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# Chapter 1. Probability Theory

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# CHAPTER 1 Probability Theory

## 1.1 Probabilities

### 1.1.1 Introduction

- Statistics and Probability theory constitutes a branch of mathematics for dealing with **uncertainty**
- Probability theory provides a basis for the science of **statistical inference** from data

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# CHAPTER 1 Probability Theory

## 1.1 Probabilities

### 1.1.2 Sample Spaces(1/3)

- **Experiment** : any process or procedure for which more than one outcome is possible

- **Sample Space**

The **sample space**  $S$  of an experiment is a set consisting of all of the possible experimental outcomes.

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## 1.1.2 Sample Spaces(2/3)

- Example 3: **Software Errors**

The number of separate errors in a particular piece of software can be viewed as having a **sample space**

$$S = \{0 \text{ errors}, 1 \text{ errors}, 2 \text{ errors}, 3 \text{ errors}, \dots\}$$

- Example 4: **Power Plant Operation**

A manager supervises the operation of three power plants, at any given time, each of the three plants can be classified as either generating electricity (1) or being idle (0).

$$S = \{(0,0,0) (0,0,1) (0,1,0) (0,1,1) (1,0,0) (1,0,1) (1,1,0) (1,1,1)\}$$

## 1.1.2 Sample Spaces(3/3)

- GAMES OF CHANCE

- Games of chance commonly involve the toss of a coin, the roll of a die, or the use of a pack of cards.

- The roll of a die

A usual six-sided die has a sample space

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

If two dice are rolled ( or, equivalently, if one die is rolled twice). the sample space is shown in Figure 1.2.

FIGURE 1.2 •  
Sample space for rolling two dice

(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)	$S$
(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)	
(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)	
(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)	
(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)	
(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)	

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## 1.1.3 Probability Values(1/5)

- Probabilities

A set of **probability values** for an experiment with a sample space consists of some probabilities

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$   
that satisfy

$$0 \leq p_1 \leq 1, 0 \leq p_2 \leq 1, \dots, 0 \leq p_n \leq 1$$

and

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = 1$$

The probability of outcome  $O_i$  occurring is said to be  $p_i$ , and this is written

$$P(O_i) = p_i$$

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## 1.1.3 Probability Values(2/5)

- Example 3 Software Errors

Suppose that the numbers of errors in a software product have probabilities

$$P(0 \text{ errors}) = 0.05, P(1 \text{ error}) = 0.08, P(2 \text{ errors}) = 0.35,$$

$$P(3 \text{ errors}) = 0.20, P(4 \text{ errors}) = 0.20, P(5 \text{ errors}) = 0.12,$$

$$P(i \text{ errors}) = 0, \text{ for } i \geq 6$$

There are at most 5 errors since the probability values are zero for 6 or more errors.

The **most likely** number of errors is 2.

3 and 4 errors are **equally likely** in the software product.

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### 1.1.3 Probability Values(3/5)

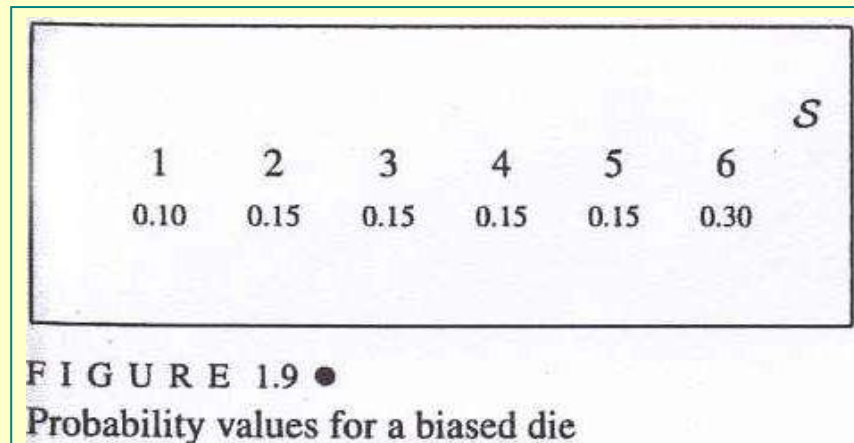
- In some situations, notably games of chance, the experiments are conducted in such a way that all of the possible outcomes can be considered to be **equally likely**, so that they must be assigned **identical probability values**.
- $n$  outcomes in the sample space that are equally likely  $\Rightarrow$  each probability value be  $1/n$ .



## 1.1.3 Probability Values(4/5)

- GAMES OF CHANCE

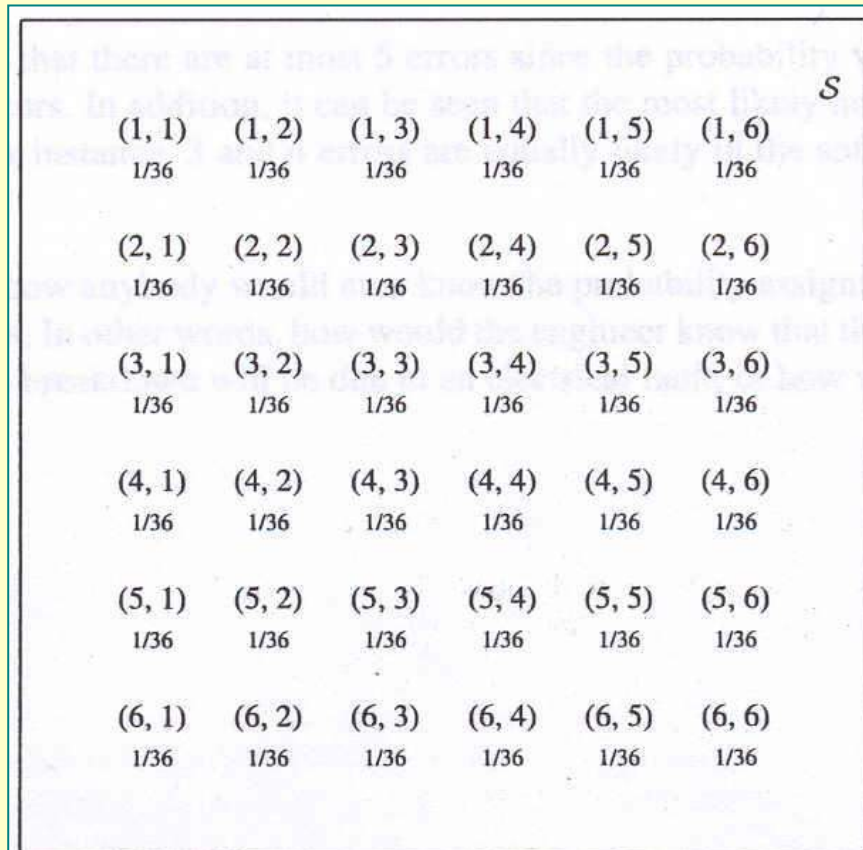
- A fair die will have each of the six outcomes equally likely.
- An example of a biased die would be one of which  $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$



In this case the die is most likely to score a 6, which will happen **roughly** three times out of ten as a **long-run average**.

## 1.1.3 Probability Values(5/5)

- If two die are thrown and each of the 36 outcomes is **equally likely** ( as will be the case two fair dice that are shaken properly), the probability value of each outcome will necessarily be  $1/36$



(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36
(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36
(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36
(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36
(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36
(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36

FIGURE 1.10 ●  
Probability values for rolling two dice

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# 1.2 Events

## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(1/6)

