- 1. An **experiment** is any process or action whose outcome is not known (is *random*).
- 2. A **sample space**, denoted by S, is the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment; composed of elementary events (denoted by $\mathbf{e_i}$)
- 3. An **event** is a collection of elementary events (also a subset of S); denoted by capital letters
 - a. Impossible event, sure event
- 4. **Symmetric difference** of 2 events: $A \triangle B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$
 - a. Only one of A or B can occur
- 5. Three or more events are mutually exclusive if any two of them are
- 6. A collection of events from S is said to be a **partition** of S if the events are **collectively exhaustive** (their union is S) and **mutually exclusive**
- 7. A, B ind events => A, !B and !A, B and !A, !B are all ind (I2, p5)
- 8. **Bernoulli trials** independent; outcomes = success or failure; probability of success is the same for each trial
- 9. In the **Pascal model** there are, theoretically, an infinite number of trials
- A Poisson random variable (Poisson distribution) does **not** come from the Poisson model
- 11. The parameter λ of a Poisson distribution represents the average number of occurrences of the event in that interval of time
- 12. The discrete events that are counted in a Poisson process are also called "rare events"
- 13. The sum of n independent **Bern**(p) (Bernoulli) random variables is a **B**(n; p) (binomial) variable
- 14. The sum of n independent **Geo**(p) (geometric) random variables is a **NB**(n; p) (Pascal) variable
- 15. PDF = .. *distribution* .. in the discrete case; .. *density* .. in the continuous case
- 16. To obtain the joint PDF from the joint CDF (continuous case), partially differentiate twice, once wrt x, then y
- 17. If X < Y ⇔ every value from X is smaller than its correspondent in Y => E(X) < E(Y)
- 18. $X \sim Bino(n, p) => E(X) = np; V(X) = np(1 p)$
- 19. $X \sim Norm(\mu, \sigma) => E(X) = \mu; V(X) = \sigma^2$
- 20. a <u>quantile</u> is a number with the property that it exceeds at most $100^*\alpha\%$ of the data, and is exceeded by at most $100^*(1 \alpha)\%$ of the data
- 21. **Median** = quantile with $\alpha = 0.5$
- 22. iid = independent and identically distributed

- 23. There's more than 1 central limit theorem (CLT), we are working with one version of it
- 24. If n is large enough (usually n > 30) => we can apply the CLT (see I7, p11)
- 25. A numerical characteristic is called a **parameter**, if it refers to an entire population and a **statistic**, if it refers just to a sample
- 26. A B (set difference) = $A \cap !B$
- 27. P(!A | B) = 1 P(A | B)
- 28. The efficiency of an estimator can only be computed if the estimator is absolutely correct
- 29. If an estimator is efficient => it's a MVUE