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Introduction to Probability Theory

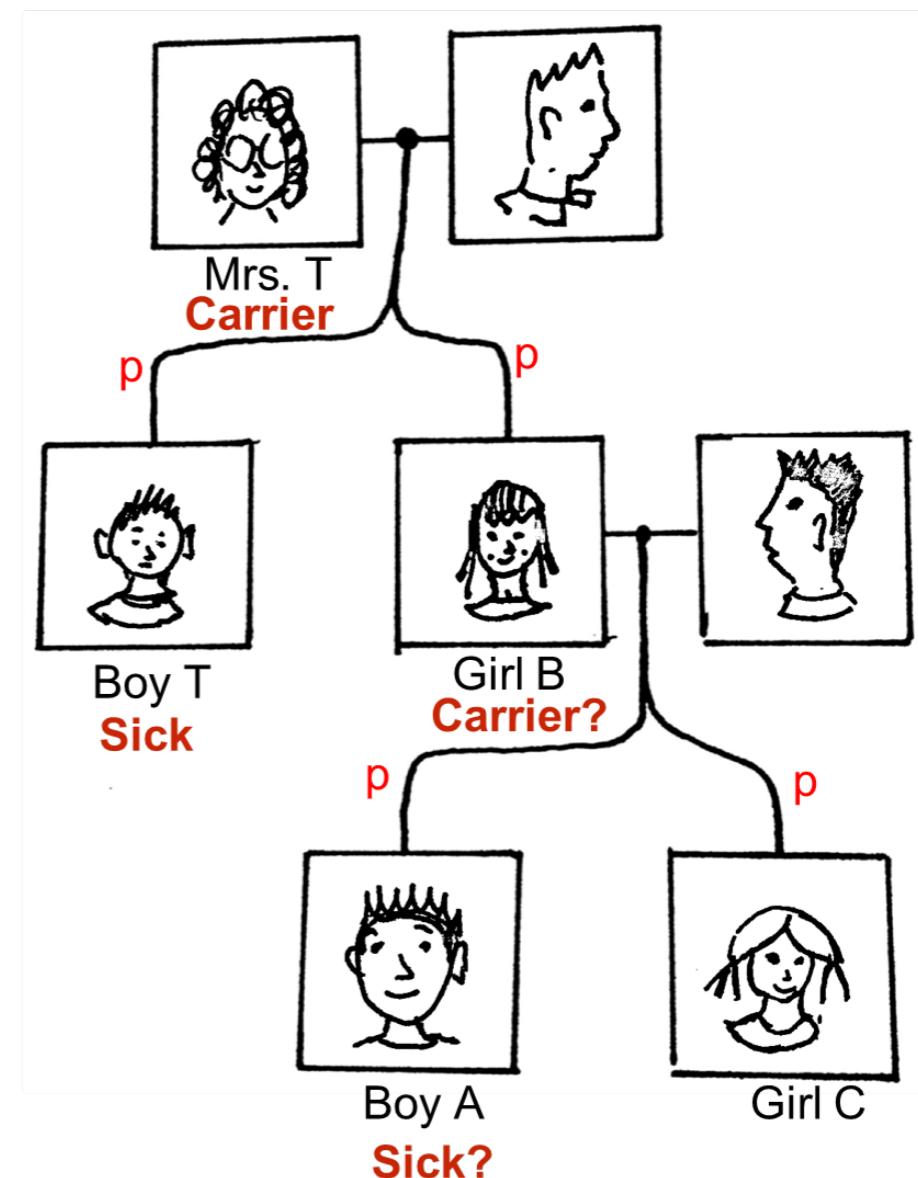
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Todays Content

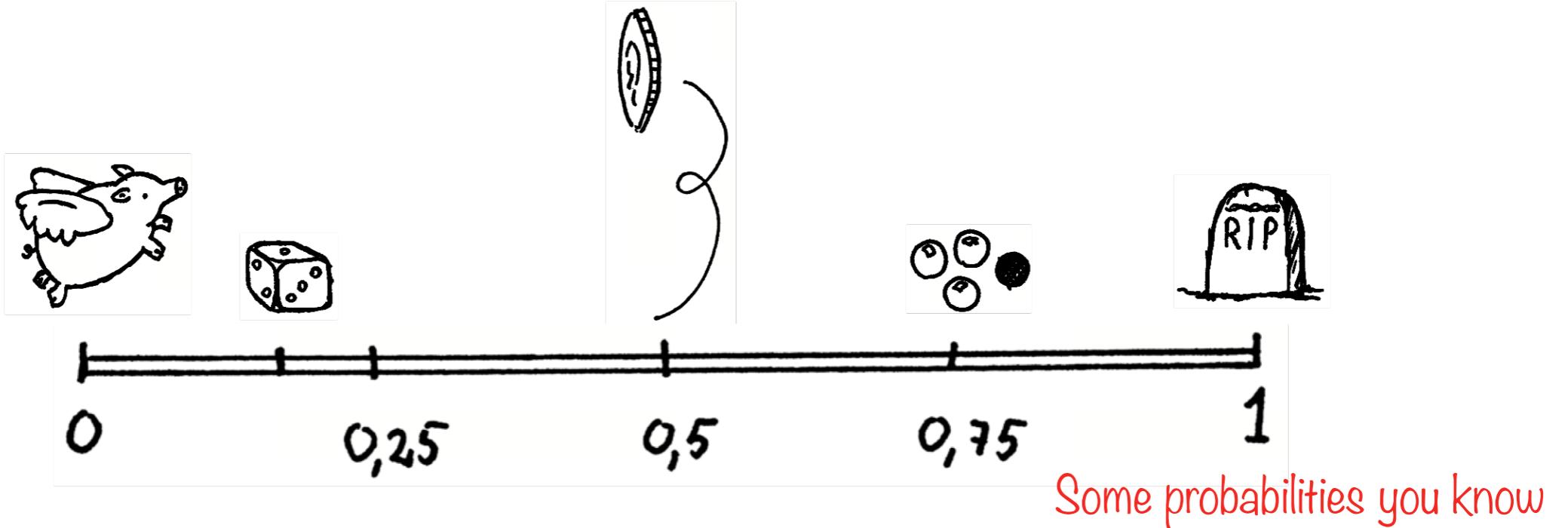
- Introduction to Probability Theory
- Definitions, concepts and notation
- Relative Frequency Approach
- Set theory
- Basic Axioms on probabilities

Example - X linked recessive disease

- Conditional probabilities
- Don't (only) rely on logic
- Systematic calculations



Probability Line



- All probabilities are numbers between 0 and 1.
- In percentage, between 0% to 100%.
- We begin with one sample point.

Words to Know

- Experiment/trial (*Forsøg/test*) Roll a dice
- Sample space (*Udfaldsrum*) $S=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
- Sample point (*Bestemt udfald*) $a=\{4\}$
- Event (*Hændelse*) $A=\{2,4,6\}$ (even number)
 - Elementary event Event that has one possible outcome
 - Joined event Event that has many possible outcomes
 - Simultaneous event Event with two or more sub trials

Relative Frequency Approach

- The number of times event A occurs: N_A
- The number of times that all events occur (sample space):
$$N = N_A + N_B + N_C + \dots$$
- Then we have the relative frequency:

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

All sample points should have the same a priori probability

- Where: $Pr(A) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} r(A)$

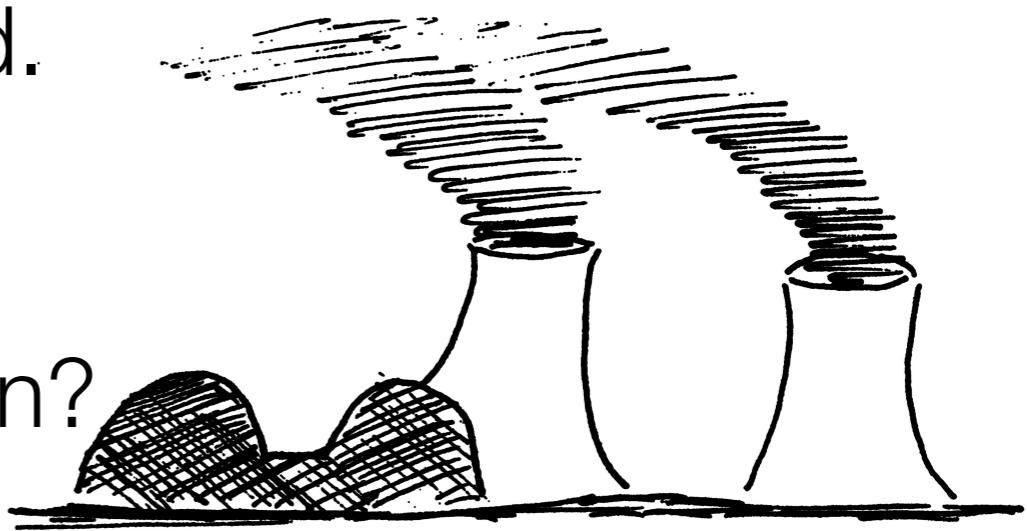
Risk of a Meltdown

- There are 437 reactors in the world.
- ~153M operating reactor hours.
- ~Four reactor meltdowns.
- What are the chance of a meltdown?

$$\frac{4}{153M} \text{ pr. reactor pr. hour}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{437} \frac{4}{153M} = \frac{1}{87600} \text{ pr. hour}$$

$$\frac{24*365}{87600} = \frac{1}{10} \text{ pr. year}$$



- Be carefull: Small samples, small probabilities, circumstances, etc.
→ Very uncertain: If number of reactors > 4370 → $\Pr(\text{Meltdown}) > 1$

Set Theory (Mængdelære)

A set:

- A collection of things.
- Elements of sets are not ordered.

$$E = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$$

Name of set Some more elements
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 Element

Example:

- The set of all persons in a drug trial group.
- The number of cars i DK.
- All numbers.
- All colours.

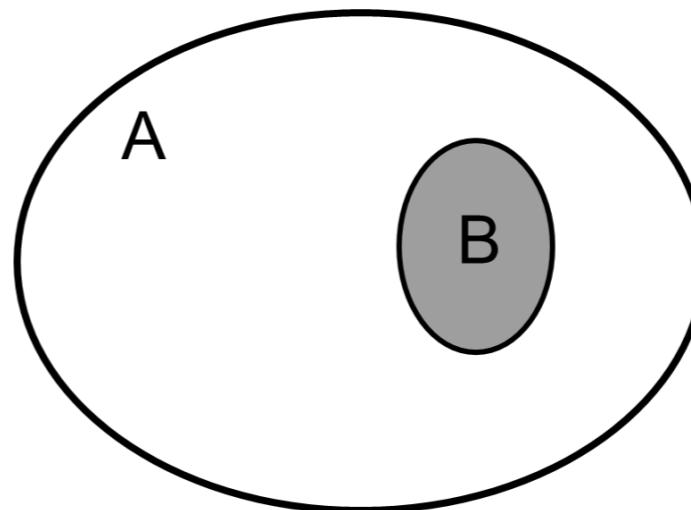
A Subset to a Set (*Delmængder*)

- A subset is any set, where all elements are included in the original set

Notation:

B is a subset to A:

$$B \subset A$$



Example:

For a set $A = \{blue, red, green\}$

we have a subset $B \subset A$ if B is in A ,

e.g. $\{blue, red\}, \{blue, red, green\}, \{green\}, \{\}$

The Sample Space (*Udfaldsrum*)

- The sample space contains all possible events.
- The probability that a sample is from the sample space is 1.

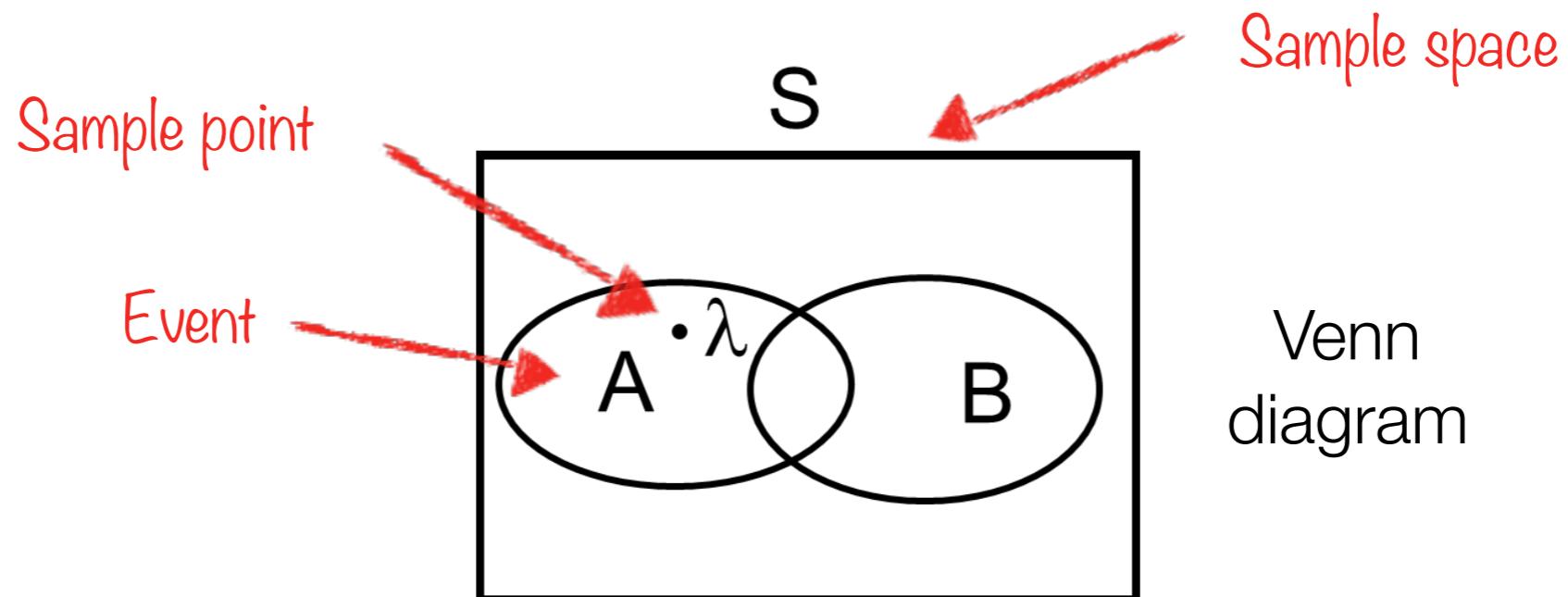


Example:

- A sample space contains 20 people
- 8 has a given disease, 12 is healthy
- Draw a random person.
- What is the chance that a person is a person?
- What is the chance that a person is sick?

A Sample Point (*Udfald*)

- An elementary event.
- Events are collections of sample points.
- Sample space is the collection of all possible sample points.
- Sample points are not ordered.



Example:

Throw of a dice:

Possible outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5,6 \rightarrow $S=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

Events: $A=\{1,2,3\}$ and $B=\{2,4,6\}$; $A \subset S$; $B \subset S$

Basic Axions of Probability

- The probability of a sample point (element of a sample space).
 - The probability of a event (E) (collection of sample points).
 - All sample points of a probability space (S) sums up to 1.
- Basic Axions of Probability:

Axion 1: $0 \leq Pr(E) \leq 1$

Axion 2: $Pr(S) = 1$

The Empty Set (*Den tomme mængde*)

- The empty set is always a subset of any set.
- This corresponds to the impossible event.

$$\emptyset = \{\} \quad \text{The null set}$$

- The probability of the impossible event is 0.

Example:

- The set of boys in an all girlschool.
- The chance of pigs growing wings and fly.
- To get an 8 when rolling a dice.

Summary

S is the certain set.



