

12 - Exploring and applying probability

Probability = $\frac{\text{number of ways}}{\text{total number of possible outcomes}}$

$\frac{\text{Frequency of desired outcomes}}{\text{no. of trials}}$

Toss a die e.g.

$P(6)$ - *probability of getting a six* = $1/6$ → *chance/total possible results*

- Probabilities add to 100%
- Probabilities add to 1 e.g. $P(0.3) + P(0.7)$

Venn Diagrams

U = or → both options, e.g. $A \cup B'$ — A or not B

= and/but also → Same time e.g. $A \cap B$ — A but also B

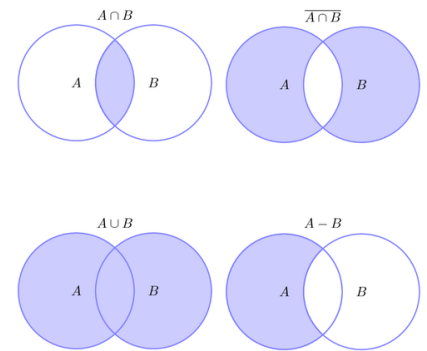
Mutually exclusive → not at the same time (cannot happen) - e.g. *picking a letter that is S and a vowel* - $P(A \text{ and } B)$

Mutually exhaustive → one or more can occur e.g. $P(A \text{ and } B)$ — $P(\text{heart and king})$

Exhaustive event → when all possible outcomes have been used up, only probability is 1

Independent event → does not affect the next event e.g. roll dice twice

Dependent event → is affected by another e



The more values = the more combinations

Expectation = long-run average you would get if a test was repeated many times

expectation = nP (no. trials x probability)

e.g. *probability of heads with biased coin* = $3/4$
Coin thrown 200 times

Expectation = $nP = 3/4 \times 200 = 150$

Rules:

$A \cup B = A$ union $B = A$ or B

$A \cap B = A$ and $B = A$ intersect B

$A^c =$ Complement $A =$ everything that does not include A

$\emptyset =$ empty set

$\in =$ an element of A/B e.g. 1 in A

$\notin =$ Not an element

Tree diagrams

- Multiply across branches to find combined probability of 2+ events

set notation	pronunciation	meaning	Venn diagram	answer
$A \cup B$	"A union B"	everything that is in either of the sets		{1, 2, 3}
$A \cap B$ or $A \cap B$	"A intersect B"	only the things that are in both of the sets		{2}
A^c or $\sim A$	"A complement", or "not A"	everything in the universe outside of A		{3, 4}
$A - B$	"A minus B", or "A complement B"	everything in A except for anything in its overlap with B		{1}
$\sim(A \cup B)$	"not (A union B)"	everything outside A and B		{4}
$\sim(A \cap B)$ or $\sim(A \cap B)$	"not (A intersect B)"	everything outside of the overlap of A and B		{1, 3, 4}