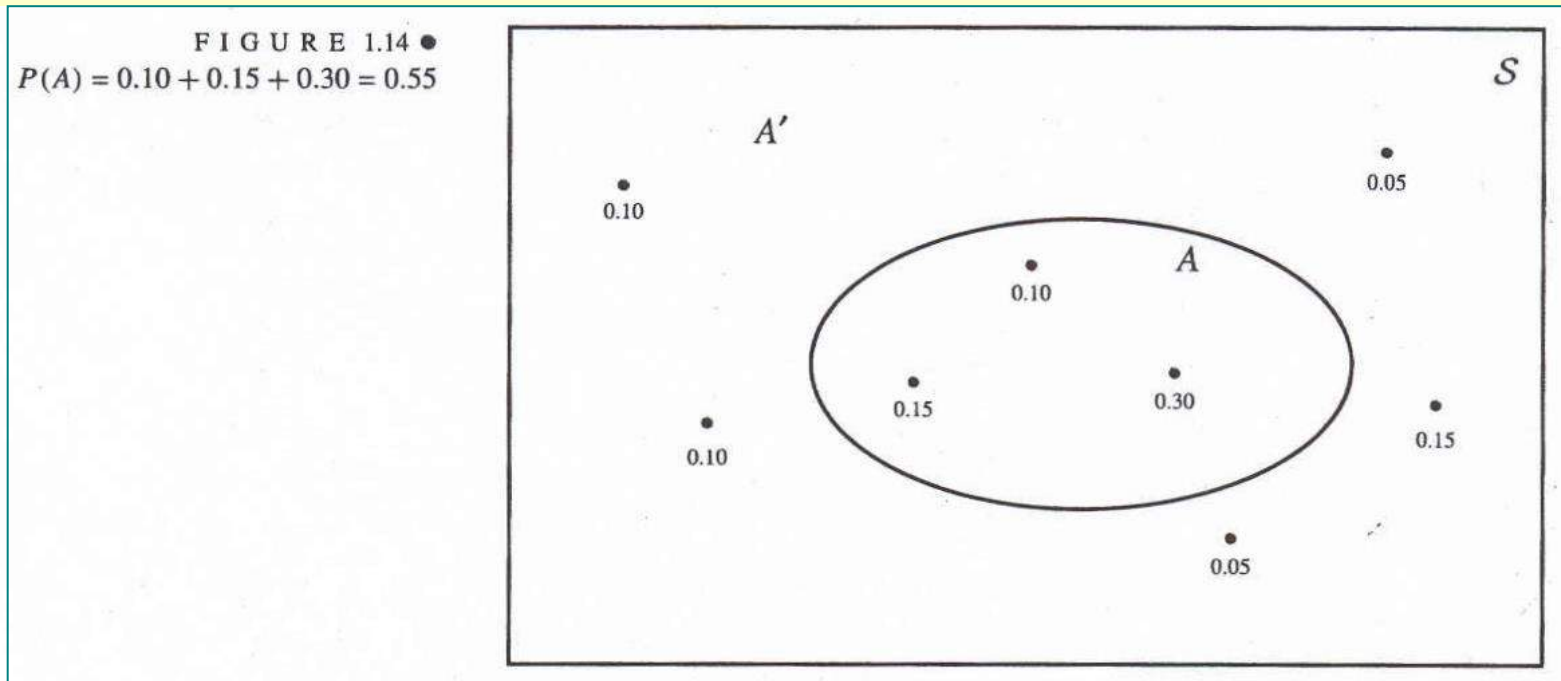
- Events

An **event**  $A$  is a subset of the sample space  $\mathcal{S}$ . It collects outcomes of particular interest. The probability of an event  $A$ ,  $P(A)$ , is obtained by summing the probabilities of the outcomes contained within the event  $A$ .

- An **event** is said to **occur** if one of the outcomes contained within the event occurs.

## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(2/6)

- A sample space  $S$  consists of eight outcomes with a probability value.



$$P(A) = 0.10 + 0.15 + 0.30 = 0.55$$

$$P(A') = 0.10 + 0.05 + 0.05 + 0.15 + 0.10 = 0.45$$

Notice that  $P(A) + P(A') = 1$ .

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## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(3/6)

- **Complements of Events**

The event  $A'$ , the **complement** of event  $A$ , is the event consisting of everything in the sample space  $S$  that is not contained within the event  $A$ . In all cases

$$P(A) + P(A') = 1$$

- Events that consist of an individual outcome are sometimes referred to as **elementary events** or **simple events**

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## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(4/6)

- Example 3 Software Errors

Consider the event  $A$  that there are no more than two errors in a software product.

$$A = \{ 0 \text{ errors}, 1 \text{ error}, 2 \text{ errors} \} \subset S$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(0 \text{ errors}) + P(1 \text{ error}) + P(2 \text{ errors}) \\ &= 0.05 + 0.08 + 0.35 = 0.48 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A') = 1 - P(A) = 1 - 0.48 = 0.52$$

## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(5/6)

- GAMES OF CHANCE

- even = { an *even* score is recorded on the roll of a die }  
= { 2,4,6 }

For a fair die,  $P(\text{even}) = P(2) + P(4) + P(6) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

- A = { the sum of the scores of two dice is equal to 6 }  
= { (1,5), (2,4), (3,3), (4,2), (5,1) }

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = \frac{5}{36}$$

A sum of 6 will be obtained with two fair dice roughly 5 times out of 36 on average, that is, on about 14% of the throws.

(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36
(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36
(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36
(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36
(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36
(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36

FIGURE 1.18 •  
Event A: sum equal to 6

## 1.2.1 Events and Complements(6/6)

- $B = \{ \text{at least one of the two dice records a 6} \}$

FIGURE 1.19 •  
Event  $B$ : at least one 6 recorded

$$P(B) = \frac{11}{36}$$

$$P(B') = 1 - \frac{11}{36} = \frac{25}{36}$$

(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	<b>B</b> (1, 6) 1/36
(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36
(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36
(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36
(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36
(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36



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# 1.3 Combinations of Events

## 1.3.1 Intersections of Events(1/5)

- Intersections of Events

The event  $A \cap B$  is the **intersection** of the events  $A$  and  $B$  and consists of the outcomes that are contained within both events  $A$  and  $B$ . The probability of this event,  $P(A \cap B)$ , is the probability that both events  $A$  and  $B$  occur **simultaneously**.

## 1.3.1 Intersections of Events(2/5)

- A sample space  $S$  consists of 9 outcomes

FIGURE 1.26 •  
Events  $A$  and  $B$

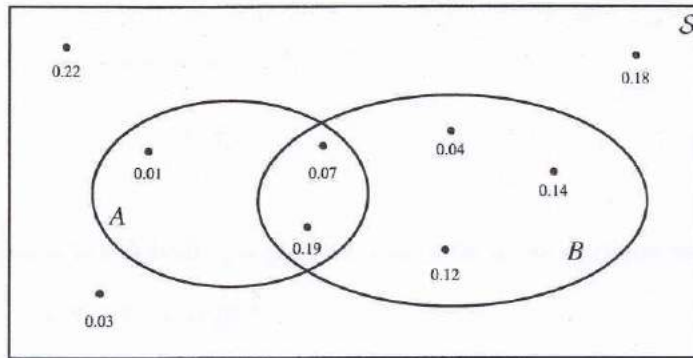
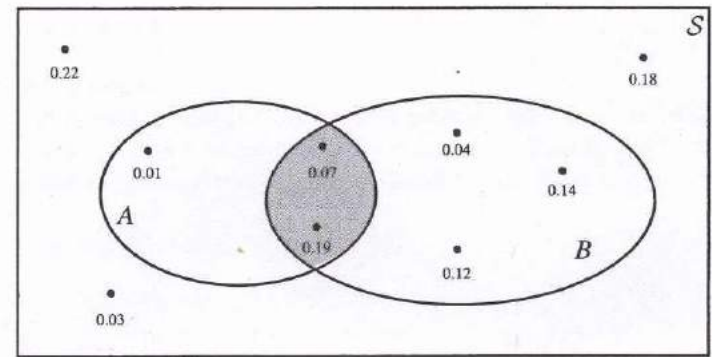


FIGURE 1.27 •  
The event  $A \cap B$



$$P(A) = 0.01 + 0.07 + 0.19 = 0.27$$

$$P(B) = 0.07 + 0.19 + 0.04 + 0.14 + 0.12 = 0.56$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.07 + 0.19 = 0.26$$

## 1.3.1 Intersections of Events(3/5)

FIGURE 1.28 •  
The event  $A' \cap B$

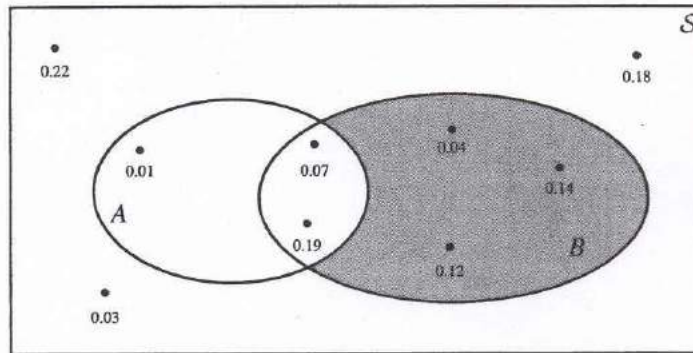
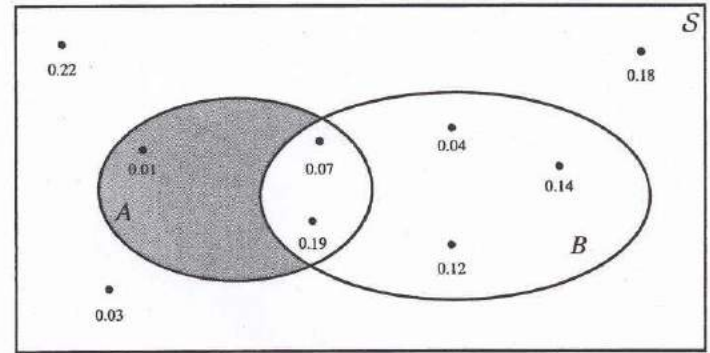


