_2|B)$$

- We use Bayes rule:

$$Pr(A_2|B) = \frac{Pr(A_2 \cap B)}{Pr(B)} = \frac{Pr(B|A_2)Pr(A_2)}{Pr(B)}$$

- $Pr(B) = 0,47$ ;  $Pr(A_2) = 0,25$ ;  $Pr(B|A_2) = 0,3$

$$Pr(A_2|B) = \frac{Pr(B|A_2)Pr(A_2)}{Pr(B)} = \frac{0,3 \cdot 0,25}{0,47} = 0,16$$

# Orca Example



- Is locations of the found orca independent of gender?
- How would you test it?

Gender\ location	Atlantic ( $A_1$ )	Antartica ( $A_2$ )	Pacific ( $A_3$ )	Seaworld ( $A_4$ )
Female ( $\bar{B}$ )	2	7	11	9
Male ( $B$ )	8	3	1	19
Total	10	10	12	28

$$Pr(A_2 | \bar{B}) = \frac{Pr(\bar{B} | A_2) Pr(A_2)}{Pr(\bar{B})} = \frac{0,7 \cdot 0,25}{1 - 0,47} = 0,33 \neq 0,16 = Pr(A_2 | B)$$



# Orca Example Conclusion

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- **Prior:** What is the probability of us being in the Antartica?

$$Pr(A_2) = 0,25$$

- **Likelihood:** A tacked orca is found dead in Antartica, what is the probability of it being male?

$$Pr(B|A_2) = 0,3$$

- **Posterior:** A tacked orca whale is found dead and is a male, what is the probability of us being in Antartica?

$$Pr(A_2|B) = 0,16$$

# Orca Example – Another test method



- In a conversation effort, we pick up dead orcas from different oceans.
- The dead orcas are marked with the ocean and collected in the same container.
- A dead orca is randomly picked from the container:  
What is the probability that the orca is a male?

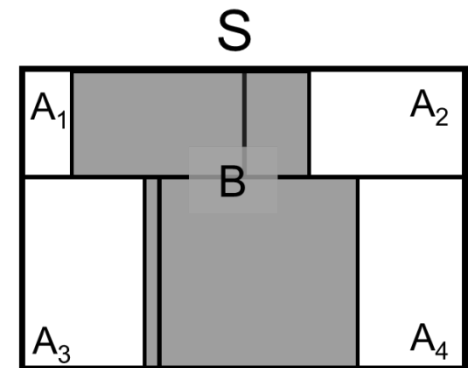
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# Orca Example – Another test method



- Total Probability:

$$Pr(B) = Pr(A_1) Pr(B|A_1) + Pr(A_2) Pr(B|A_2) + Pr(A_3) Pr(B|A_3) + Pr(A_4) Pr(B|A_4)$$



Gender\ location	Atlantic ( $A_1$ )	Antartica ( $A_2$ )	Pacific ( $A_3$ )	Seaworld ( $A_4$ )	Total
Female ( $\bar{B}$ )	2	7	11	9	29
Male ( $B$ )	8	3	1	19	31
Total	10	10	12	28	60

$$Pr(B) = \frac{10}{60} \cdot \frac{8}{10} + \frac{10}{60} \cdot \frac{3}{10} + \frac{12}{60} \cdot \frac{1}{12} + \frac{28}{60} \cdot \frac{19}{28} = \frac{8+3+1+19}{60} = \frac{31}{60} = 0,517$$

# Orca Example – Another test method



- If an orca found is a male, what is the probability that it is from the Antarctica?

$$Pr(A_2|B)$$

- We use Bayes rule:

$$Pr(A_2|B) = \frac{Pr(A_2 \cap B)}{Pr(B)} = \frac{Pr(B|A_2)Pr(A_2)}{Pr(B)}$$

- $Pr(B) = 0,517$ ;  $Pr(A_2) = 0,167$ ;  $Pr(B|A_2) = 0,3$

$$Pr(A_2|B) = \frac{Pr(B|A_2)Pr(A_2)}{Pr(B)} = \frac{0,3 \cdot 0,167}{0,517} = \frac{3}{31} = 0,097$$

