

STAT 111

Recitation 1

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Logistics

- ▶ Section 207: 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm
- ▶ Section 208: 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

- ▶ Every Friday, I will:
 1. Collect the homework for that week;
 2. Give you your graded homework; and
 3. Give you the homework for the week after (also posted on Canvas).

- ▶ If you do not collect your homework, it will be available in the STAT 111 box in the Statistics Department (4th Floor, JMHH).

- ▶ If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend a recitation, give your homework to Professor Ewens on Thursdays or put it in my mailbox (at entrance to the Statistics Department)

- ▶ Questions about course materials should be asked during office hours or in an email to Professor Ewens.

Statistics and Probability

- ▶ **Probability theory** is *deductive* (or “top-down logic”). We start with a theory and then consider the implications resulting from that theory.
- ▶ **Statistics** is *inductive* (or “bottom-up logic”). We start with finite observations and then attempt to make objective statements about the world from a sample.
- ▶ Statistical methods use probability theory to draw conclusions from observed data.

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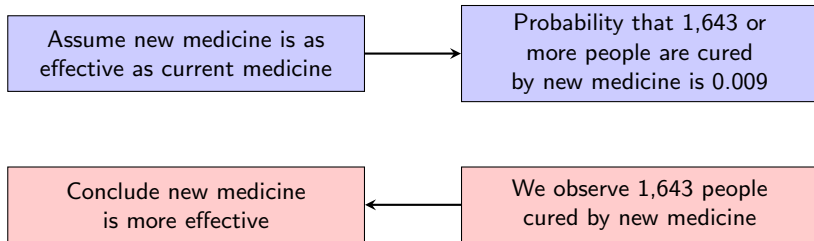
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$$\begin{aligned}P([A \cup B]^C) &= 1 - P(A \cup B) \\&= 0.01\end{aligned}$$

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