FIGURE 1.29 •  
The event  $A \cap B'$



$$P(A' \cap B) = 0.04 + 0.14 + 0.12 = 0.30$$

$$P(A \cap B') = 0.01$$

$$P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') = 0.26 + 0.01 = 0.27 = P(A)$$

$$P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B) = 0.26 + 0.30 = 0.56 = P(B)$$

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## 1.3.1 Intersections of Events(4/5)

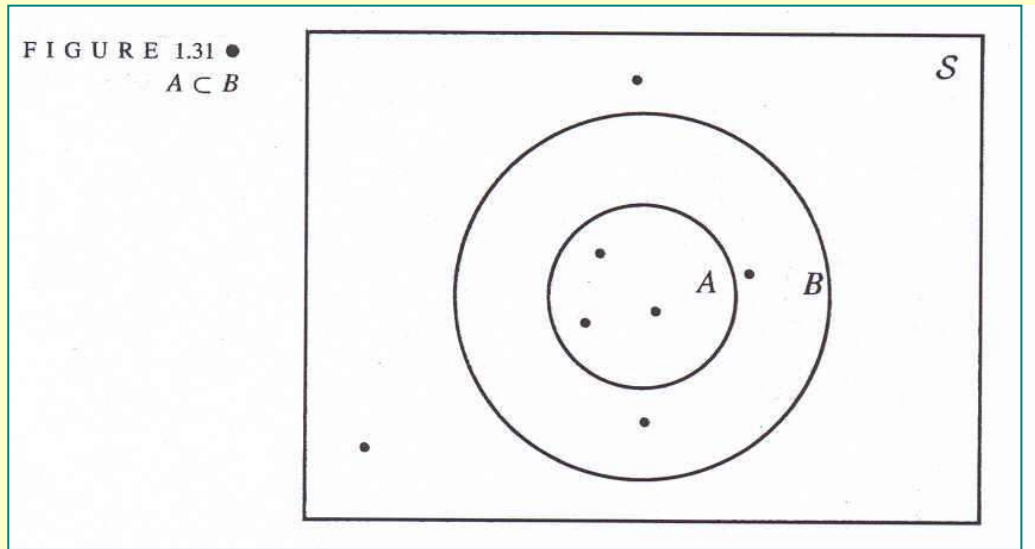
$$\square P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') = P(A)$$

$$P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B) = P(B)$$

- **Mutually Exclusive Events**

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **mutually exclusive** if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  so that they have **no outcomes in common**.

## 1.3.1 Intersections of Events(5/5)



$$A \cap B = A$$

$$\square A \cap B = B \cap A$$

$$A \cap A = A$$

$$A \cap S = A$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$A \cap A' = \emptyset$$

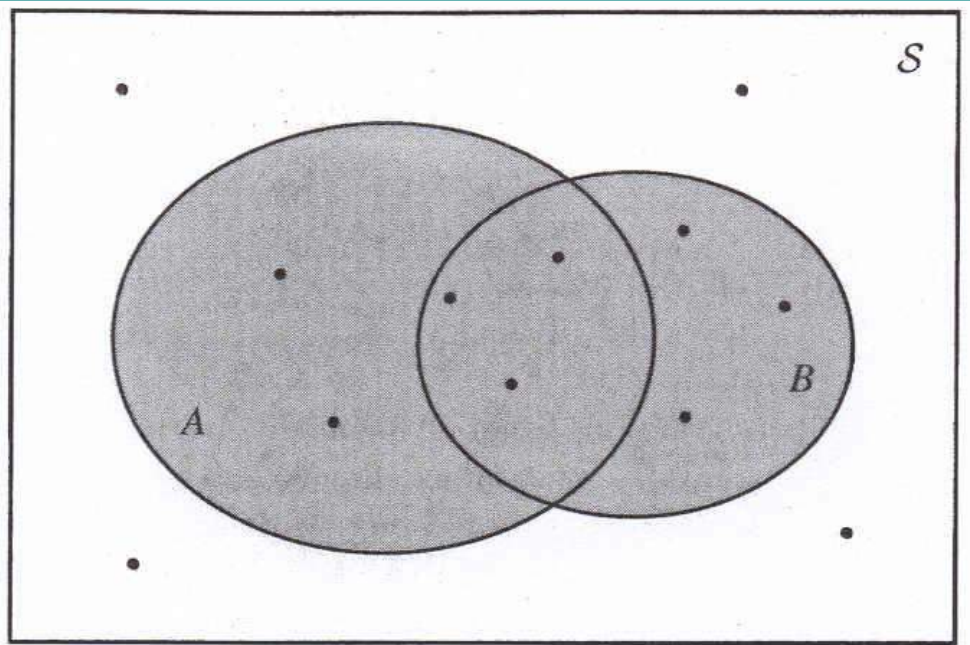
$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

## 1.3.2 Unions of Events(1/4)

- Unions of Events

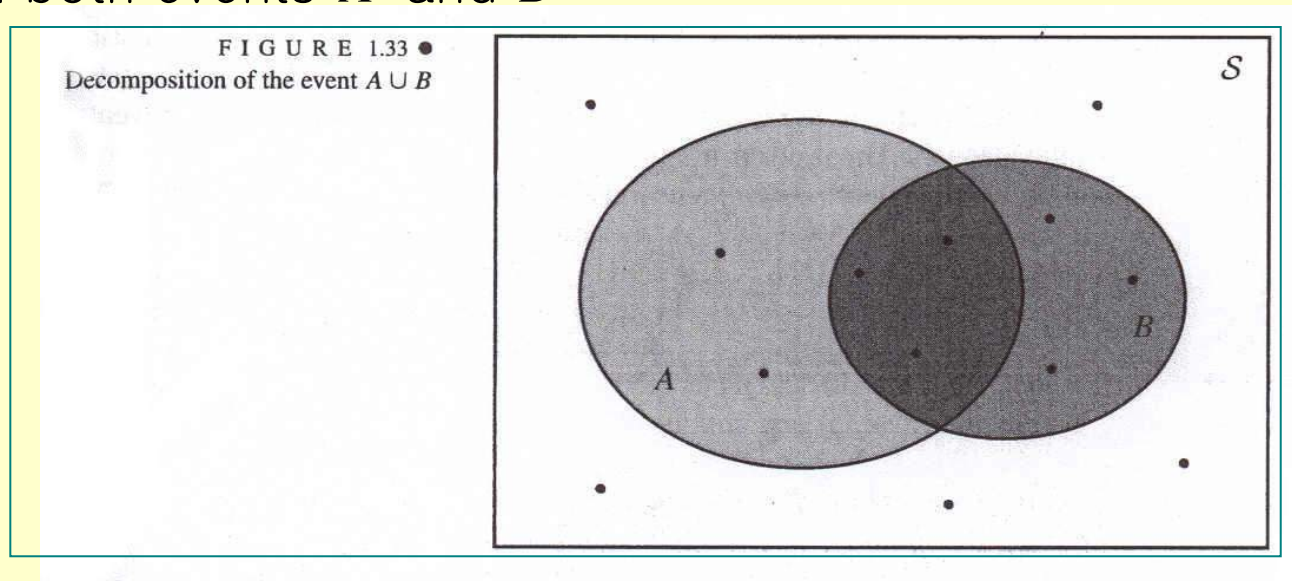
The event  $A \cup B$  is the **union** of events  $A$  and  $B$  and consists of the outcomes that are contained within at least one of the events  $A$  and  $B$ . The probability of this event,  $P(A \cup B)$ , is the probability that at least one of the events  $A$  and  $B$  occurs.