# Tests and Types of Errors

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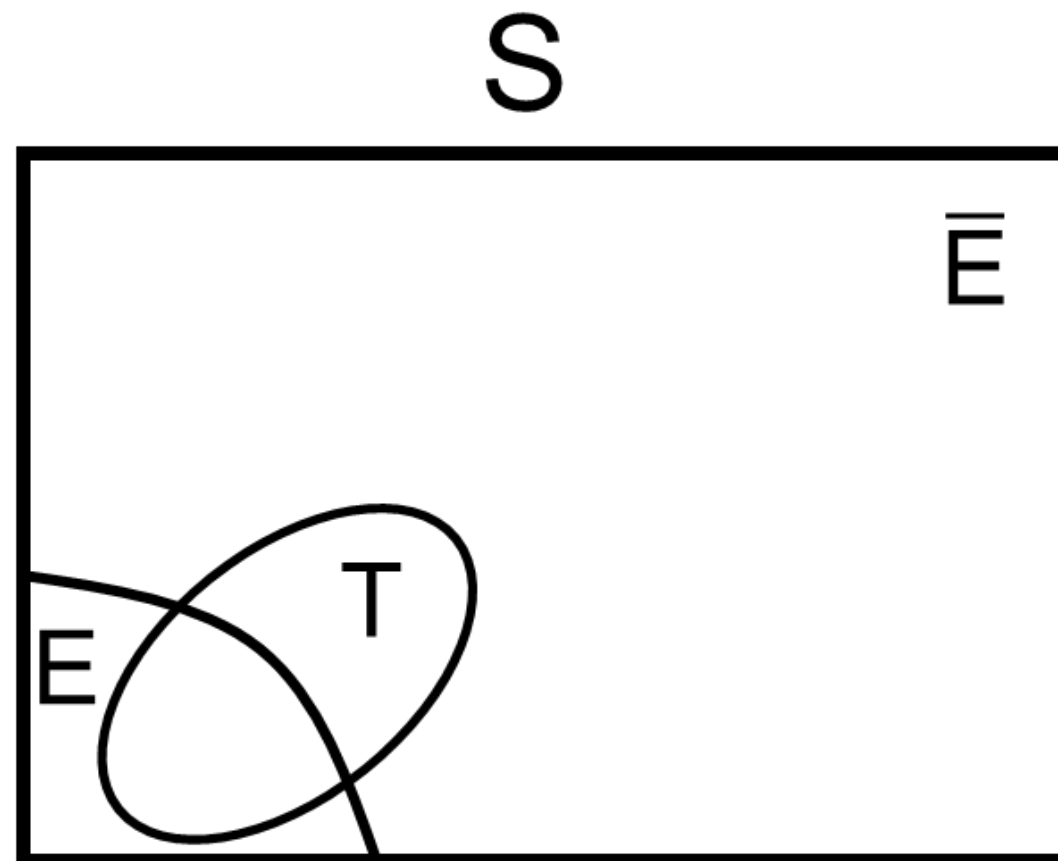
- We can classify testing with two outcomes as:

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

# Example: Ebola Test

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



# Example: Ebola Test

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- **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 — Total Probability

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- **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?

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

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

- **Complement:** What are the probability of a patient having a positive test without being infectious?

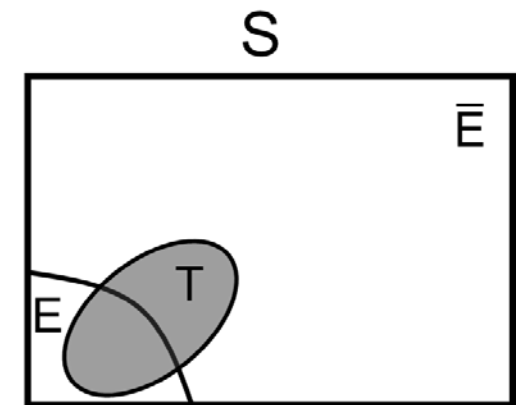
$$Pr(T|\bar{E}) = 1 - Pr(\bar{T}|\bar{E}) = 0,2$$

# Example: Ebola Test — Total Probability

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- **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

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

# Ebola Example — Posterior

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\nwarrow$  Bayes rule

# Ebola Example — Posterior

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- 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

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- 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:

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

# Monty Hall Dilemma

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- We have three doors
- Behind two of the doors is a goat
- Behind one door is a million dollars (\$)
- What is the chance of guessing behind which door the money is?

$$\Pr(\$|1) = \Pr(\$|2) = \Pr(\$|3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

