

## EE901 PROBABILITY AND RANDOM PROCESSES

MODULE -1  
INTRODUCTION TO  
PROBABILITY THEORY

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### Probability Measure

- Probability measure is a function from  $\mathcal{F}$  (set of events) to  $[0,1]$  that satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(E) \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) + \dots = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots)$$

for disjoint events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$

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### Properties of a Probability Measure

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- Consider the following sequence of sets

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= E \\ A_2 &= \phi \\ A_3 &= \phi \\ &\dots \\ A_i &= \phi \\ &\dots \\ &= E \cup \phi \\ &= E \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \\ &= A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_i \cup \dots \\ &= E \cup \phi \cup \phi \cup \dots \cup \phi \cup \dots \\ &= E \cup \phi \\ &= E \end{aligned}$$

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$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = E$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= E \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(E) \\ A_2 &= \phi \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\phi) = a \\ A_3 &= \phi \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\phi) = a \\ &\dots \\ A_i &= \phi \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\phi) = a \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(E) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(E) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} a \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(E) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} a = \mathbb{P}(E) \quad \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} a = 0 \quad a = 0 \quad \mathbb{P}(\phi) = 0$$

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## Property 2: Finite Additivity

- Finite additivity

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) + \dots + \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$$

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- The third probability axiom

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$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A_1)$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A_2)$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A_3)$$

...

$$A_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A_n)$$

$$A_{n+1} = \phi \rightarrow 0$$

$$A_{n+2} = \phi \rightarrow 0$$

...

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i)$$

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## Property 2: Finite Additivity

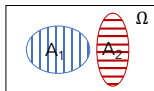
## • Finite additivity

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for disjoint events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$

For  $n=2$ 

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2)$$



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## Property 2

- For any event A

$$\mathbb{P}(A^c) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A)$$

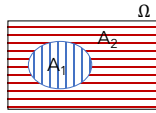
Proof:

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$A_1 = A, \quad A_2 = A^c$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(A^c) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup A^c) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A^c) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A)$$



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## Property 3: Monotonicity

- For events A and B

$$\text{If } A \subset B, \text{ then } \mathbb{P}(A) \leq \mathbb{P}(B)$$

Proof:

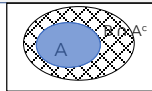
$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$A_1 = A, \quad A_2 = B \cap A^c$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B \cap A^c) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup (B \cap A^c)) = \mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(B \cap A^c) \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) \leq \mathbb{P}(B)$$



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## Property 4

- For events A and B

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$$

Proof:

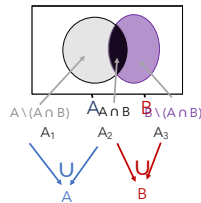
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$$= \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A)$$

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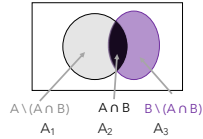
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## Property 4

- For events A and B

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$$

Proof:



$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) = \mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(A_2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_3) = \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A_2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) + \mathbb{P}(A_2)$$

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## Property 5: Union Bound

- For events A and B

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) \geq \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

Proof:

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \geq 0$$

$$\geq \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

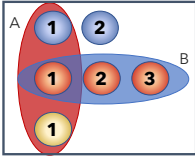
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## Conditional Probability

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### Example: Pick a Ball

- A bag full of balls
- Each ball has a color and number
- Pick one



- Each ball is equally likely to be picked
  - $1/6$  probability of selecting each ball.

- Event A = A ball with number 1 is chosen

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

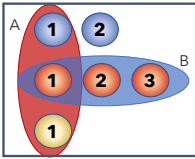
- Event B = A red ball is chosen

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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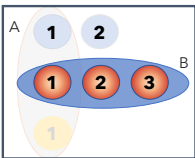
Event B = choosing a red ball  $\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

- Suppose we saw the color of ball and it is red.
- In other words, B has occurred.
- What is the probability of A?