The certain event

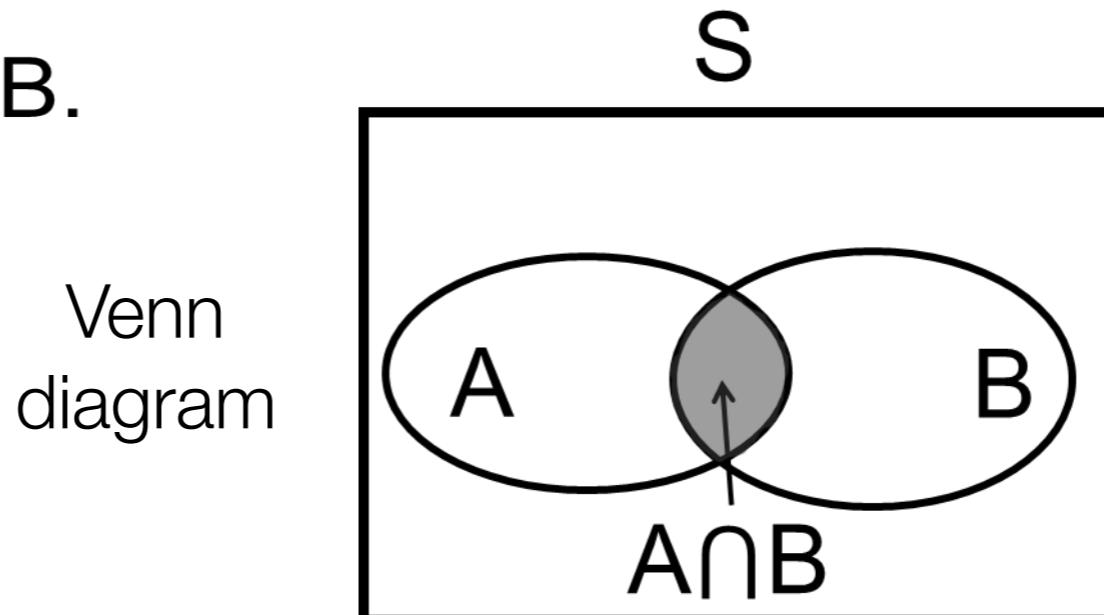
\emptyset is the empty set.



The impossible event

Joint Events (*Fællesmængde*)

- The intersection $A \cap B$ are the common elements of the events A and B
- $A \cap B$ means A and B.

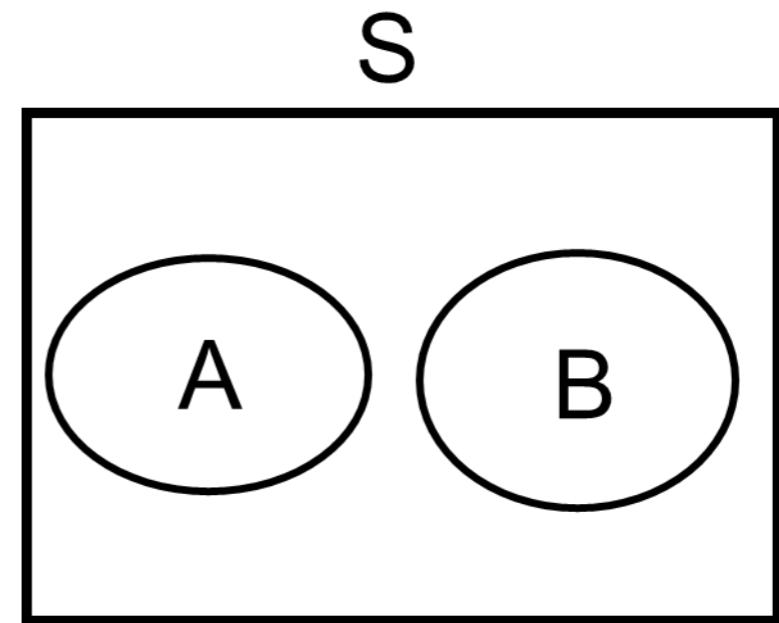


Example:

- A is the event of VW cars i DK
- B is the event of red cars in DK
- The intersection of the events is all red VW in DK.

Mutually Exclusive (Disjoint) Events (*Disjunkte*)

- The sets of A and B are disjoint
if: $A \cap B = \emptyset$



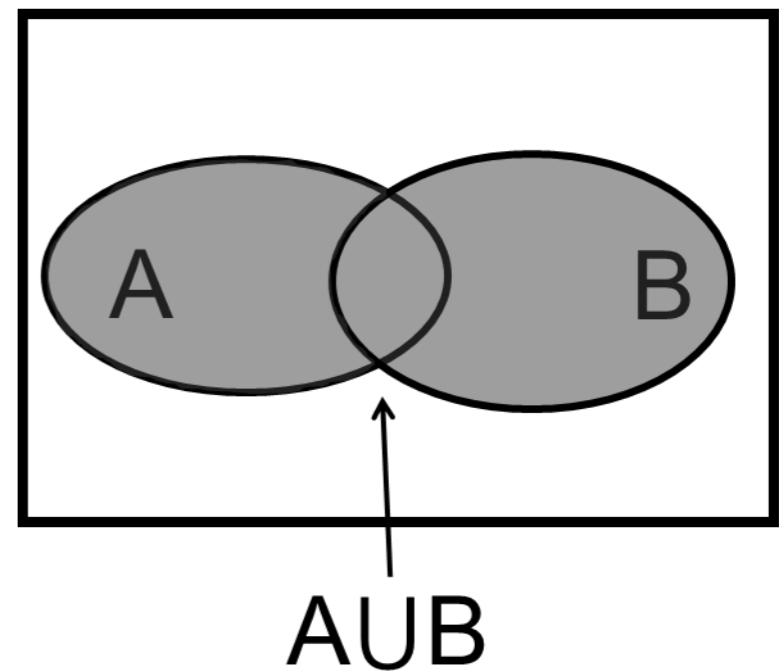
$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

Example:

- Event A: The child is a girl.
- Event B: The child is a boy.

Union of Events (*Foreningsmængde*)

- The union of events $A \cup B$ are all the events in one set ‘plus’ the events in the other set. S
- $A \cup B$ means A or B.
- $A \cup B = A + B - A \cap B$



Example:

- I can choose between oatmeal (A) and cornflakes (B) for breakfast.
- The union of the events is that I had breakfast.

The Complement Event (*Komplementær*)

Notation: $S \setminus E = \bar{E} = E^c$ "not- E "

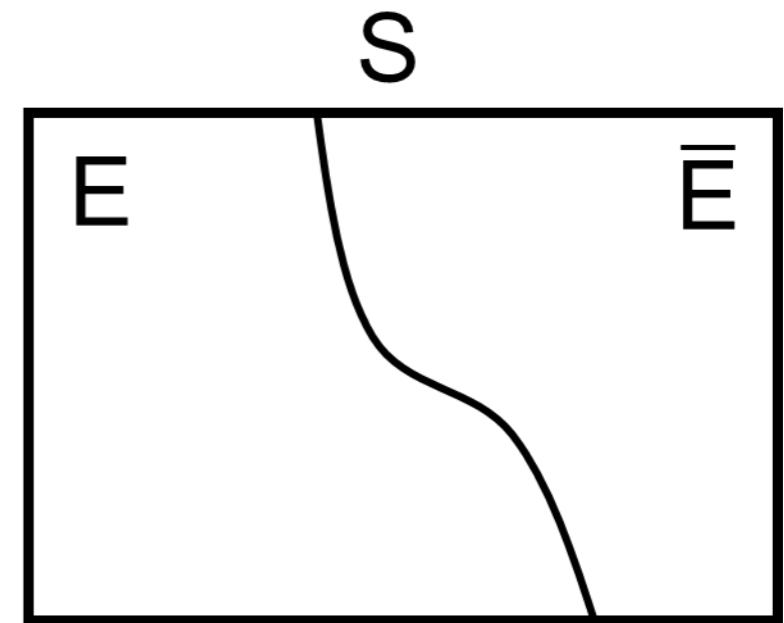
Notice:

$$E \cup \bar{E} = S$$

The certain event

$$E \cap \bar{E} = \emptyset$$

The impossible event

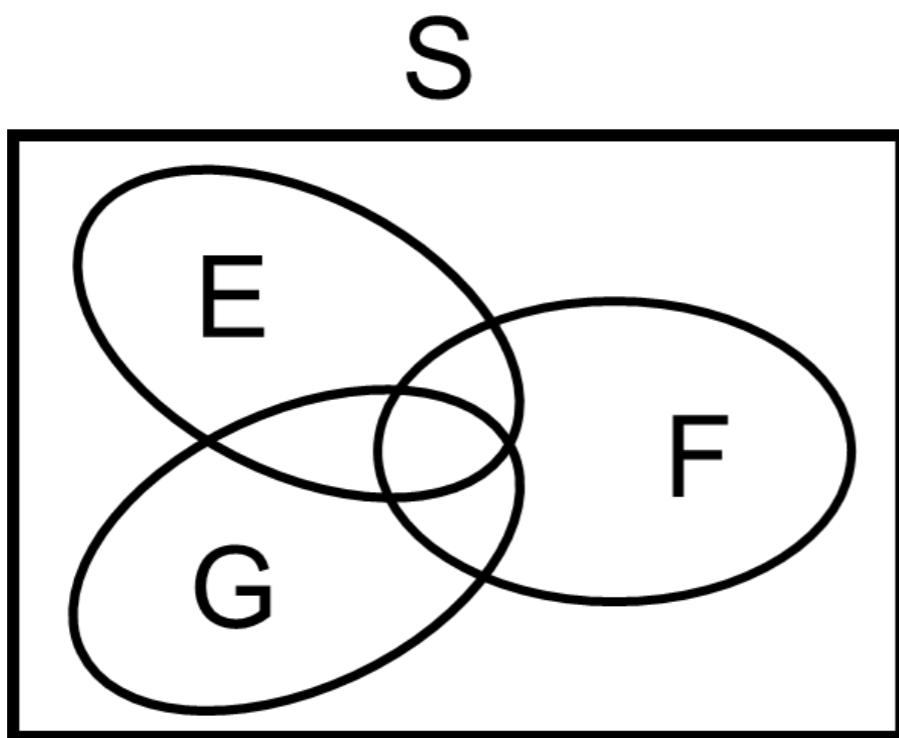


Example:

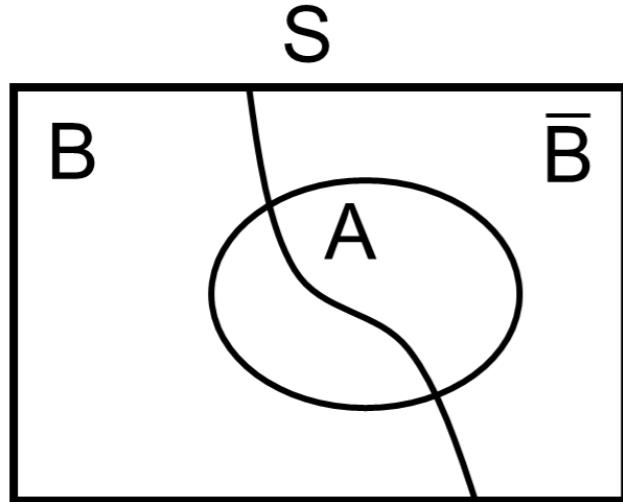
- The complement of having a disease is not having a disease

Calculation Rules for Set Theory

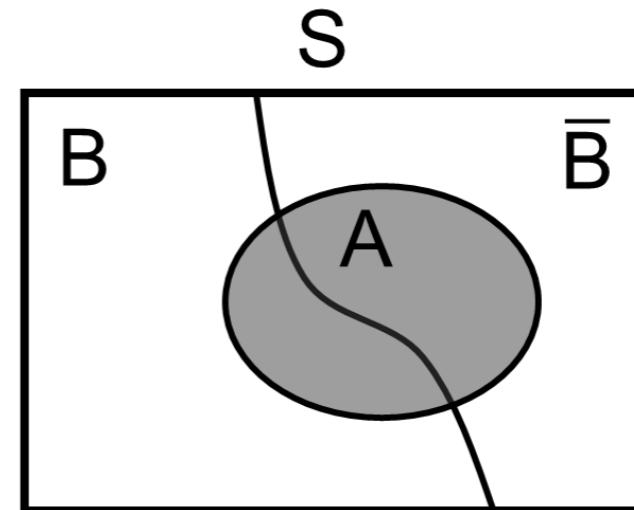
$$E \cup F = F \cup E \quad \text{Commutative law}$$
$$E \cup (F \cup G) = (E \cup F) \cup G \quad \text{Associative law}$$
$$(E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap G) \cup (F \cap G) \quad \text{Distributive law}$$



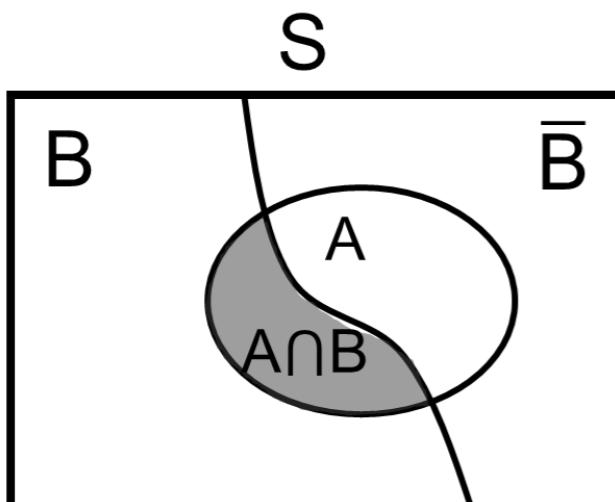
Probability of joint events



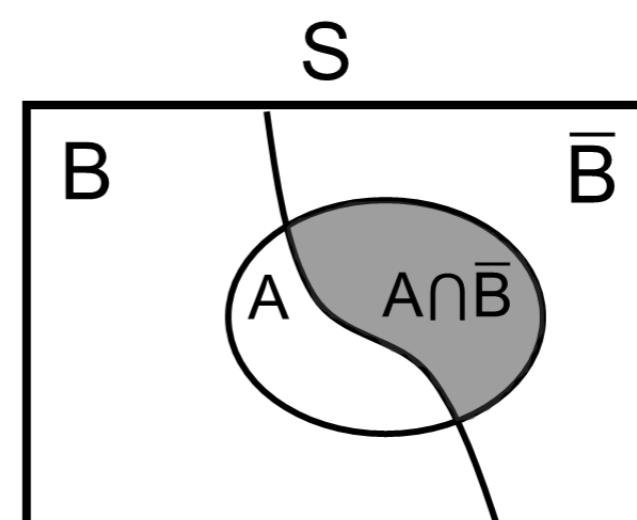
Venn diagram



$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S}$$



$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S}$$



$$\Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) = \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_S}$$

Independence (*Uafhængighed*)

- We define that two events are **independent** if and only if:

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

Notice:

- This does not apply if the events A and B are dependent.

Example:

- Two throws with a dice
- The gender of two siblings

Conditional Probability (*Betingede sandsynligheder*)

- We write a conditional probability as:

$$\boxed{Pr(A|B)}$$

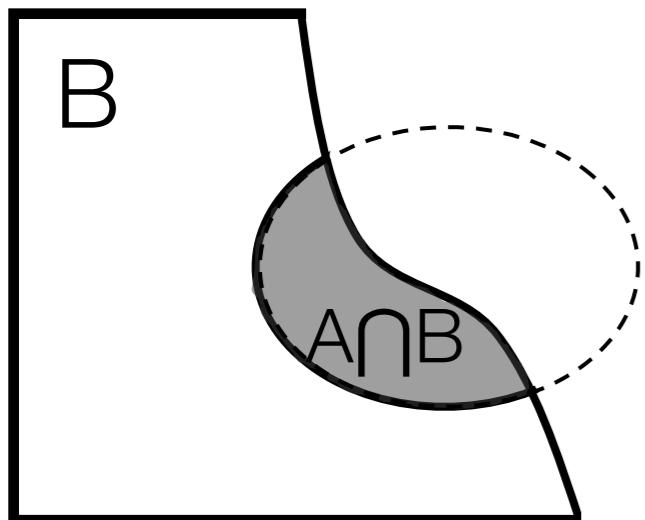
"A given B"