# Monty Hall Dilemma cont'd

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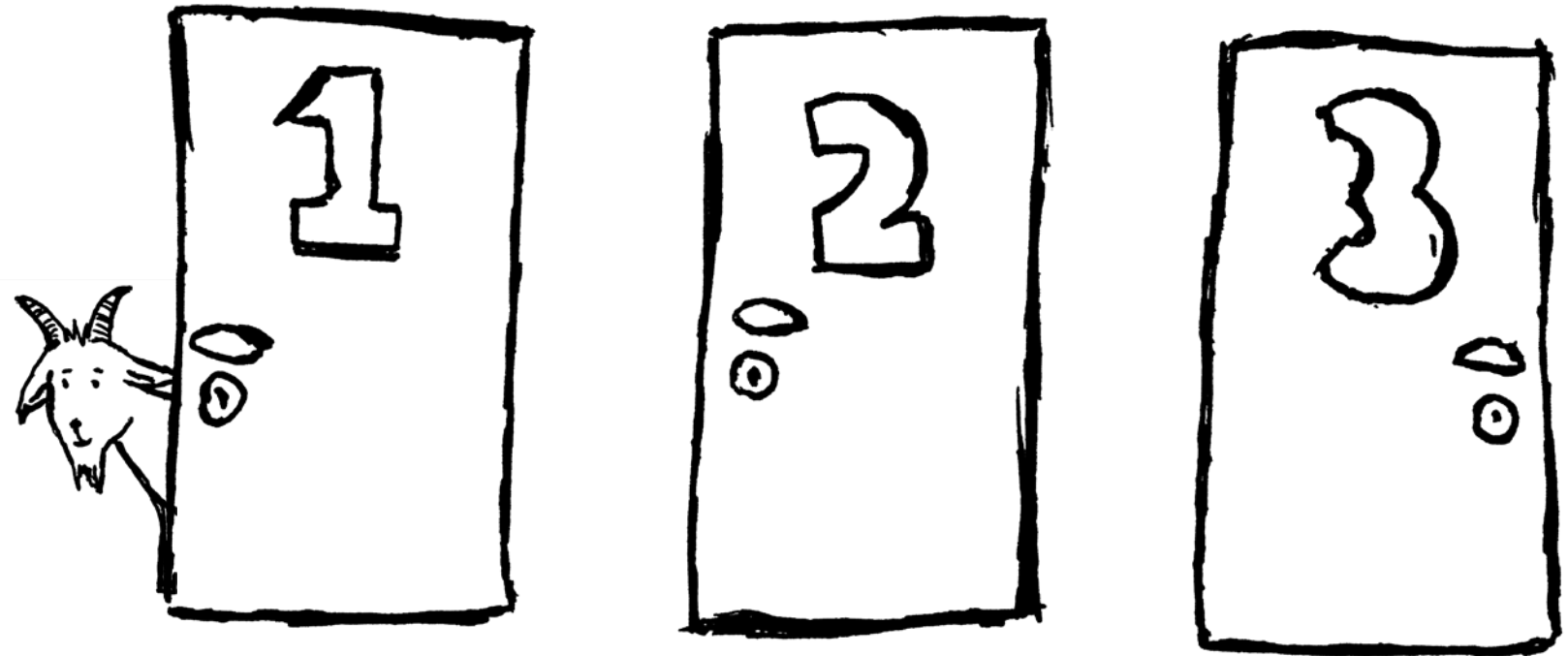


- We make a selection of a door, say door 2, without open it.
- The quizmaster eliminates one of the doors ( $\bar{\$}$ ), which we did not select, based on his knowledge on the goat situation, say door 1.
- We can now reselect between door 2 and 3.
- What are the probabilities of the money being behind the two doors? Should we switch door?



# Monty Hall Dilemma cont'd

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- What are the probabilities of the money being behind the two doors? Should we switch door?

# The Binomial Distribution

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- 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*

# Bernoulli Trial

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**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

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- 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.

# Ordered with Replacement

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- 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

# Ordered without Replacement

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- 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

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- 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:

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

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



# Unordered with Replacement

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- 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.

# Summary of Combinatorics

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

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

# Experiment: Birthday Example

- $k=35$  students
- $n=365$  (number of days in the year)
- What are the probability that at least two have birthday on the same day ( $E$ )?

*Complement rule* *All have different birthdays* *Ordered sampling without replacement (k unique birthdays in n days)*

$$\Pr(E) = 1 - \Pr(\bar{E}) = 1 - \frac{\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}}{n^k} = 1 - \frac{365!}{(365-35)! 365^{35}} > 80\%$$

*Ordered sampling with replacement (all possible combinations of k students birthdays in n days)*

- $k=50$  students:  $\Pr(E) > 97\%$
- $k=75$  students:  $\Pr(E) > 99,97\%$

# Words and Concepts to Know

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Prior

Binomial coefficient

Type I Error

Sampling

Specificity

Replacement

Unordered

Likelihood

Combinatorics

Sensitivity

Bernoulli Trial

Ordered

Posterior

Type II Error

Binomial distribution