FIGURE 1.32 •  
The event  $A \cup B$



## 1.3.2 Unions of Events(2/4)

- Notice that the outcomes in the event  $A \cup B$  can be classified into three kinds.
  1. in event  $A$  but not in event  $B$
  2. in event  $B$  but not in event  $A$  or
  3. in both events  $A$  and  $B$



$$P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B') + P(A' \cap B) + P(A \cap B)$$

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## 1.3.2 Unions of Events(3/4)

$$\square P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\square P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$\square$  If the events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive so that

$$P(A \cap B) = 0, \text{ then } P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$



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## 1.3.2 Unions of Events(4/4)

- Simple results concerning the unions of events

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$

$$(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$$

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$A \cup A = A$$

$$A \cup S = S$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cup A' = S$$

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(1/11)

- Example 5 **Television Set Quality**

A company that manufactures television sets performs a final quality check on each appliance before packing and shipping it. The quality check has an evaluation of the quality of the **picture** and the **appearance**. Each of the two evaluations is graded as *Perfect (P)*, *Good (G)*, *Satisfactory (S)*, or *Fail (F)*.

				<i>S</i>
$(P, P)$	$(P, G)$	$(P, S)$	$(P, F)$	
0.140	0.102	0.157	0.007	
$(G, P)$	$(G, G)$	$(G, S)$	$(G, F)$	
0.124	0.141	0.139	0.012	
$(S, P)$	$(S, G)$	$(S, S)$	$(S, F)$	
0.067	0.056	0.013	0.010	
$(F, P)$	$(F, G)$	$(F, S)$	$(F, F)$	
0.004	0.011	0.009	0.008	

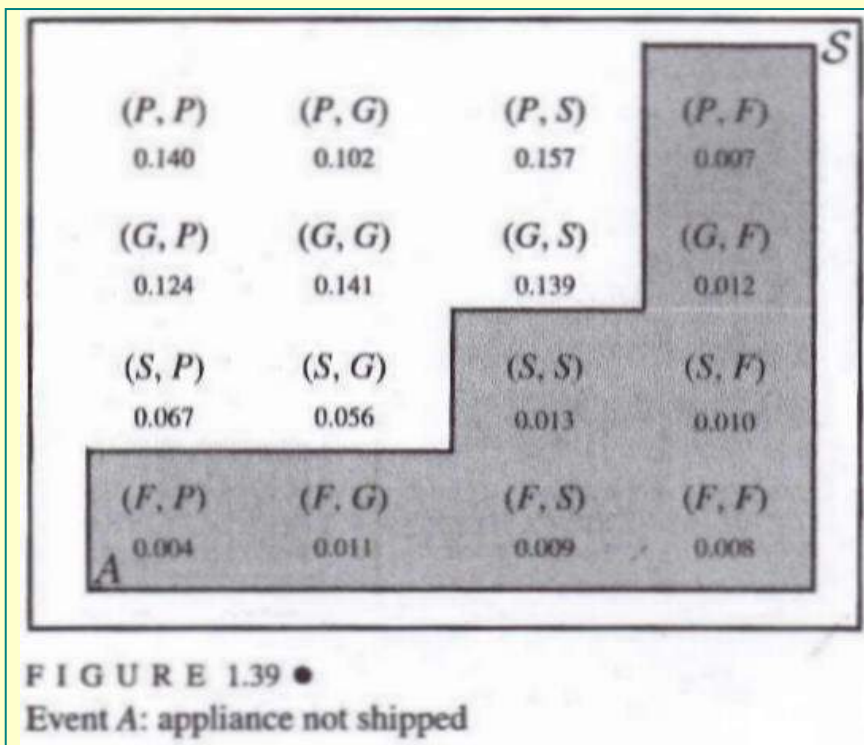
FIGURE 1.38 ●  
Probability values for television set example

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(2/11)

An appliance that fails on either of the two evaluations and that score an evaluation of *Satisfactory* on **both** accounts will **not be shipped**.

$A = \{ \text{an appliance cannot be shipped} \}$

$= \{ (F,P), (F,G), (F,S), (F,F), (P,F), (G,F), (S,F), (S,S) \}$



$$P(A) = 0.074$$

About 7.4% of the television sets will fail the quality check.

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(3/11)

$B = \{ \text{picture satisfactory or fail} \}$

$$P(B) = 0.178$$

$S$			
$(P, P)$ 0.140	$(P, G)$ 0.102	$(P, S)$ 0.157	$(P, F)$ 0.007
$(G, P)$ 0.124	$(G, G)$ 0.141	$(G, S)$ 0.139	$(G, F)$ 0.012
$B$ $(S, P)$ 0.067	$(S, G)$ 0.056	$(S, S)$ 0.013	$(S, F)$ 0.010
$(F, P)$ 0.004	$(F, G)$ 0.011	$(F, S)$ 0.009	$(F, F)$ 0.008

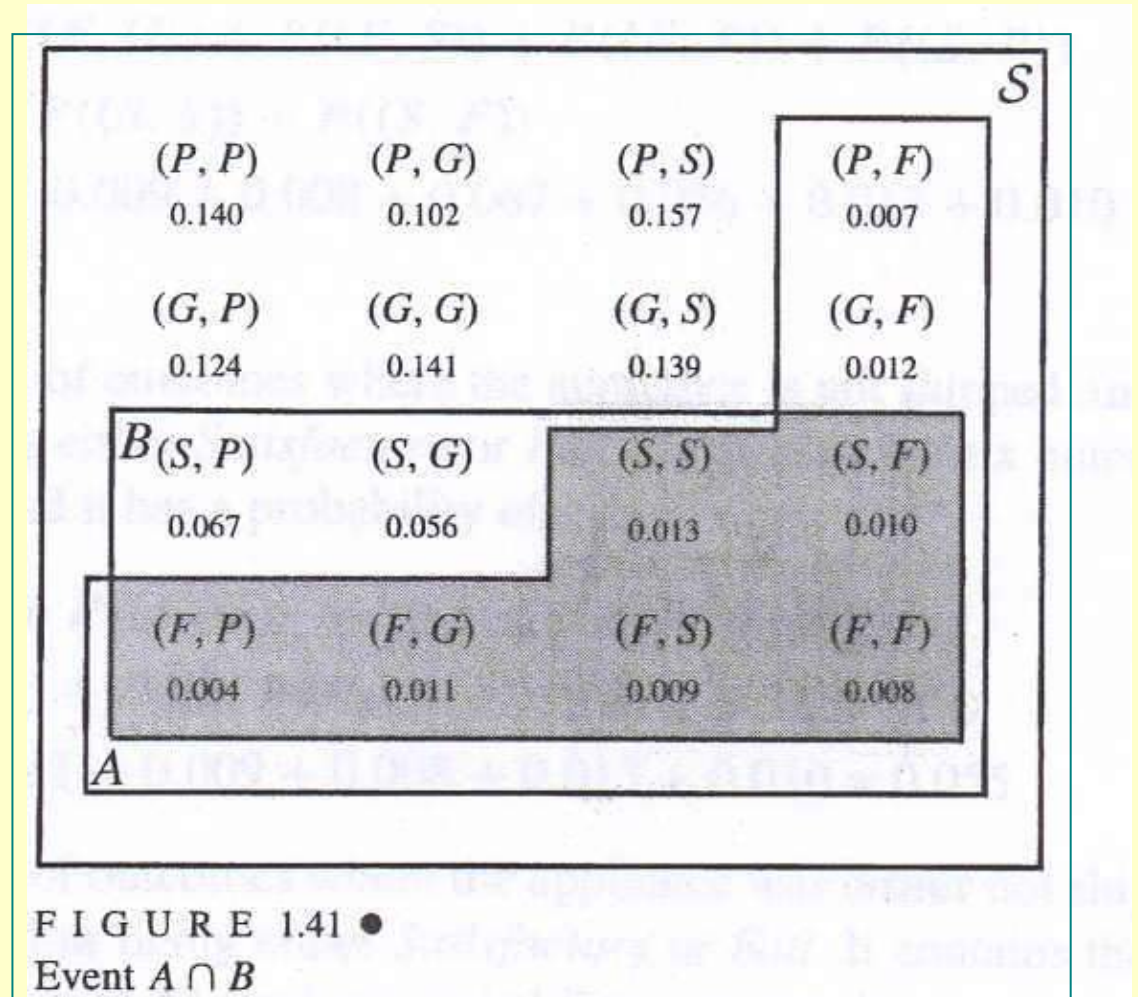
FIGURE 1.40 •

Event  $B$ : picture satisfactory or fail

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(4/11)