- This means that if the event B has already happened, what is the probability of the event A.
- Reduction of the sample space (possible events) from S to B

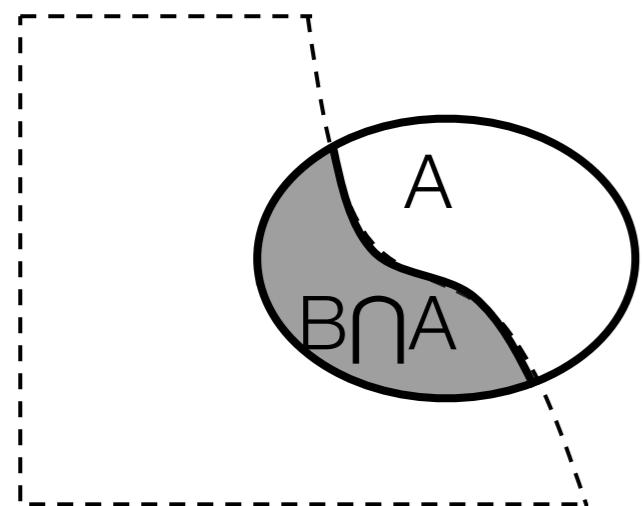
Example:

- From a population, I have selected a female.
- What is the chance that the selected person is below 1.6 m in height?

Conditional Probabilities – Bayes Rule



$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}/N_S}{N_B/N_S} = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$



$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{N_{B \cap A}}{N_A} = \frac{N_{B \cap A}/N_S}{N_A/N_S} = \frac{\Pr(B \cap A)}{\Pr(A)}$$

Probabilities of a Joint Event

- We can calculate the probability of a joint event

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

Notice:

- We can extend this rule to multiple events.
- Joint events are not the same as conditional events
- If A and B independent:

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

Very important!

Bayes Rule

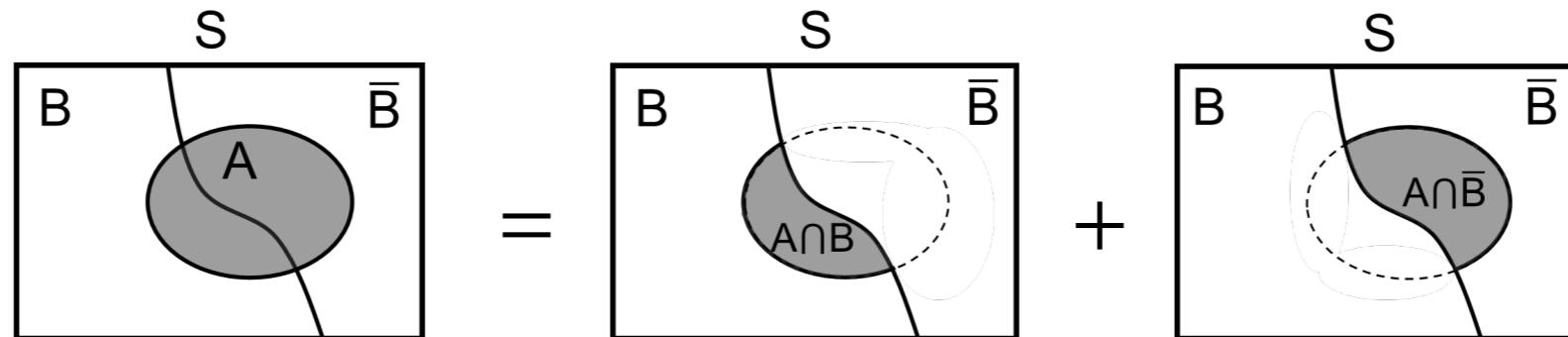
- We can write Bayes rule for two events as:

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

or

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

Conditional Probabilities – Total Probability



$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} \cdot \frac{N_B}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} \cdot \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S}$$

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

Conditional Probabilities - Example

Rolling a dice:



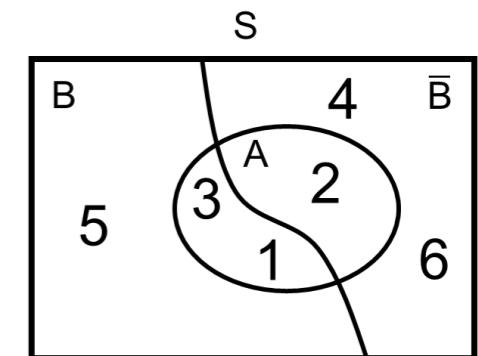
Sample space: $S=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

Events:

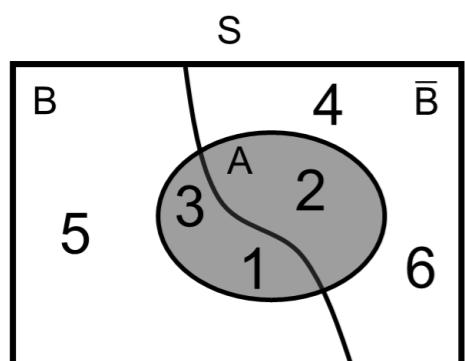
$$A=\{1,2,3\}$$

$$B=\{1,3,5\}$$

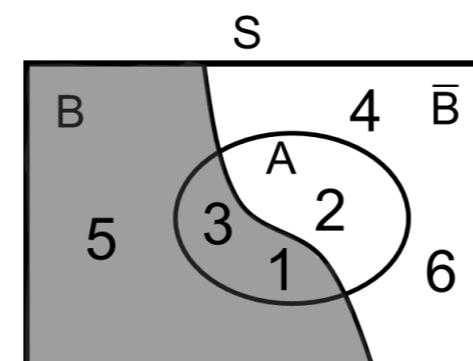
$$\bar{B}=\{2,4,6\}$$



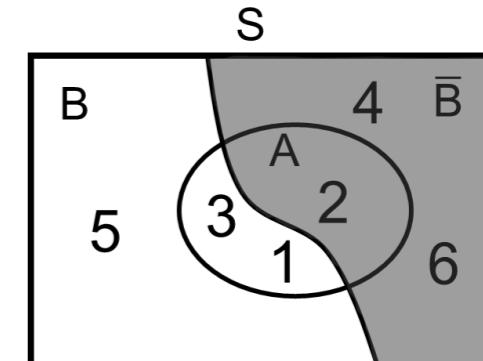
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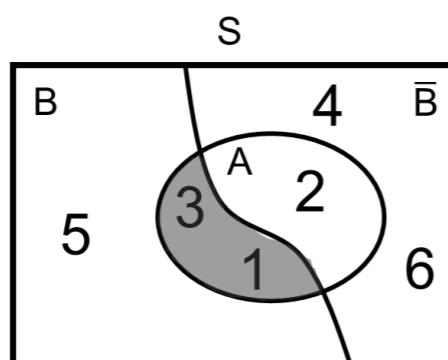
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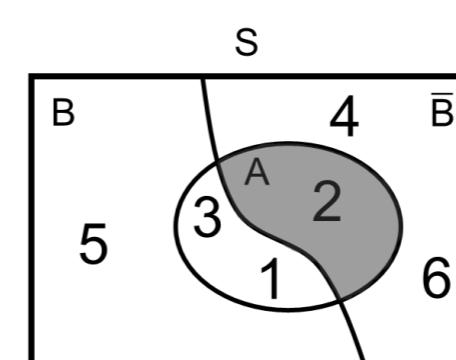
$$\Pr(B) = \frac{N_B}{N_S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\Pr(\bar{B}) = \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

