

Randomized Algorithms

- Deterministic and (Las Vegas & Monte Carlo) Randomized Algorithms
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- Max-Cut
- Min-Cut
- MAX-3-SAT and Derandomization
- Closest pair
- Hashing, Bloom filters, Streams, Sampling, Reservoir sampling, Sketch


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- Conditional Probability and Conditional Expectation
- Independence

Sample Space Ω

Sample Space Ω : Set of all possible outcome of a random experiments

■ Toss a fair coin   $\Omega = \{H, T\}$

■ Roll a fair die  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

■ Roll two fair dice 

$\Omega = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3) \cdots, (2, 1), (2, 2) \cdots, (6, 6)\}$

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Mathematical Model of a random experiment

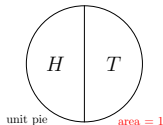
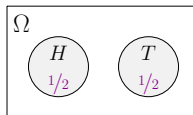
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1 $Pr(i) \geq 0$

2 $\sum_{i \in \Omega} Pr(i) = 1$

Toss a fair coin



What is the probability of a heads?

$$Pr(\{H\}) = 1/2$$

$$Pr(\{H\}) + Pr(\{T\}) = 1/2 + 1/2 = 1$$

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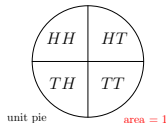
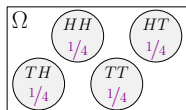
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Toss two fair coins



What is the probability of a heads on both coins?

$$Pr(\{HH\}) = 1/4$$

$$Pr(\{HH\}) + Pr(\{HT\}) + Pr(\{TH\}) + Pr(\{TT\}) = 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4 = 1$$

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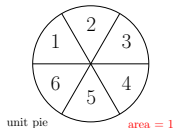
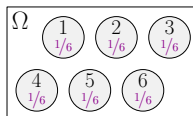
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Roll a fair die



What is the probability of rolling a 3?

$$Pr(\{3\}) = 1/6$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 Pr(\{i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^6 1/6 = 1$$

Mathematical Model of a random experiment

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Roll two fair dice 

$$\Omega = \{11, 12, 13 \dots, 21, 22 \dots, 66\}$$

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What is the probability of rolling a 54?

$$Pr(\{54\}) = 1/36$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 Pr(\{ij\}) = \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 1/36 = 1$$

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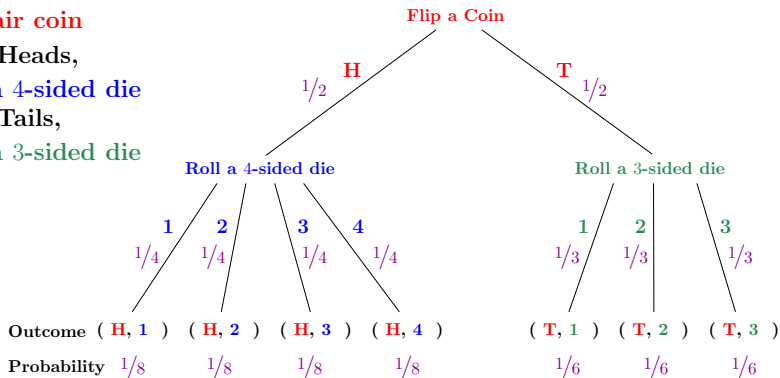
Flip a fair coin

If it is Heads,

Roll a 4-sided die

If it is Tails,

Roll a 3-sided die



Events and their Probability

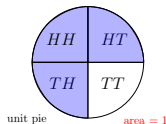
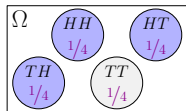
An event is S is a subset of the sample space, $S \subseteq \Omega$

▷ Some group of outcomes we are interested in

Probability of the event S

$$Pr(S) = \sum_{i \in S} Pr(i)$$

Toss two fair coins



■ Event: At least one coin shows Heads

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$$Pr(S) = Pr(\{HH, HT, TH\}) = 3 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

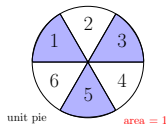
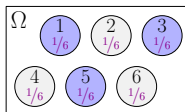
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Roll a fair die



- Event: Value on the die is an odd number

$$O \subseteq \Omega = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$Pr(O) = Pr(\{1, 3, 5\}) = 3 \times 1/6 = 1/2$$