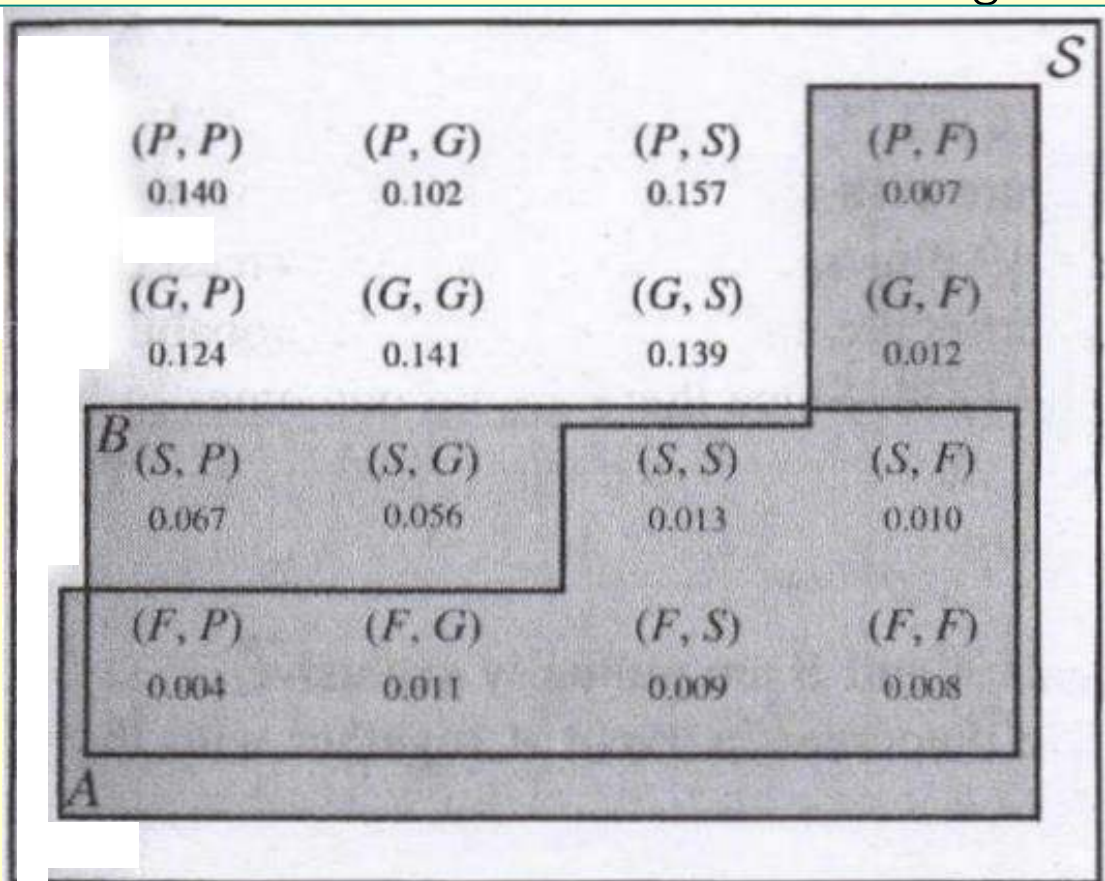
$A \cap B = \{ \text{Not shipped and the picture satisfactory or fail} \}$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.055$$



### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(5/11)

$A \cup B = \{ \text{the appliance was **either** not shipped or the picture was evaluated as being either *Satisfactory* or *Fail* } \}$



$$P(A \cup B) = 0.197$$

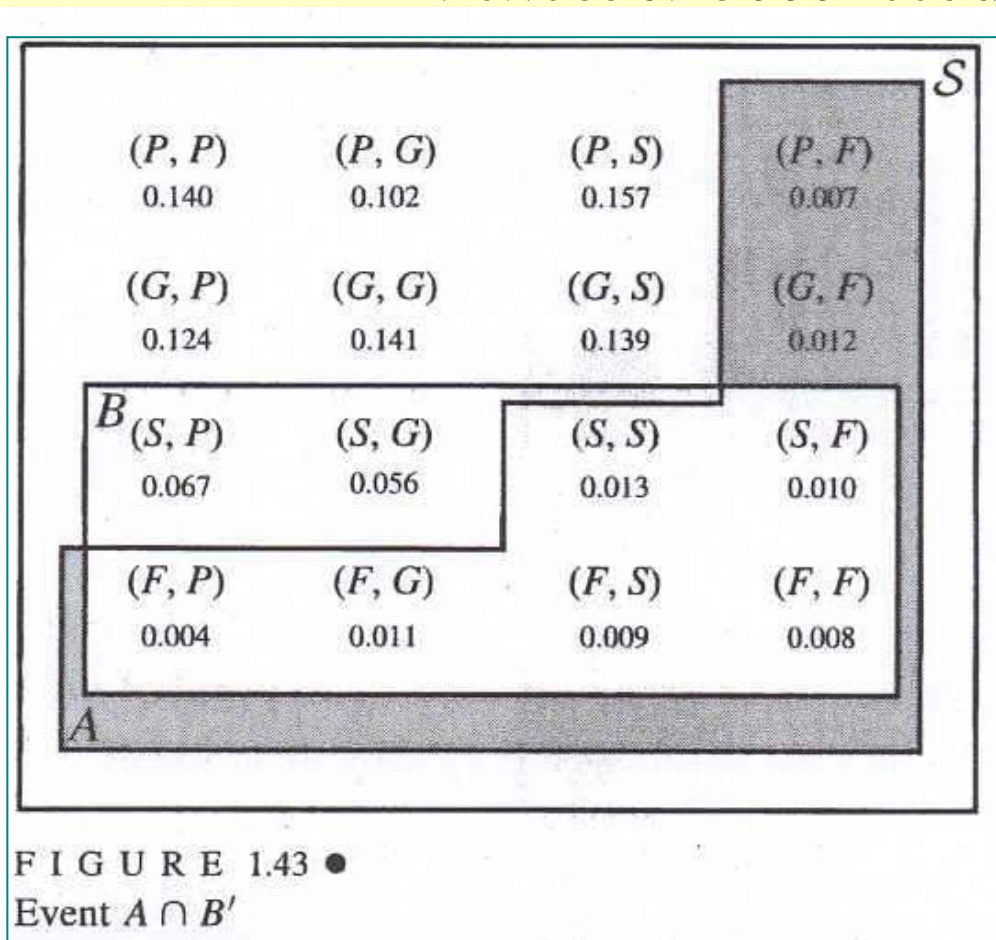
FIGURE 1.42 •

Event  $A \cup B$



### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(6/11)

$P(A \cap B')$  = { Television sets that have a picture evaluation of either *Perfect* or *Good* but that cannot be shipped }



$$P(A \cap B') = 0.019$$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') &= 0.055 + 0.019 \\
 &= 0.074 \\
 &= P(A)
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(7/11)

- GAMES OF CHANCE

- $A = \{ \text{an even score is obtained from a roll of a die} \}$

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

$$B = \{ 4, 5, 6 \}$$

then  $A \cap B = \{4, 6\}$  and  $A \cup B = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- $A = \{ \text{the sum of the scores is equal to 6} \}$

$B = \{ \text{at least one of the two dice records a 6} \}$

$$P(A) = 5/36 \text{ and } P(B) = 11/36$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad P(A \cap B) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive

$$P(A \cup B) = \frac{16}{36} = \frac{4}{9} = P(A) + P(B)$$



### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(8/11)

– One die is red and the other is blue  $\longrightarrow$  (red, blue).

$A = \{ \text{an even score is obtained on the red die} \}$

FIGURE 1.44 •  
Event A: even score on red die

	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)	$S$
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
$A$	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)	
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)	
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
	(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)	
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
	(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)	
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
	(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)	
	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(9/11)

$B = \{ \text{an even score is obtained on the blue die} \}$

**FIGURE 1.45 •**  
Event  $B$ : even score on blue die

	$S$					
	$B$					
(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36	
(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36	
(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36	
(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36	
(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36	
(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36	

### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(10/11)

$A \cap B = \{ \text{both dice have even scores} \}$

FIGURE 1.46 •

Event  $A \cap B$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$$

		$B$						$S$
	(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36		
$A$	(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36		
	(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36		
	(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36		
	(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36		
	(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36		



### 1.3.3 Examples of Intersections and Unions(11/11)

$A \cup B = \{ \text{at least one die has an even score} \}$

FIGURE 1.47 •  
Event  $A \cup B$

$$P(A \cup B) = \frac{27}{36} = \frac{3}{4}$$

		$B$						$S$
	(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36		
$A$	(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36		
	(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36		
	(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36		
	(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36		
	(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36		

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## 1.3.4 Combinations of Three or More Events(1/4)

- Union of Three Events

The probability of the **union of three events**  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  is the sum of the probability values of the simple outcomes that are contained within at least one of the three events. It can also be calculated from the expression