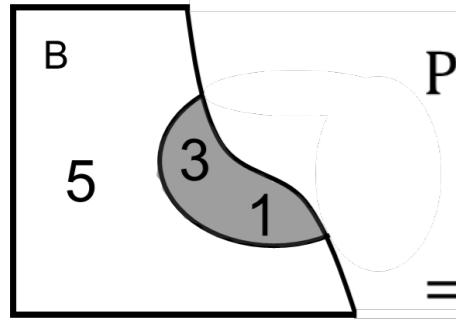


$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$



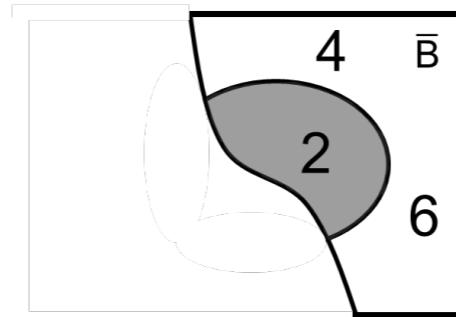
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Conditional Probabilities - Example



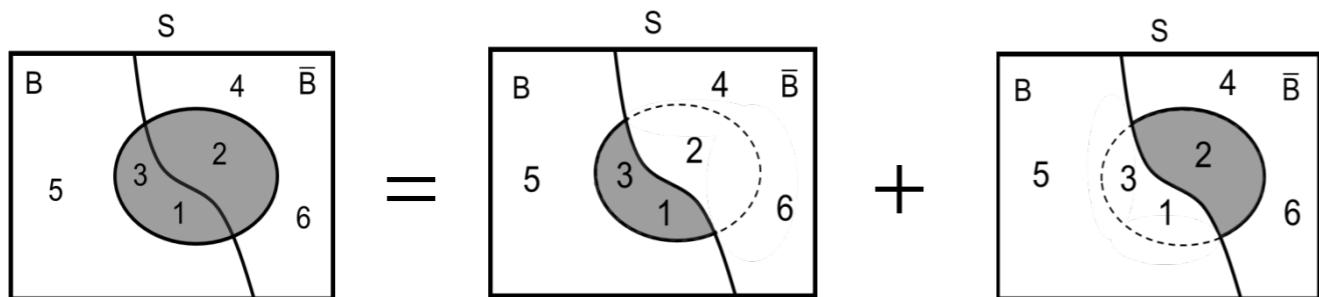
$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{1/3}{1/2} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$$\Pr(A|\bar{B}) = \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_S} = \frac{N_{A \cap B}}{N_B} \cdot \frac{N_B}{N_S} + \frac{N_{A \cap \bar{B}}}{N_{\bar{B}}} \cdot \frac{N_{\bar{B}}}{N_S}$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) = \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) + \Pr(A|\bar{B}) \cdot \Pr(\bar{B}) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Markov Properties

- Bayes rule for tree events:

$$Pr(A \cap B \cap C) = Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B|A) \cdot Pr(C|B, A)$$

- For a Markov chain, it holds that:

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

i.e.

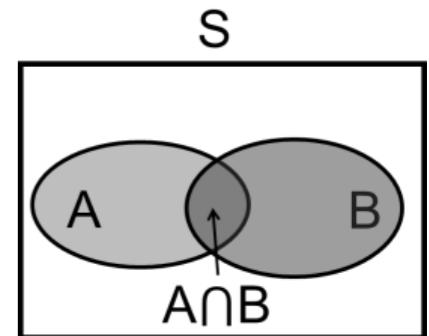
$$Pr(C|B, A) = Pr(C|A \cap B) = Pr(C|B)$$

(A don't give new information)

Probabilities of a Union of Event

- We can calculate the probability of a union of events:

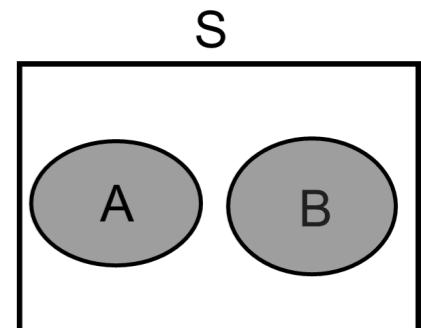
$$Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$$



Notice:

- If the events are mutually exclusive

$$Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B)$$



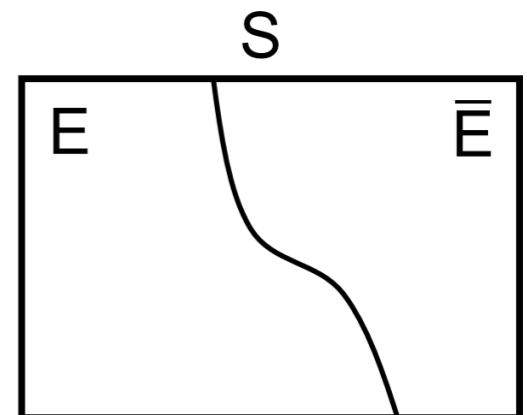
Probabilities of Complement Events

- We can write some rules for the probabilities of a complement event

$$Pr(E \cup \bar{E}) = Pr(S) = 1$$

$$Pr(E) + Pr(\bar{E}) = Pr(S) = 1$$

$$Pr(E) = 1 - Pr(\bar{E})$$



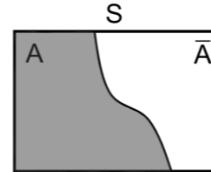
Example:

- The probability of not hitting 2 eyes on dice.

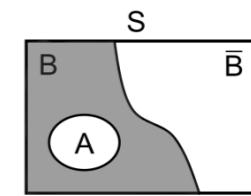
$$Pr(\{1, 3, 4, 5, 6\}) = 1 - Pr(\{2\}) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Summary of Probability

Relative frequency: $Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N_S}$

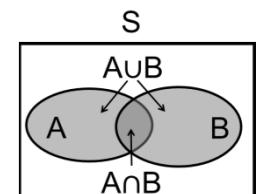


Complement: $Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - Pr(A)$



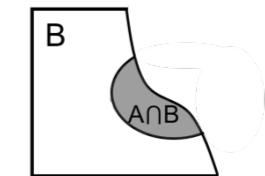
Exclusive: $Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) = Pr(B) - Pr(A)$ if $A \subset B$

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

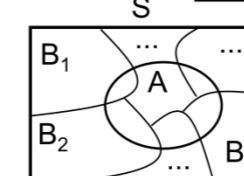


Joint: $Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A|B) \cdot Pr(B) = Pr(B|A) \cdot Pr(A)$

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

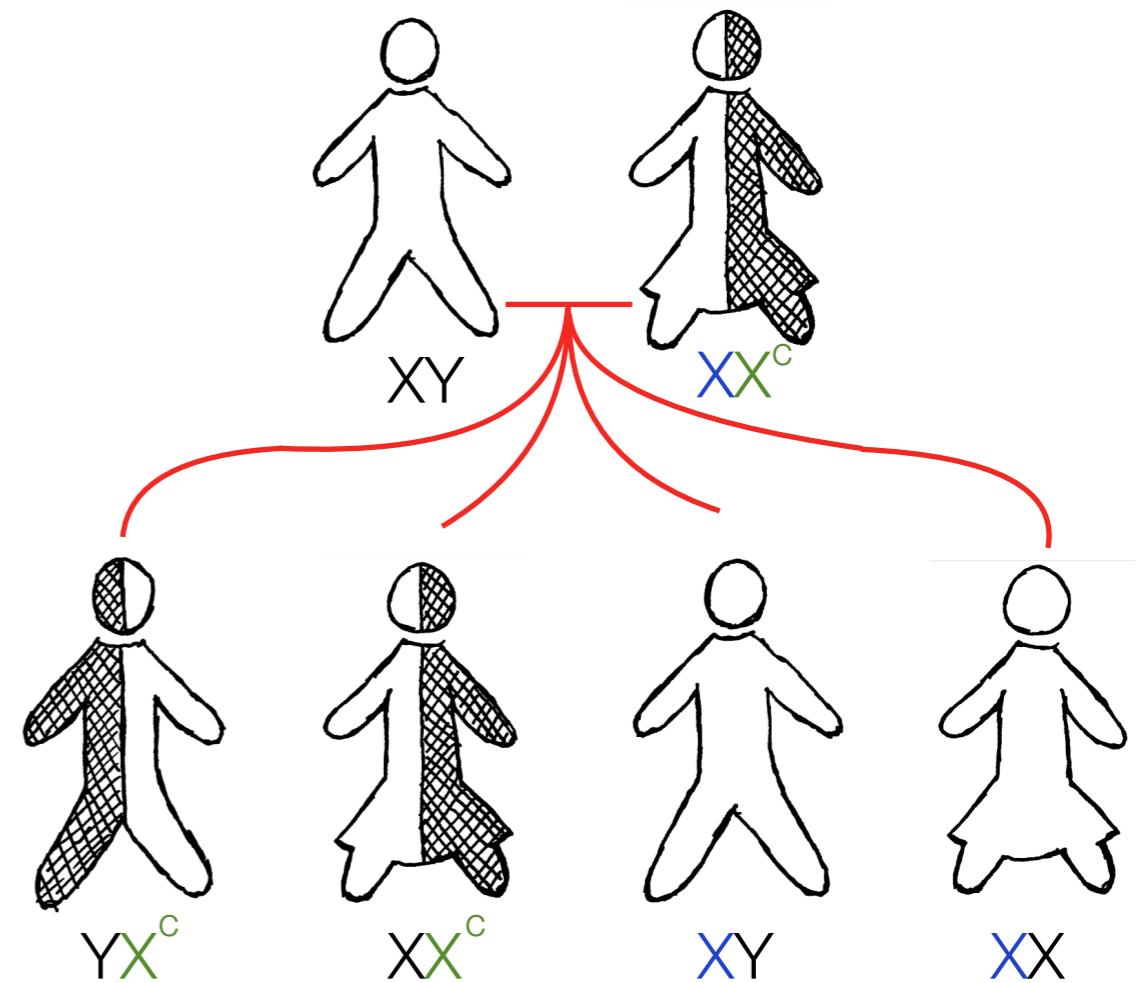
Bayes formula: $Pr(B_i|A) = \frac{Pr(A|B_i) \cdot Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A|B_i) \cdot Pr(B_i)}$