Events and their Probability

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■ Event: Sum of values on dice is 10 or more

$$S_1 \subseteq \Omega = \{46, 55, 56, 64, 65, 66\}$$

$$Pr(S_1) = Pr(\{46, 55, 56, 64, 65, 66\}) = 6 \times 1/36 = 1/6$$

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■ Event: Both dice show an even number at least 4

$$S_2 \subseteq \Omega = \{44, 46, 64, 66\}$$

$$Pr(S_2) = Pr(\{44, 46, 64, 66\}) = 4 \times 1/36 = 1/9$$

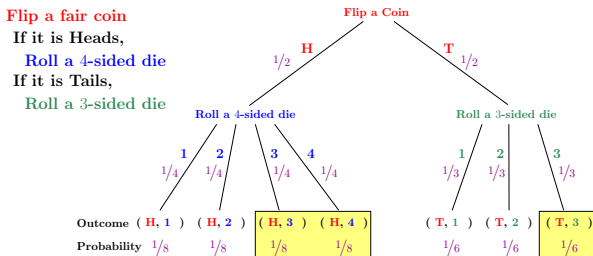
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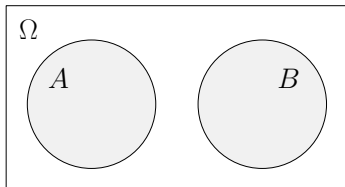
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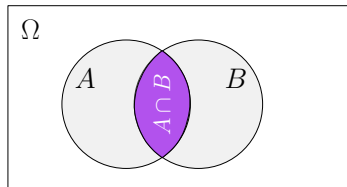
■ Event: die roll is at least 3 $S \subseteq \Omega = \{H3, H4, T3\}$

$$Pr(S) = Pr(\{H3, H4, T3\}) = 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/6 = 5/12$$

For events A and B , find $Pr(A \cup B)$



Mutually exclusive events A and B



Non-mutually exclusive events A and B

- If A and B are mutually exclusive ($A \cap B = \emptyset$)

$$Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B)$$

- If A and B are non-mutually exclusive ($A \cap B \neq \emptyset$)

$$Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$$

Conditional Probability

Conditional probability of an event X given that an event Y has occurred

Probability of X given Y , $Pr(X|Y)$

▷ Revised prob. of events conditioned on another event (partial info)

Roll a fair die 

- What is the probability that the outcome is 5?
- Suppose the die rolls an even number, what is prob. that the outcome is 5?
- Suppose the die rolls an odd number, what is prob. that the outcome is 5?

Conditional probability of an event X given that an event Y has occurred

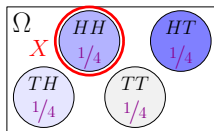
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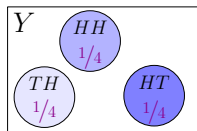
Toss two fair coins 

X : At least coin is Heads

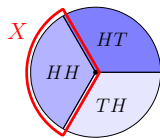
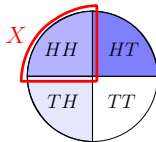
Y : Both coins are Heads



$Pr : \Omega \mapsto [0, 1]$



$Pr_{|Y} : Y \mapsto [0, 1]$



- $Pr[X] = 1/4$
- $Pr[Y] = 3/4$
- $Pr[X|Y] = 1/3$

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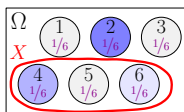
X : Value on the die is ≥ 4

Y : Value on the die is even

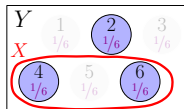
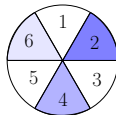
■ $Pr[X] = 1/2$

■ $Pr[Y] = 1/2$

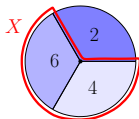
■ $Pr[X|Y] = 2/3$



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Roll two fair dice 

X : Sum of values on dice is ≥ 10

Y : Values on both dice are even ≥ 4

- $Pr[X] = 4/36$
- $Pr[Y] = 6/36$
- $Pr[X|Y] = 3/6$
- $Pr[Y|X] = 3/4$

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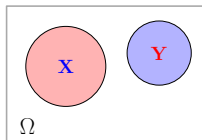
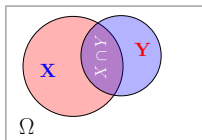
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$$Pr(X|Y) = \frac{Pr(X \cap Y)}{Pr(Y)}$$

$$Pr(Y|X) = \frac{Pr(X \cap Y)}{Pr(X)}$$



Independent Events

Events A and B are independent if and only if

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

Equivalently

$$Pr(A|B) = Pr(A) \quad \text{and} \quad Pr(B|A) = Pr(B)$$

Random Variable

Random Variable: A function mapping outcomes to real numbers

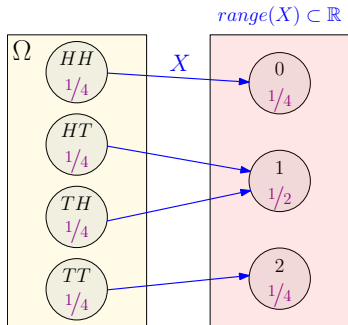
$$X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

Numeric functions cannot be applied to events (being sets) but random variables can be manipulated

We can take mean, min, max, sum, product of random variables

Toss two fair coins 

$X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} = \text{Number of Tails}$



