3. Discrete Probability

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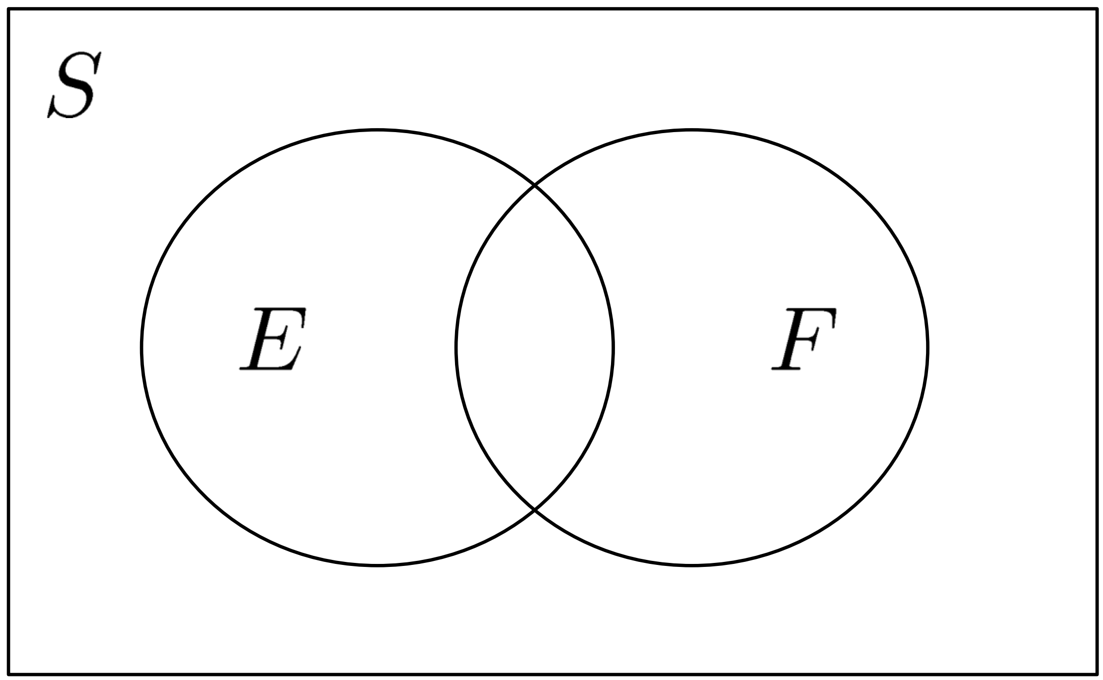
Sample space: **S** is the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment

Coin flip:	S = **{Heads, Tails}**
Flipping two coins:	S = **{(H,H), (H,T), (T,H), (T,T)}**
Roll of 6-sided die:	S = **{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}**
# emails in a day:	S = $\{ x : x \in \mathbb{Z}, \ x \geq 0 \}$
YouTube hrs. in a day:	S = $\{ x : x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq x \leq 24 \}$

Events: $\mathbf{E} \subseteq \mathbf{S}$ is some subset of the sample space

Coin flip is heads:	E = **{Head}**
At least one head in 2 flips:	E = **{(H,H), (H,T), (T,H)}**
Roll of die is 3 or less:	E = **{1, 2, 3}**
# emails in a day < 20:	$E = \{ x : x \in \mathbb{Z},\ 0 \leq x < 20\}$
Wasted day (>5 YT hrs):	$E = \{ x : x \in \mathbb{R},\ x > 5 \}$