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

Example - X linked recessive

Neutralized by a healthy X-gene

- A mother has a **sick X** gene.
- The chance of giving the sick X gene to a child is 50%.
- A boy with the sick X gene **has** the disease.
- A girl with the sick X gene is a carrier of the disease.
- Of course the chance of not giving the sick X gene to a child is also 50%.



Hunter Syndrome (MPS II)

- X linked recessive
- 1:130.000 male births
- What are the probability that a boy have Hunter?
- **Event A:** The boy has Hunter.

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{1}{130.000} = 7,69 \cdot 10^{-6}$$



Genetic Risk Assessment Hunters Syndrome (MPS II)

Information:

- X linked recessive.
- Boy T has Hunter.

Events:

- Event B: Mrs. B is a carrier.
- Event A: Boy A has Hunter.

Find:

- What is $\Pr(A)$?

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2};$$

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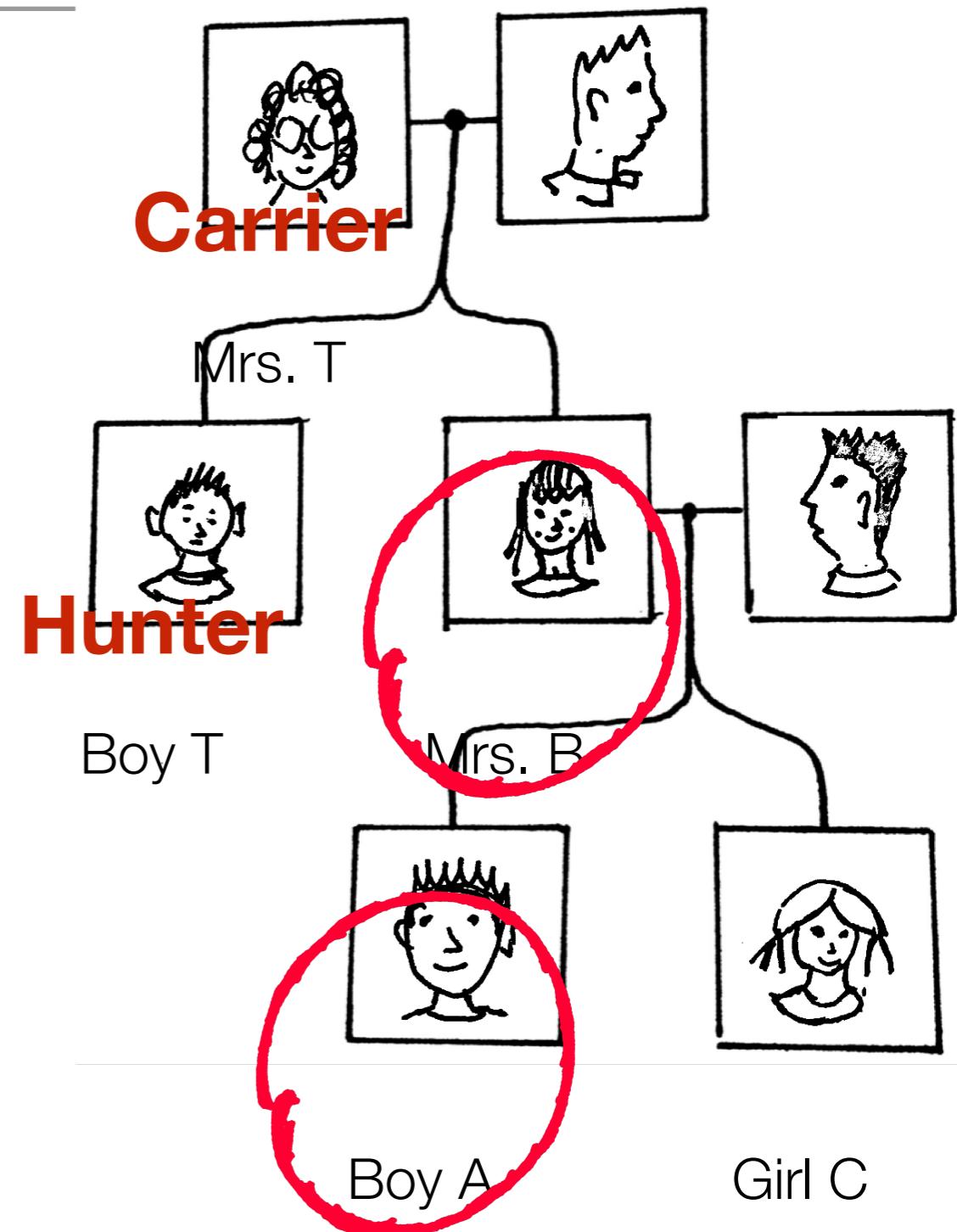
$$\text{Bayes: } \Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Pr(\bar{B}) = 1 - \Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad \Pr(A|\bar{B}) = 0$$

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$$\text{Bayes: } \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) = \Pr(A|\bar{B}) \cdot \Pr(\bar{B}) = 0$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4} + 0 = \frac{1}{4}$$