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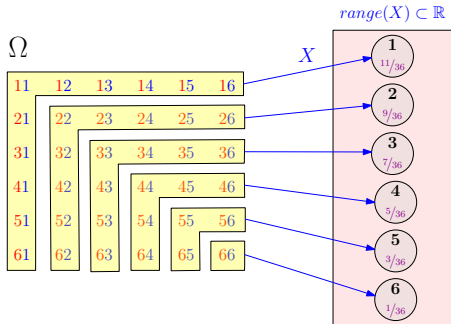
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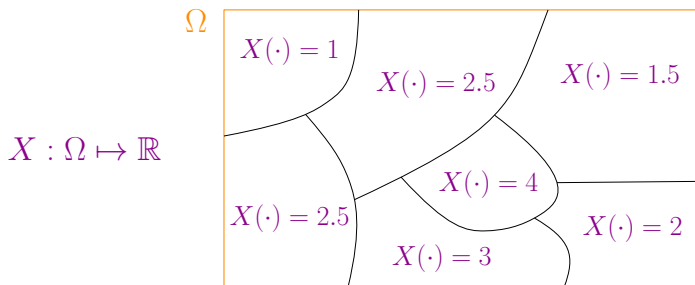
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Roll two fair dice 

$X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} = \text{Min of dice rolls}$



- $X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
- X partitions Ω into parts as pre-images of different values of X



$$\Pr(X = a) = \Pr(\{w : X(w) = a\}) = \sum_{w: X(w)=a} \Pr(w)$$

Expectation of a Random Variable

Expectation $E[X]$: The (weighted) average value of the random variable X

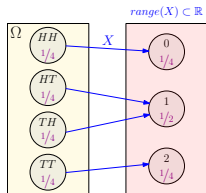
Simply average over every outcome in Ω weighted by its probability

$$E[X] = \sum_{i \in \Omega} X(i) \cdot Pr(i)$$

Toss two fair coins



$X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} = \text{Number of Tails}$



$$E(X) = \sum_{a=0}^3 a \times Pr(X = a) = 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

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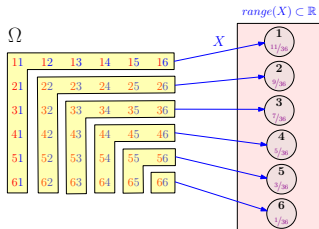
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$$E(X) = \sum_{a=1}^6 a \cdot Pr(X = a) = 1 \frac{11}{36} + 2 \frac{9}{36} + 3 \frac{7}{36} + 4 \frac{5}{36} + 5 \frac{3}{36} + 6 \frac{1}{36} = 2.527$$

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Roll two fair dice  $\Omega = \{11, 12, 13 \dots, 21, 22 \dots, 66\}$

X = sum of the dice roll

$$E(X) = \sum_{a=1}^6 \sum_{b=1}^6 (a + b) Pr(X = a + b) = \sum_{a=1}^6 \sum_{b=1}^6 (a + b) \frac{1}{36} = 7$$

1 $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

2 $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$


3 Expectation of sum of random variables is sum of their expectations

$$E \left[\sum_{j=1}^n X_j \right] = \sum_{j=1}^n E[X_j]$$

Indicator Random Variable: A function that maps every outcome to 0 or 1

$X : \Omega \mapsto \{0, 1\}$ ▷ aka Bernoulli or characteristic random variable

- Identify all outcomes with and without a “characteristic”
- Partition the sample space into two parts

Roll two fair dice  $\Omega = \{11, 12, 13 \dots, 21, 22 \dots, 66\}$


$$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if sum of dice rolls is at least 10} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$E(Y) = 1 \cdot p(Y = 1) + 0 \cdot p(Y = 0) = p(Y = 1)$$

Expected value of a random variable X given that value of r.v Y is b


$$E[X|Y = b] = \sum_a a \cdot p(X = a|Y = b)$$

The average of values a 's of X weighted by $p(X = a|Y = b)$

Roll two fair dice  $\Omega = \{11, 12, 13 \dots, 21, 22 \dots, 66\}$

- X = sum of the dice roll
- Y : indicator if the two dice show the same value


$$E[Y|X = 10] = 1 \cdot p(Y = 1|X = 10) + 0 \cdot p(Y = 0|X = 10) = \frac{1}{3}$$

- $X = 10 \implies$  $\in \{46, 55, 64\}$
- $p(Y = 1|X = 10) = 1/3$ and $p(Y = 0|X = 10) = 2/3$

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Roll two fair dice  $\Omega = \{11, 12, 13 \dots, 21, 22 \dots, 66\}$

- X = sum of the dice roll
- Y : indicator if the two dice show the same value

$$E[X|Y = 1] = \sum_{a=2}^{12} a \cdot p(X = a|Y = 1) = 7$$

- $Y = 1 \implies \langle \text{blue die}, \text{red die} \rangle \in \{11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66\}$
- $p(X = 3|Y = 1) = 0$ and $p(X = 4|Y = 1) = 1/6 \dots$

$$E[E[Y|X]] = E[Y]$$

The expected value (over all possible values of X) of the expected value of Y conditioned on X is just the expected value of Y

$$E[E[X|Y]] = E[X]$$

Independent Random Variables

Two random variables X and Y are independent if and only if

$$p(X = a \text{ AND } Y = b) = p(X = a)p(Y = b)$$

If X and Y are independent random variables, then

$$E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$$