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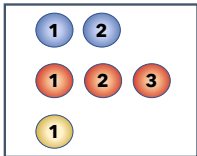
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Event B = choosing a red ball     $\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

- Given B has occurred, what is the probability of A?
  - Given B, event A is equivalent to  $A \cap B$
- $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{6}$

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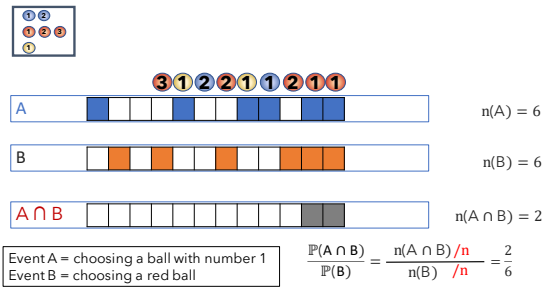
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$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Event A = choosing a ball with number 1  
Event B = choosing a red ball

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{6}$$

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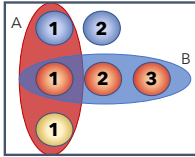
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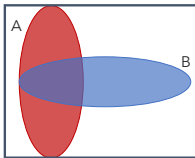
- Occurrence of B has changed the chances of A

$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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### Conditional Probability

- Given an event B, the conditional probability of event A is



$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$

where  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) \mathbb{P}(A | B)$$

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### Example: Pick a Number

- Pick a number in  $(0,1)$
- Probability measure for an interval  $(a,b)$  is

$$\mathbb{P}((a,b)) = F(b) - F(a)$$



Event A = selected number is bigger than 0.5  
 $= (0.5, 1)$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = F(1) - F(0.5)$$

Event B = selected number is less than 0.7  
 $= (0, 0.7)$

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = F(0.7) - F(0)$$

What is probability of A given B?  
 Given the selected number is less than 0.7, what is the probability it is bigger than 0.5?

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### Example: Pick a Number

- Pick a number in  $(0,1)$
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- Event  $A = (0.5,1)$        $\mathbb{P}(A) = F(1) - F(0.5)$
- Event  $B = (0,0.7)$        $\mathbb{P}(B) = F(0.7) - F(0)$
- $A \cap B = (0.5,0.7)$        $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = F(0.7) - F(0.5)$
- $$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} = \frac{F(0.7) - F(0.5)}{F(0.7) - F(0)}$$

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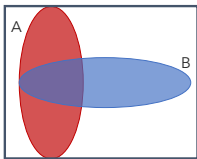
### Example: Pick a Number

- Pick a number in  $(0,1)$
  - Probability measure for an interval  $(a,b)$  is  $\mathbb{P}((a,b)) = |b-a|$
- Event  $A = (0.5,1)$        $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$
- Event  $B = (0,0.7)$        $\mathbb{P}(B) = 0.7$
- $A \cap B = (0.5,0.7)$        $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0.2$
- $$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} = \frac{0.2}{0.7} = \frac{2}{7}$$

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### Conditional Probability

- Given an event  $B$ , the conditional probability of event  $A$  is



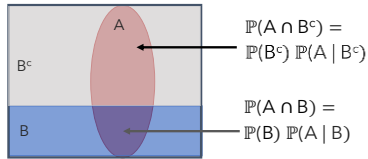
$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} \quad \text{where } \mathbb{P}(B) > 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) \mathbb{P}(A | B)$$

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## Total Probability Law

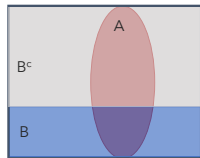
$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B^c) = \mathbb{P}((A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c)) = \mathbb{P}(A)$$



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## Total Probability Law

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(B) \mathbb{P}(A | B) + \mathbb{P}(B^c) \mathbb{P}(A | B^c)$$



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## Example: Pick a Bag, then a Ball

- Two bags full of balls
- Each ball has a color and number
- Pick one bag and then pick a ball
- Red bag has  $\frac{3}{4}$  chance to be picked. Given the selected bag, balls are equally likely to be picked.
- Event A = a yellow ball is picked. What is its probability?



- Let B denote the event red bag is picked.
- $B^c$  denotes the event blue bag is picked.