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) = & [P(A) + P(B) + P(C)] \\ & - [P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C) + P(B \cap C)] \\ & + P(A \cap B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

## 1.3.4 Combinations of Three or More Events(2/4)

FIGURE 1.51 •  
Three events decompose sample space  
into eight regions

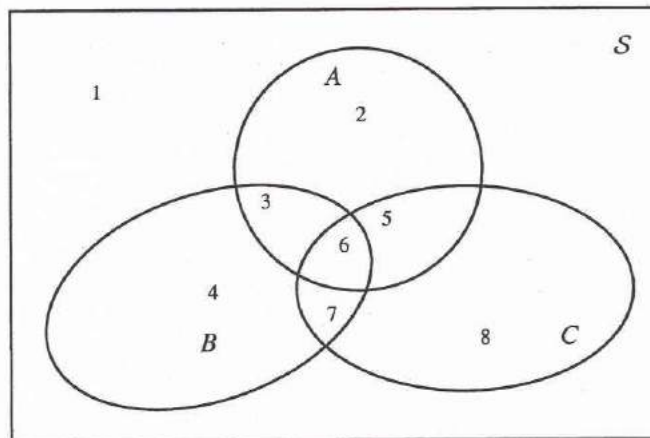
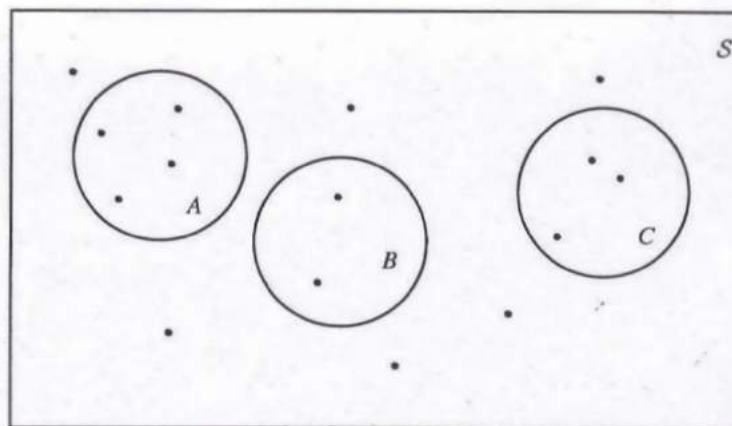


FIGURE 1.52 •  
Three mutually exclusive events



$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$$

### 1.3.4 Combinations of Three or More Events(3/4)

- Union of Mutually Exclusive Events

For a sequence  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  of mutually exclusive events, the probability of the **union** of the events is given by

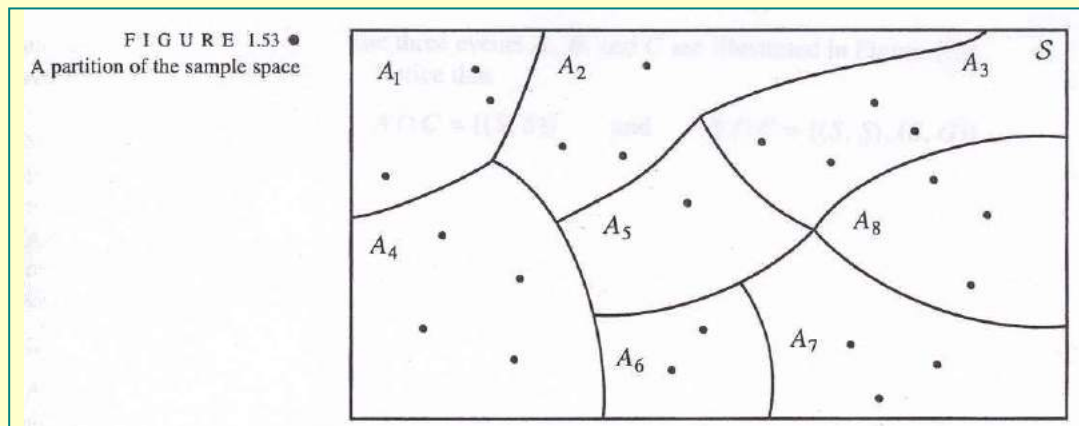
$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + \dots + P(A_n)$$

- Sample Space Partitions

A **partition** of a sample space is a sequence  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  of *mutually exclusive* events for which

$$A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = S$$

Each outcome in the sample space is then contained within one and only one of the events  $A_i$



## 1.3.4 Combinations of Three or More Events(4/4)

- Example 5 Television Set Quality

$C = \{ \text{an appliance is of "mediocre quality"} \}$

$= \{ \text{score either } Satisfactory \text{ or } Good \}$

$= \{ (S, S), (S, G), (G, S), (G, G) \}$

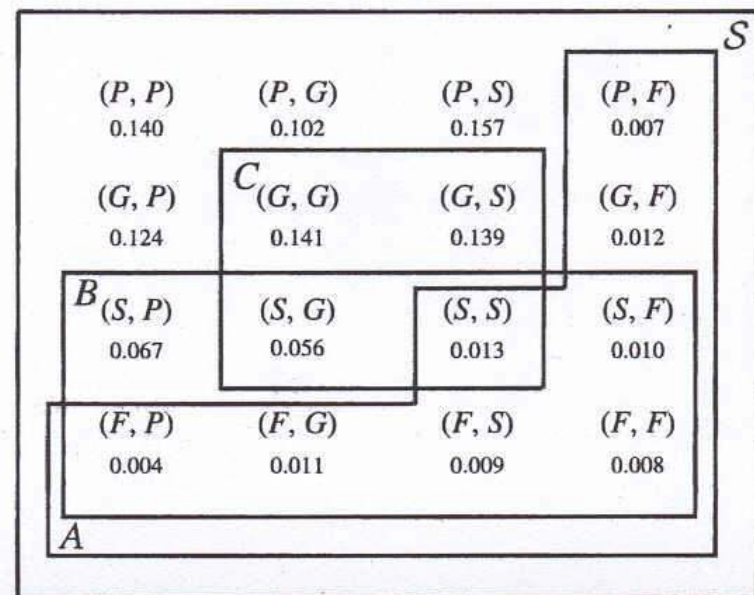
$D = \{ \text{an appliance is of "high quality"} \}$

$= (A \cup B \cup C)' = A' \cap B' \cap C'$

$= \{ (G, P), (P, P), (P, G), (P, S) \}$

$P(D) = 0.523$

FIGURE 1.54 •  
Events A, B, and C





# 1.4 Conditional Probability

## 1.4.1 Definition of Conditional Probability(1/2)

- Conditional Probability

The conditional probability of event  $A$  conditional on event  $B$  is

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

for  $P(B) > 0$ . It measures the probability that event  $A$  occurs when it is known that event  $B$  occurs.

□  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0}{P(B)} = 0$$

□  $B \subset A$

$$A \cap B = B$$

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

## 1.4.1 Definition of Conditional Probability(2/2)

$$\square P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.26}{0.56} = 0.464$$

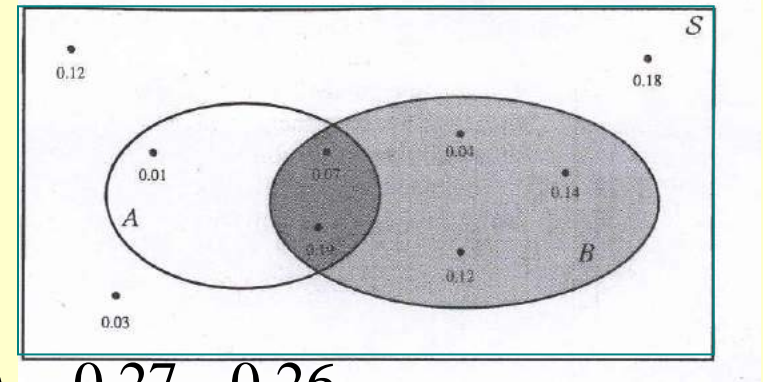
$$P(A | B') = \frac{P(A \cap B')}{P(B')} = \frac{P(A) - P(A \cap B)}{1 - P(B)} = \frac{0.27 - 0.26}{1 - 0.56} = 0.023$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A | B) + P(A' | B) = 1$$

Formally,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A | B) + P(A' | B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A' \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{1}{P(B)} (P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)) = \frac{1}{P(B)} P(B) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\square P(A | B \cup C) = \frac{P(A \cap (B \cup C))}{P(B \cup C)}$$