E and F are events in the sample space S



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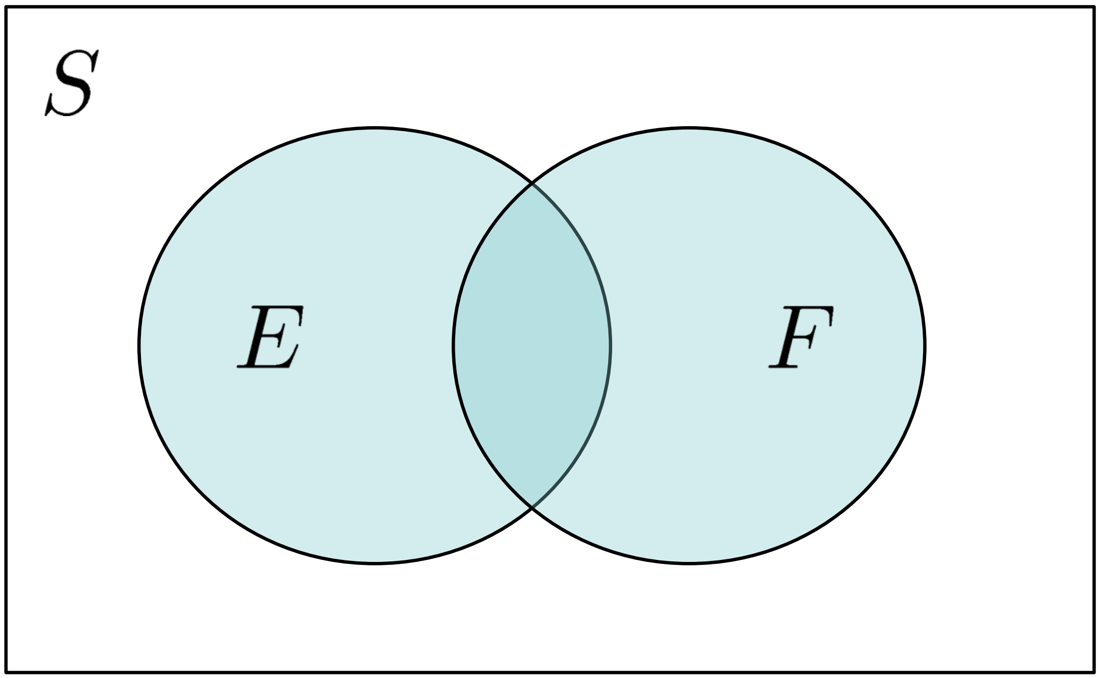
Event "E OR F", written E ∪ F