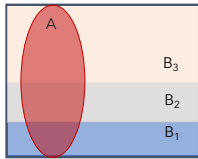
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(B) &= \frac{3}{4} & \mathbb{P}(B^c) &= \frac{1}{4} \\ \mathbb{P}(A|B) &= \frac{1}{6} & \mathbb{P}(A|B^c) &= \frac{2}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(A) &= \mathbb{P}(B) \mathbb{P}(A | B) + \mathbb{P}(B^c) \mathbb{P}(A | B^c) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{7} \end{aligned}$$

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## Total Probability Law

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(B_1) \mathbb{P}(A | B_1) + \mathbb{P}(B_2) \mathbb{P}(A | B_2) + \mathbb{P}(B_3) \mathbb{P}(A | B_3)$$



$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_i \mathbb{P}(B_i) \mathbb{P}(A | B_i)$$

$B_i$ 's are mutually exclusive sets,  
Form a partition of  $\Omega$

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## Conditional Probability as Probability Measure

- Define for every event A

$$\mathbb{P}'(A) = \mathbb{P}(A | B)$$

- This is also a valid probability measure for the same sample space and sigma algebra.
- It can be proved by showing that it also satisfies all probability axioms.

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## Independent Events

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## Independent Events

- In an example, we saw that occurrence of an event can affect the probability of other events. So in general, for two events A and B

$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) \neq \mathbb{P}(A)$$

- Events A and B are said to be independent if

$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$$

- The condition is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B)$$

otherwise the events are said to be dependent.

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## Example: Two Tosses of a Coin

- A fair coin is tossed twice.
- Sample space is

$$\Omega = \{HH, TH, HT, TT\}$$

- Suppose, each of the 4 outcomes are equally likely.

$$\mathbb{P}(\{HH\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{TH\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{HT\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{TT\}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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## Example: Two Tosses of a Coin

$$\mathbb{P}(\{HH\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{TH\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{HT\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{TT\}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

- Let A = event that first toss results in Head

$$A = \{HH, HT\} \quad \mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Let B = event that second toss results in Head

$$B = \{TH, HH\} \quad \mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

- A  $\cap$  B = event that both tosses result in Head

$$A \cap B = \{HH\} \quad \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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### Example: Two Tosses of a Coin

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}$$

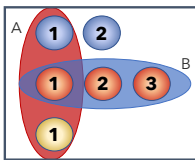
$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B)$$

- A and B are independent events.

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### Example: Pick a Ball

- A bag full of balls
- Each ball has a color and number
- Pick one



Event A = choosing a ball with number 1

Event B = choosing a red ball

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- A and B are not independent.

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## Combined Experiments

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## Two Random Experiments



- Consider an experiment of coin toss

$$\Omega_1 = \{ H, T \}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \{ \emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1 \}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_1: \begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



- Consider an experiment of selecting a ball out of two balls

$$\Omega_2 = \{ B, R \}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_2 = \{ \emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2 \}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_2: \begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

If these two experiments were performed separately with no relation between them, can we call an event in  $\mathcal{F}_1$  (say  $\{H\}$ ) independent of an event in  $\mathcal{F}_2$  (say  $\{B\}$ )?

No, the events need to be defined in the same probability space.

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## Combined Experiment



Coin toss

$$\Omega_1 = \{ H, T \}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \{ \emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1 \}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_1: \begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



Selecting a ball out of two balls

$$\Omega_2 = \{ B, R \}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_2 = \{ \emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2 \}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_2: \begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

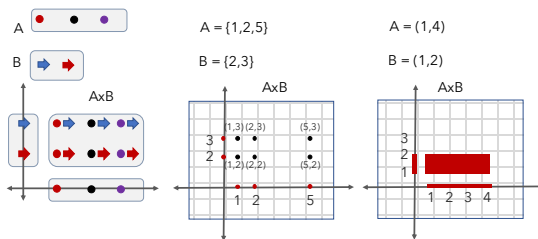
How to combine into one experiment (or one probability space)?

Each outcome of the combined experiment is a pair consisting of outcomes of both experiments.

$$\Omega = \{ (H, R), (T, R), (H, B), (T, B) \}$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$$


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### Probability Measure for the Combined Experiment



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$


How to assign probabilities?  
 Singleton events are  
 $\{(H, R)\}, \{(H, B)\}, \{(T, R)\}, \{(T, B)\}$

Note that  
 event  $\{(H, R)\} \cup \{(H, B)\} = \{(H, R), (H, B)\}$  is equivalent to the event  $\{H\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\} \cup \{(H, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\})$


Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$

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### Probability Measure for the Combined Experiment



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$


How to assign probabilities?  
 Singleton events are  
 $\{(H, R)\}, \{(H, B)\}, \{(T, R)\}, \{(T, B)\}$

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{T\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_2(\{B\})$


Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$

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### Probability Measure for the Combined Experiment



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$

How to assign probabilities?