## 1.4.2 Examples of Conditional Probabilities(1/3)

- Example 4 Power Plant Operation

$A = \{ \text{plant X is idle} \}$  and  $P(A) = 0.32$

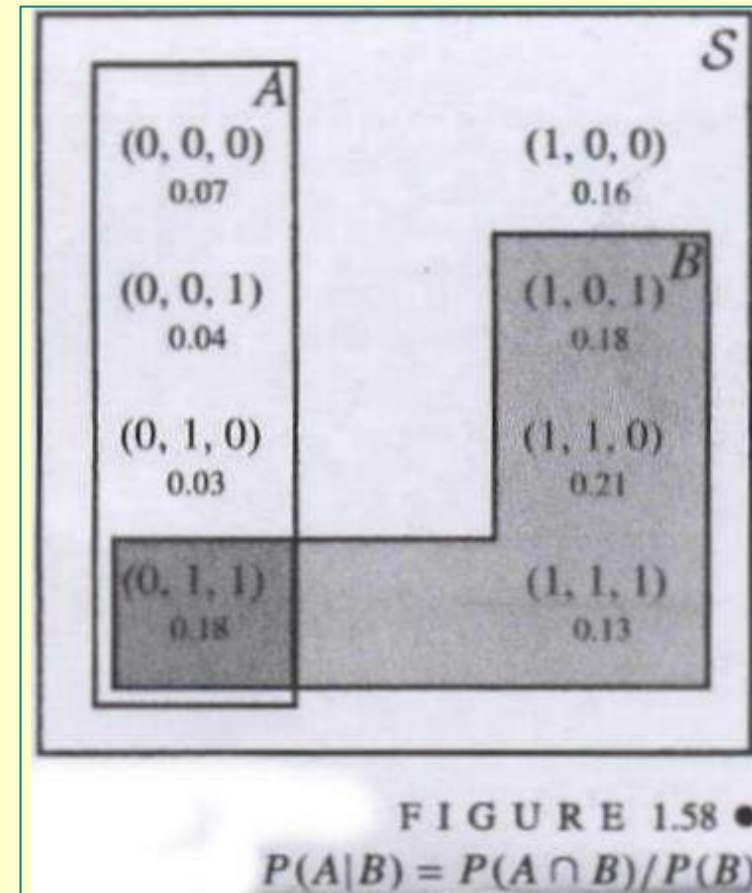
Suppose it is known that at least two out of the three plants are generating electricity ( event  $B$  ).

$B = \{ \text{at least two out of the three plants generating electricity} \}$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.18}{0.70} = 0.257$$

$$P(A) = 0.32$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A/B) = 0.257$$



## 1.4.2 Examples of Conditional Probabilities(2/3)

### • GAMES OF CHANCE

– A fair die is rolled.  $P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$

$$P(6|even) = \frac{P(6 \cap even)}{P(even)} = \frac{P(6)}{P(even)}$$

$$= \frac{P(6)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} = \frac{1/6}{1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

– A red die and a blue die are thrown.

$A = \{ \text{the red die scores a 6} \}$

$B = \{ \text{at least one 6 is obtained on the two dice} \}$

$$P(A) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ and } P(B) = \frac{11}{36}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1/6}{11/36} = \frac{6}{11}$$

FIGURE 1.60 •  
 $P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B)$

					$B$	$S$
(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	
$A$ (6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)	
1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	

## 1.4.2 Examples of Conditional Probabilities(3/3)

$C = \{ \text{exactly one 6 has been scored} \}$

FIGURE 1.61 •  
 $P(A|C) = P(A \cap C) / P(C)$

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

$$= \frac{5/36}{10/36} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(1, 1) 1/36	(1, 2) 1/36	(1, 3) 1/36	(1, 4) 1/36	(1, 5) 1/36	(1, 6) 1/36
(2, 1) 1/36	(2, 2) 1/36	(2, 3) 1/36	(2, 4) 1/36	(2, 5) 1/36	(2, 6) 1/36
(3, 1) 1/36	(3, 2) 1/36	(3, 3) 1/36	(3, 4) 1/36	(3, 5) 1/36	(3, 6) 1/36
(4, 1) 1/36	(4, 2) 1/36	(4, 3) 1/36	(4, 4) 1/36	(4, 5) 1/36	(4, 6) 1/36
(5, 1) 1/36	(5, 2) 1/36	(5, 3) 1/36	(5, 4) 1/36	(5, 5) 1/36	(5, 6) 1/36
(6, 1) 1/36	(6, 2) 1/36	(6, 3) 1/36	(6, 4) 1/36	(6, 5) 1/36	(6, 6) 1/36

# 1.5 Probabilities of Event Intersections

## 1.5.1 General Multiplication Law

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

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

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(A | B) = P(A)P(B | A)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A \cap B)P(C | A \cap B) = P(A)P(B | A)P(C | A \cap B)$$

- Probabilities of Event Intersections

The probability of the intersection of a series of events

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  can be calculated from the expression

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2 | A_1) \cdots P(A_n | A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1})$$

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## 1.5.2 Independent Events

$$\square P(B | A) = P(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B | A) = P(A)P(B)$$

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

- Independent Events

Two events A and B are said to be **independent** events if one of the following holds:

$$P(A | B) = P(A), P(B | A) = P(B), \text{ and } P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Any one of these conditions implies the other two.

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- The interpretation of two events being independent is that **knowledge about one event does not affect the probability of the other event.**

- **Intersections of Independent Events**

The probability of the intersection of a series of independent events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  is simply given by

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2) \dots P(A_n)$$



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## 1.5.3 Examples and Probability Trees(1/3)

- Example 7: Car Warranties

A company sells a certain type of car, which it assembles in one of four possible locations. Plant I supplies 20%; plant II, 24%; plant III, 25%; and plant IV, 31%. A customer buying a car does not know where the car has been assembled, and so the probabilities of a purchased car being from each of the four plants can be thought of as being 0.20, 0.24, 0.25, and 0.31. Each new car sold carries a 1-year bumper-to-bumper warranty.

$$P(\text{claim} \mid \text{plant I}) = 0.05, \quad P(\text{claim} \mid \text{plant II}) = 0.11$$

$$P(\text{claim} \mid \text{plant III}) = 0.03, \quad P(\text{claim} \mid \text{plant IV}) = 0.08$$

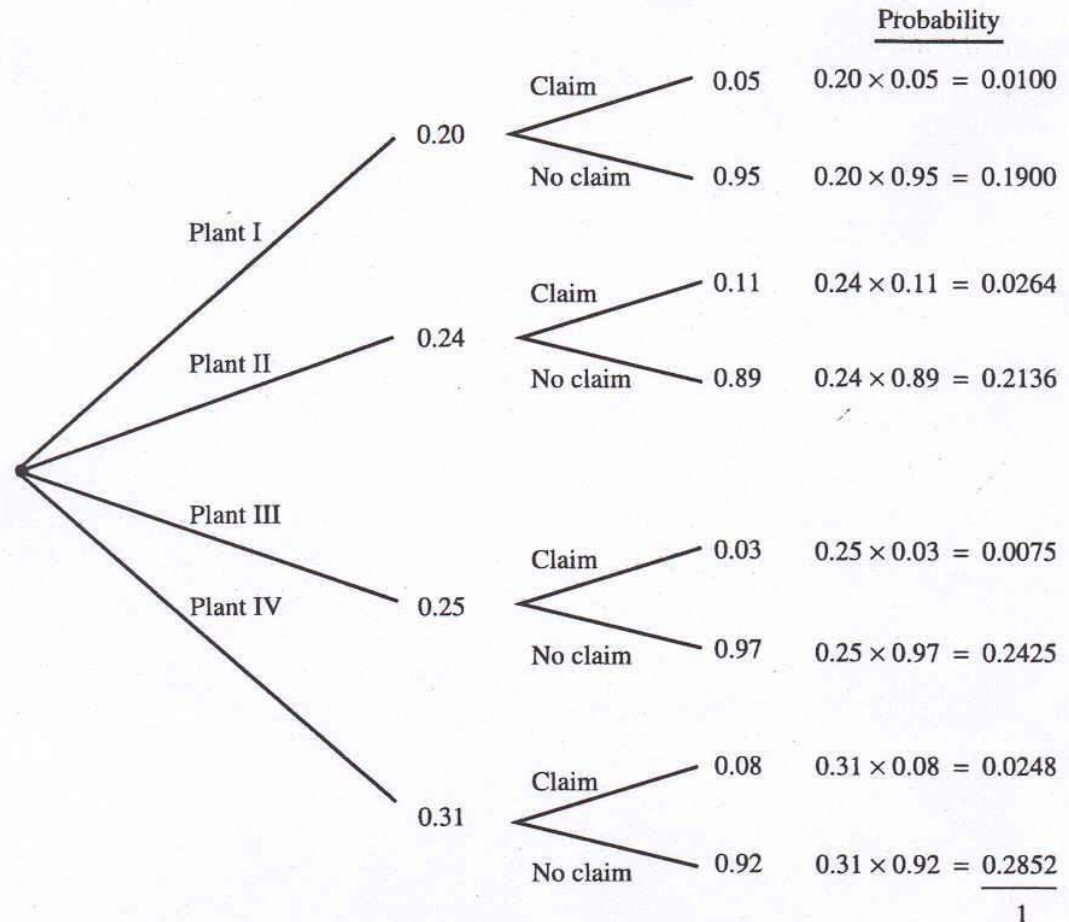
For example, a car assembled in plant I has a probability of 0.05 of receiving a claim on its warranty.

