

## ◆ 1. Sample Space Diagrams

A sample space shows all possible outcomes of an event.

### Example 1: Tossing two coins

Sample space:

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

Let  $A$  = "at least one head"

$$A = \{HH, HT, TH\}$$

$$P(A) = 3/4$$

Let  $B$  = "both tails"

$$B = \{TT\}$$

$$P(B) = 1/4$$

### Combined Events:

- $P(A \cap B)$  = probability of both  $A$  and  $B$   
 $\rightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset \rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0$
- $P(A \cup B)$  = probability of  $A$  or  $B$  or both  
 $\rightarrow A \cup B = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\} \rightarrow P(A \cup B) = 4/4 = 1$

## ◆ 2. Venn Diagrams

Used to represent events and their relationships.

### Example 2:

In a class of 40 students:

- 25 study Math ( $M$ ),
- 18 study Physics ( $P$ ),
- 10 study both.

Let's use a Venn diagram to find:

- $P(M \cup P)$  (Math or Physics)
- $P(M \cap P)$  (both Math and Physics)

We fill the Venn diagram:

- $M \cap P = 10$
- $M \text{ only} = 25 - 10 = 15$
- $P \text{ only} = 18 - 10 = 8$
- $\text{Outside both} = 40 - (15 + 10 + 8) = 7$

So:

- $P(M \cap P) = 10/40 = 0.25$
- $P(M \cup P) = (15 + 10 + 8)/40 = 33/40 = 0.825$

### ◆ 3. Tree Diagrams

Tree diagrams are great for **multi-stage experiments**, especially:

- With replacement  $\rightarrow$  probabilities stay the same
- Without replacement  $\rightarrow$  probabilities change

#### Example 3: With replacement

Bag has 3 red and 2 blue balls. Draw 2 balls **with replacement**.

Tree diagram:

- First draw:  $P(R) = 3/5$ ,  $P(B) = 2/5$
- Second draw (same probabilities since replacement)

To find:

$$P(\text{both red}) = P(R \text{ and } R) = (3/5) \times (3/5) = 9/25$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{one red, one blue}) &= P(R \text{ then } B) + P(B \text{ then } R) \\ &= (3/5 \times 2/5) + (2/5 \times 3/5) = 6/25 + 6/25 = 12/25 \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 4: Without replacement

Same bag, but draw 2 balls **without replacement**

- First draw:  $P(R) = 3/5$ ,  $P(B) = 2/5$
- Second draw changes depending on the first

$$P(\text{both red}) = (3/5) \times (2/4) = 6/20 = 3/10$$

$P(\text{one red, one blue}) =$

$$P(R \text{ then } B) = (3/5) \times (2/4) = 6/20$$

$$P(B \text{ then } R) = (2/5) \times (3/4) = 6/20$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total} = 12/20 = 3/5$$

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### ◆ Notation Recap:

- $P(A \cap B)$  = Probability of A **and** B happening
- $P(A \cup B)$  = Probability of A **or** B or both happening