

Notation: $P(A) = 0.3$

probability of event A is 0.3
a set of outcomes

Axioms Let S be a sample space.

1. $P(S) = 1$

2. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$ for any event A

3. If A and B are disjoint events

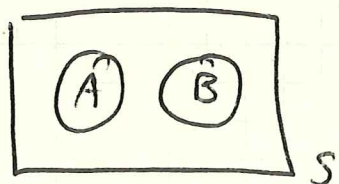
then $P(A) + P(B) = P(A \text{ or } B)$

Addition
Rule
(disjoint)

Def: Two events are disjoint if
they can't both happen at
the same time

Ex: Can't get heads + tails in 1 coin
toss.

Venn diagram:



A and B
don't
overlap
if disjoint

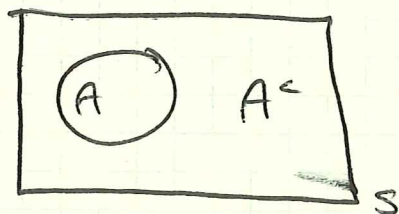
Ex: Find probability of rolling a "5" or "6"

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{"5" or "6"}) &= P(\text{"5"}) + P(\text{"6"}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{can't get} \\ \text{both a 5 \& 6} \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equally} \\ \text{likely} \\ \text{outcomes} \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Complement Rule

Let A^c be everything in the sample space S that is not in A .

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



Ex: Find the probability of rolling less than a "6".

$$P("< 6") = 1 - P("= 6") = 1 - 1/6 = 5/6$$

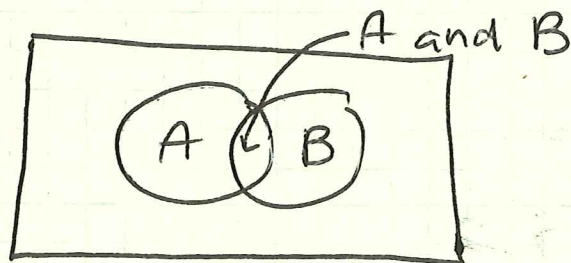
$$S = \underbrace{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}}_{< 6}$$

$$\boxed{5/6}$$

General Addition Rule

Let A and B be two events in S .

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

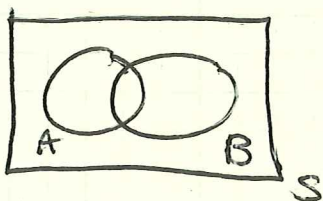


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don't
double
count this!

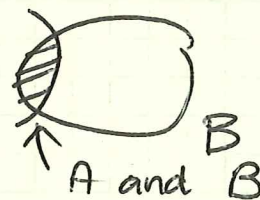
Conditional Probabilities

$P(A|B)$ Notation
 ↗ probability of A given that B already happened.

Formula $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$



B already happened
 → B is the new S



Ex: Find the probability of rolling a "1" given that the roll was odd.

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

$$B = \text{event roll was odd: } P(B) = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$A = \text{event roll was 1: } P(A) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{6}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Def: Two events A and B are independent if $P(A|B) = P(A)$, that is, knowledge of B doesn't change probability of A happening.

Algebra: if $P(A|B) = P(A)$ then

$$P(A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$$

Multiplication Rule for independent events

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

if A is independent of B.

Bayes Rule

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B|A)}{P(A)P(B|A) + P(A^c)P(B|A^c)} \end{aligned}$$

~~EX: What is the probability of at least~~