Notice that **claims are clearly not independent of assembly location** because these four conditional probabilities are unequal.

## 1.5.3 Examples and Probability Trees(2/3)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{claim}) &= P(\text{plant I, claim}) + P(\text{plant II, claim}) \\ &\quad + P(\text{plant III, claim}) + P(\text{plant IV, claim}) \\ &= 0.0687 \end{aligned}$$

FIGURE 1.65 •  
Probability tree for car warranties  
example



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## 1.5.3 Examples and Probability Trees(3/3)

- GAMES OF CHANCE

- A fair die

- even = { 2,4,6 }    and    high score = { 4,5,6 }

- Intuitively, these two events are not independent.

- $$P(\text{even}) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(\text{even} | \text{high score}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

- A red die and a blue die are rolled.

- $A = \{ \text{the red die has an even score} \}$

- $B = \{ \text{the blue die has an even score} \}$

- $$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

# 1.6 Posterior Probabilities

## 1.6.1 Law of Total Probability(1/3)

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

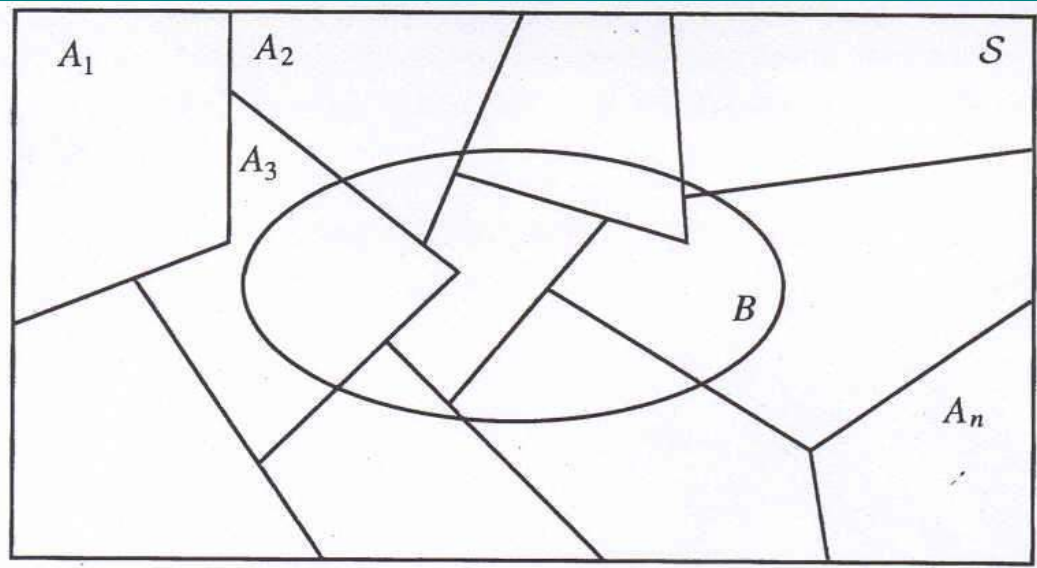
□  $S = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  and  $A_i$  : mutually exclusive

$\Rightarrow B = (A_1 \cap B) \cup \dots \cup (A_n \cap B)$  and  $(A_i \cap B)$  : mutually exclusive

$\Rightarrow P(B) = P(A_1 \cap B) + \dots + P(A_n \cap B)$

$$= P(A_1)P(B | A_1) + \dots + P(A_n)P(B | A_n)$$

FIGURE 1.67 •  
A partition  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  and an event  $B$



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## 1.6.1 Law of Total Probability(2/3)

- Law of Total Probability

If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  is a partition of a sample space, then the probability of an event  $B$  can be obtained from the probabilities

$P(A_i)$  and  $P(B|A_i)$  using the formula

$$P(B) = P(A_1)P(B|A_1) + \dots + P(A_n)P(B|A_n)$$

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## 1.6.1 Law of Total Probability(3/3)

- Example 7 Car Warranties

If  $A_1, A_2, A_3$ , and  $A_4$  are, respectively, the events that a car is assembled in plants I, II, III, and IV, then they provide a partition of the sample space, and the probabilities  $P(A_i)$  are the supply proportions of the four plants.

$B = \{ \text{a claim is made} \}$

= the claim rates for the four individual plants

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(A_1)P(B | A_1) + P(A_2)P(B | A_2) + P(A_3)P(B | A_3) + P(A_4)P(B | A_4) \\ &= (0.20 \times 0.05) + (0.24 \times 0.11) + (0.25 \times 0.03) + (0.31 \times 0.08) \\ &= 0.0687 \end{aligned}$$

## 1.6.2 Calculation of Posterior Probabilities

- $P(A_i)$  and  $P(B | A_i) \Rightarrow P(A_i | B) = ?$
- $P(A_1), \dots, P(A_n)$  : the prior probabilities
- $P(A_1 | B), \dots, P(A_n | B)$  : the posterior probabilities

$$\Rightarrow P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A_i)P(B | A_i)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A_i)P(B | A_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j)P(B | A_j)}$$

- Bayes' Theorem

If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  is a partition of a sample space, then the **posterior probabilities** of the event  $A_i$  conditional on an event  $B$  can be obtained from the probabilities  $P(A_i)$  and  $P(B | A_i)$  using the formula

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i)P(B | A_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j)P(B | A_j)}$$

## 1.6.3 Examples of Posterior Probabilities(1/2)

- Example 7 Car Warranties

- The prior probabilities

$$P(\text{plant I}) = 0.20, \quad P(\text{plant II}) = 0.24$$

$$P(\text{plant III}) = 0.25, \quad P(\text{plant IV}) = 0.31$$

- If a claim is made on the warranty of the car, how does this change these probabilities?

$$P(\text{plant I} | \text{claim}) = \frac{P(\text{plant I})P(\text{claim} | \text{plant I})}{P(\text{claim})} = \frac{0.20 \times 0.05}{0.0687} = 0.146$$

$$P(\text{plant II} | \text{claim}) = \frac{P(\text{plant II})P(\text{claim} | \text{plant II})}{P(\text{claim})} = \frac{0.24 \times 0.11}{0.0687} = 0.384$$

$$P(\text{plant III} | \text{claim}) = \frac{P(\text{plant III})P(\text{claim} | \text{plant III})}{P(\text{claim})} = \frac{0.25 \times 0.03}{0.0687} = 0.109$$

$$P(\text{plant IV} | \text{claim}) = \frac{P(\text{plant IV})P(\text{claim} | \text{plant IV})}{P(\text{claim})} = \frac{0.31 \times 0.08}{0.0687} = 0.361$$



## 1.6.3 Examples of Posterior Probabilities(2/2)

- No claim is made on the warranty

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{plant I} \mid \text{no claim}) &= \frac{P(\text{plant I})P(\text{no claim} \mid \text{plant I})}{P(\text{no claim})} \\&= \frac{0.20 \times 0.95}{0.9313} = 0.204\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{plant II} \mid \text{no claim}) &= \frac{P(\text{plant II})P(\text{no claim} \mid \text{plant II})}{P(\text{no claim})} \\&= \frac{0.24 \times 0.89}{0.9313} = 0.229\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{plant III} \mid \text{no claim}) &= \frac{P(\text{plant III})P(\text{no claim} \mid \text{plant III})}{P(\text{no claim})} \\&= \frac{0.25 \times 0.97}{0.9313} = 0.261\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{plant IV} \mid \text{no claim}) &= \frac{P(\text{plant IV})P(\text{no claim} \mid \text{plant IV})}{P(\text{no claim})} \\&= \frac{0.31 \times 0.92}{0.9313} = 0.306\end{aligned}$$