$\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) = 0.5$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{T\}) = 0.5$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\}) = 0.8$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_2(\{B\}) = 0.2$

Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$


Let us assign  
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) = 0.4 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = 0.1 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) = 0.4 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = 0.1$

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## Independence of the Two Random Experiments



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$

What does independence of these two experiments mean?

Consider two events  $E = \{H\}$  and  $F = \{R\}$ .  
 In the combined experiment they are equivalently represented by  
 $E = \{(H,R), (H,B)\}$  is equivalent to the event  $\{H\}$   
 $F = \{(H,R), (T,R)\}$  is equivalent to the event  $\{R\}$   
 $E \cap F = \{(H,R)\}$


$\mathbb{P}(E \cap F) = 0.4 \quad \quad \quad = \mathbb{P}(E) = 0.5 \quad \times \quad \mathbb{P}(F) = 0.8$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\})$

Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$


$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = 0.4$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H,B)\}) = 0.1$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T,R)\}) = 0.4$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T,B)\}) = 0.1$

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## Independence of the Two Random Experiments



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\})$


Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = 0.4$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H,B)\}) = 0.1$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T,R)\}) = 0.4$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T,B)\}) = 0.1$


$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = 0.4 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(H,B)\}) = 0.1 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T,R)\}) = 0.4 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T,B)\}) = 0.1$

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## Probability Measure for the Combined Experiment



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.8 \quad 1$

A different assignment of probabilities:

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(H,B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) = 0.5$

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{(T,R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\}) = 0.8$


Let us assign

$\mathbb{P}(\{(H,R)\}) = 0.3 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(H,B)\}) = 0.2 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T,R)\}) = 0.5 \quad \mathbb{P}(\{(T,B)\}) = 0$


Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$

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## Dependence of the Two Random Experiments



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1$



Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \ 0.2 \ 0.8 \ 1$

Consider two events  $E = \{H\}$  and  $F = \{R\}$ .

$E = \{(H, R), (H, B)\}$  is equivalent to the event  $\{H\}$   
 $F = \{(H, R), (T, R)\}$  is equivalent to the event  $\{R\}$   
 $E \cap F = \{(H, R)\}$

$\mathbb{P}(E \cap F) = 0.3 \neq \mathbb{P}(E) = 0.5 \times \mathbb{P}(F) = 0.8$


Events are not independent.

Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$


$\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) = 0.3$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = 0.2$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) = 0.5$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = 0$

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## Combining Independent Random Experiments



Coin toss  
 $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega_1\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_1: 0 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1$




Selecting a ball out of two balls  
 $\Omega_2 = \{B, R\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{R\}, \Omega_2\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}_2: 0 \ 0.2 \ 0.8 \ 1$

Combined experiment  
 $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$


$\mathbb{P}(\{(H, R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(H, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{B\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, R)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{T\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{R\})$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\{(T, B)\}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\{T\}) \times \mathbb{P}_2(\{B\})$

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## Independent Repeated Trials



1<sup>st</sup> Coin toss  
 $\Omega = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}: 0 \ p \ 1-p \ 1$



2<sup>nd</sup> Coin toss  
 $\Omega = \{H, T\}$   
 $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega\}$   
 $\mathbb{P}: 0 \ p \ 1-p \ 1$

Combined experiment  
 $\Omega' = \Omega \times \Omega = \Omega^2$

$\mathbb{P}'(\{(H, H)\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}(\{H\}) = p^2$   
 $\mathbb{P}'(\{(H, T)\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{H\}) \times \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = p(1-p)$   
 $\mathbb{P}'(\{(T, H)\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) \times \mathbb{P}(\{H\}) = (1-p)p$   
 $\mathbb{P}'(\{(T, T)\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) \times \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = (1-p)^2$

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## $n$ Independent Repeated Trials



Combined experiment

$$\Omega' = \Omega^n$$

$$\mathbb{P}'(\{(H, H, H, \dots, H)\}) = p^n$$

$$\mathbb{P}'(\{(H, T, H, \dots, H)\}) = p(1-p)p^{n-2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}'(\{(T, T, T, \dots, T)\}) = (1-p)^n$$

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