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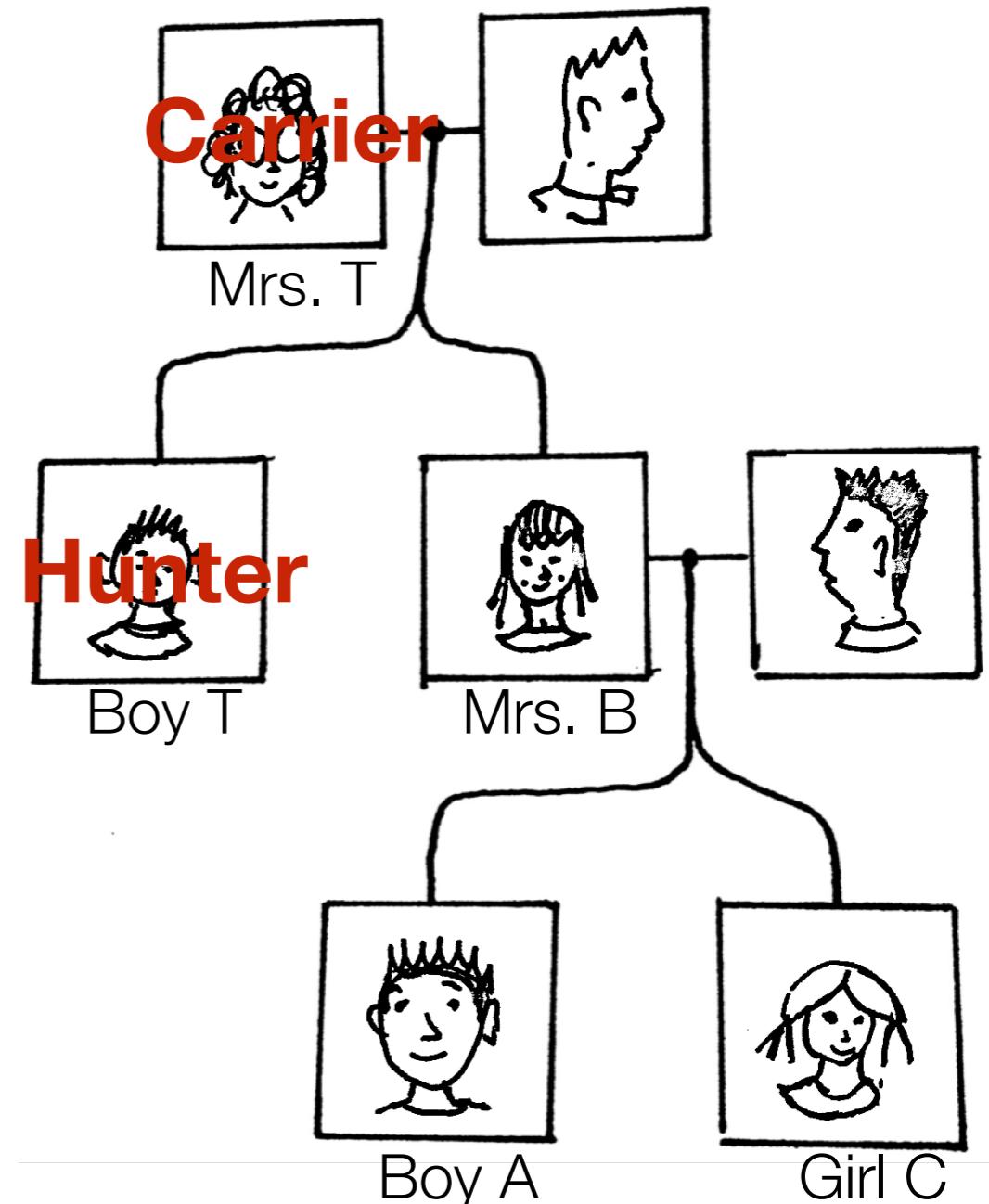
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- Event C: Girl C is a carrier.

Find:

- What is $\text{Pr}(C|\bar{A})$?



Genetic Risk Assessment Hunters Syndrome (MPS II)

Events:

- Event A: Boy A has Hunter.
- Event B: Mrs. B is a carrier.
- Event C: Girl C is a carrier.

$$Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad Pr(A) = \frac{1}{4}; \quad Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - Pr(A) = \frac{3}{4};$$

$$Pr(A|B) = Pr(\bar{A}|B) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad Pr(A|\bar{B}) = 0; \quad Pr(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) = 1;$$

$$Pr(C|B) = Pr(\bar{C}|B) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad Pr(C|\bar{B}) = 0; \quad Pr(\bar{C}|\bar{B}) = 1;$$

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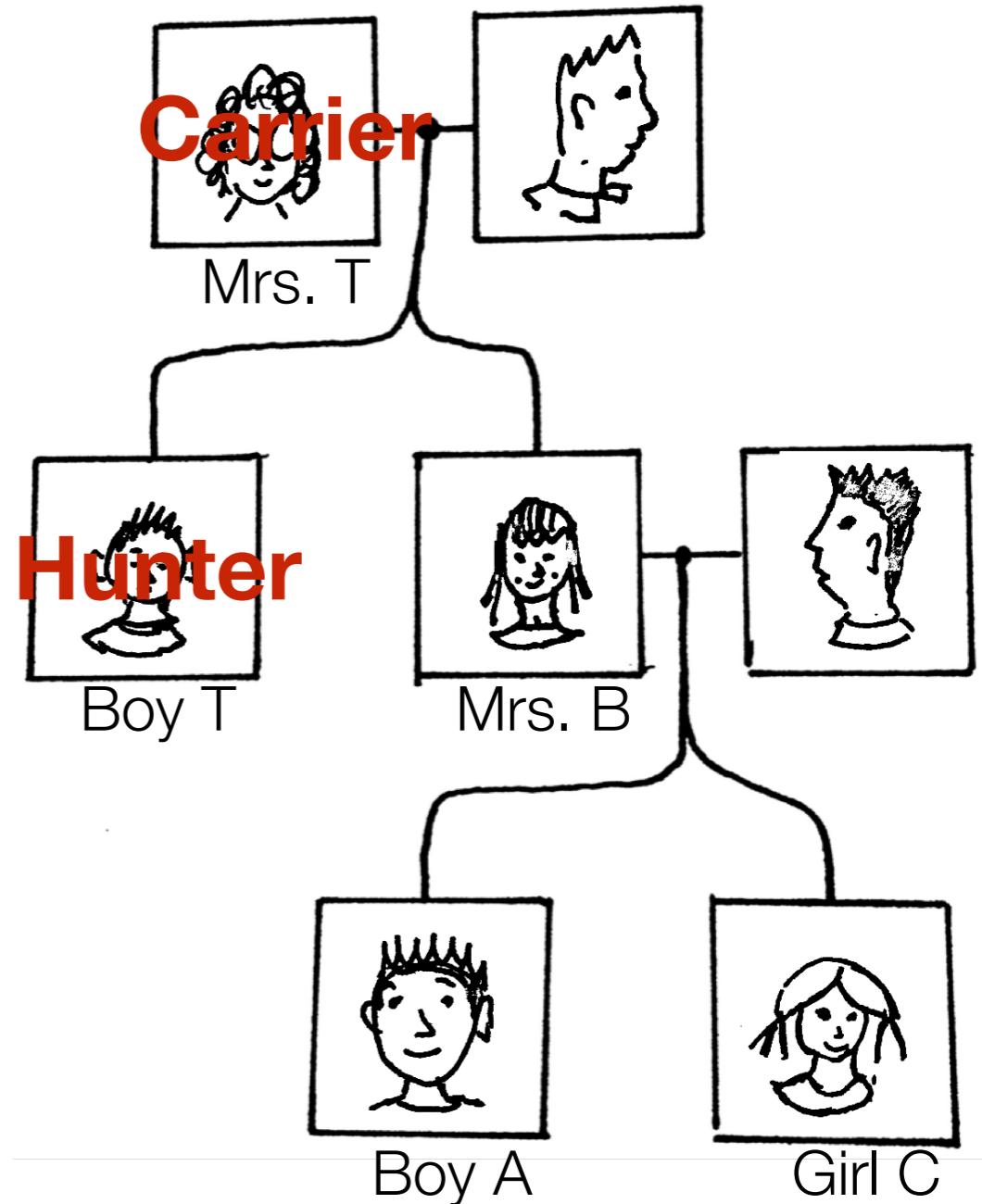
$$\text{Bayes: } Pr(B|\bar{A}) = \frac{Pr(\bar{A}|B) \cdot Pr(B)}{Pr(\bar{A})} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Markov: } Pr(C \cap B|\bar{A}) = Pr(C|B) \cdot Pr(B|\bar{A}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$Pr(C \cap \bar{B}|\bar{A}) = Pr(C|\bar{B}) \cdot Pr(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0$$

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$$Pr(C|\bar{A}) = Pr(C \cap B|\bar{A}) + Pr(C \cap \bar{B}|\bar{A}) = \frac{1}{6} + 0 = \frac{1}{6}$$



Words and Concepts to Know

Experiment/Trial

Intersection

Markov chain

Sample space

Mutually Exclusive/Disjoint

Sample point

Union

Complement/not

Event

Relative frequency

Independence

Set

Subset

Bayes Rule

Empty set/Null set

Conditional probability

Total probability

Joint events