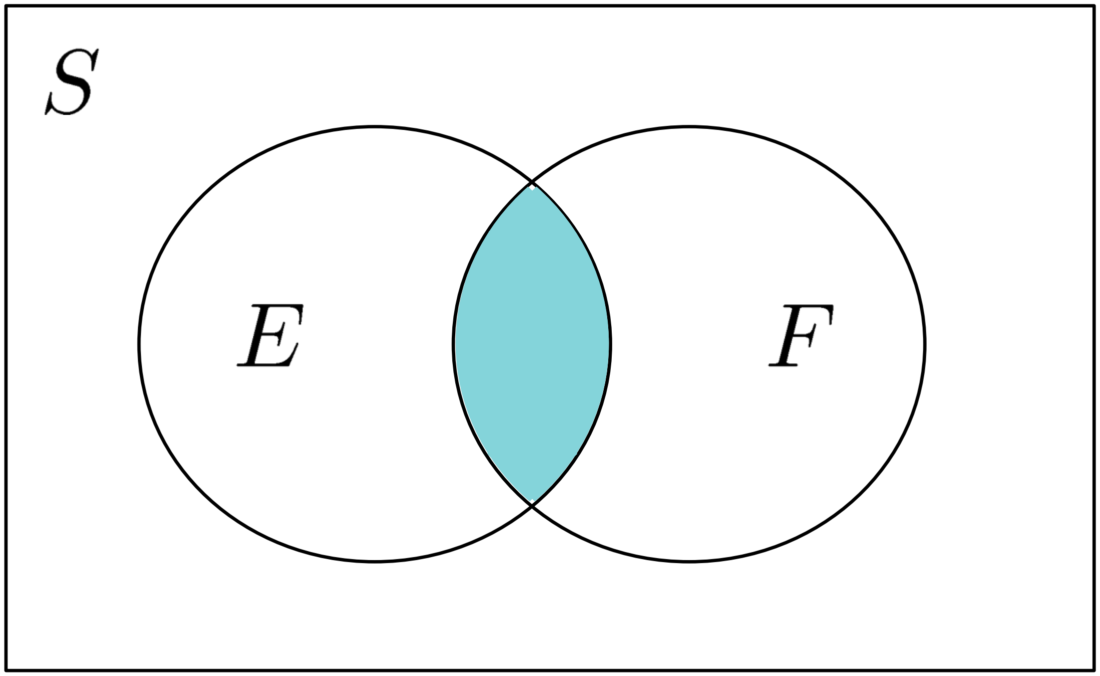


S = {1,2,3,4,5,6} die roll outcome

E = {1,2}, F = {2,3}
E ∪ F = {1, 2, 3}

E and F are events in the sample space S

Event "E AND F", written E ∩ F or EF

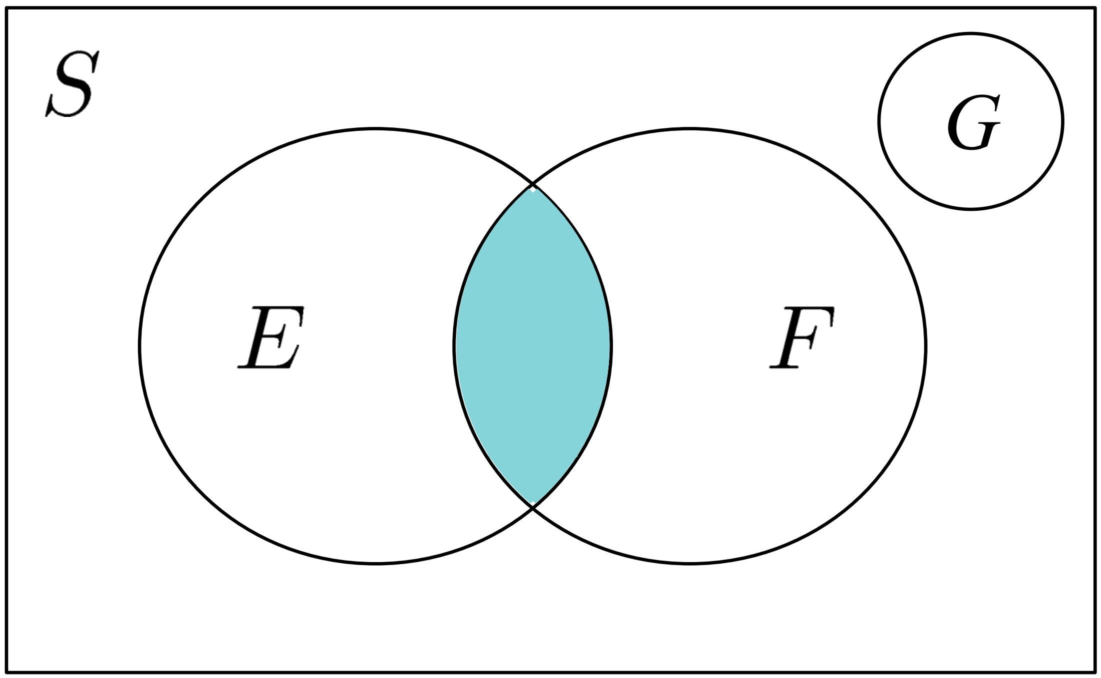


S = {1,2,3,4,5,6} die roll outcome

E = {1,2}, F = {2,3}
EF = {2}

E and F are events in the sample space S

EF = ∅ ⇔ E,F are "mutually exclusive"

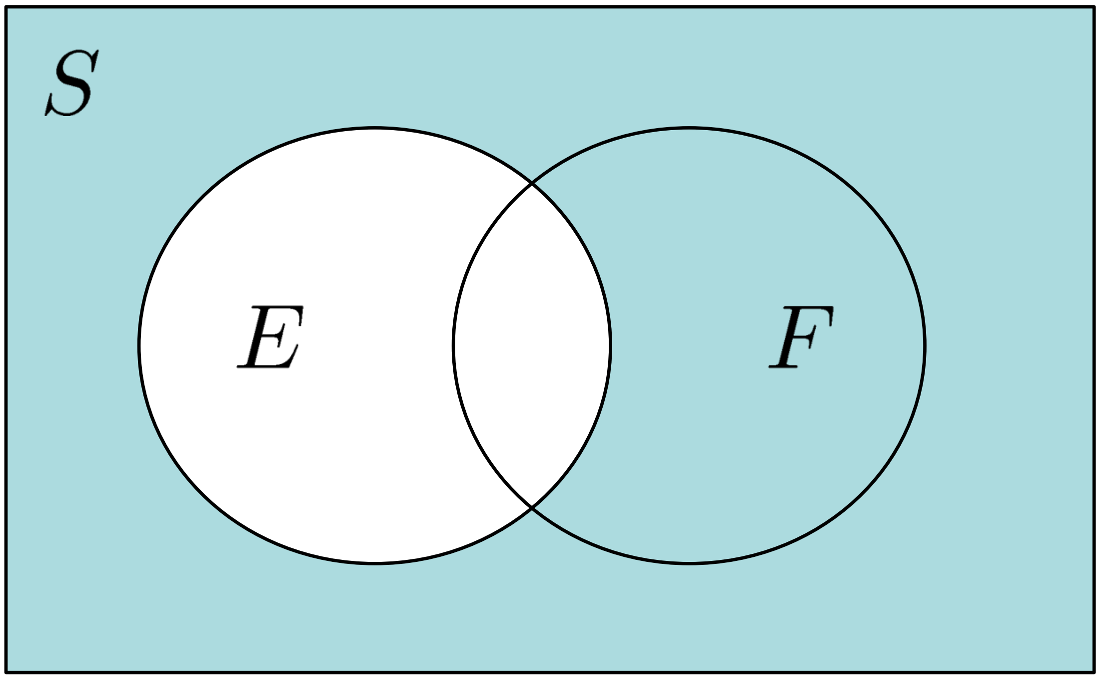


S = {1,2,3,4,5,6} die roll outcome

E = {1,2}, F = {2,3}, G={5,6}
EF = {2}, *not* mutually exclusive, but E,G and F,G are

E and F are events in the sample space S

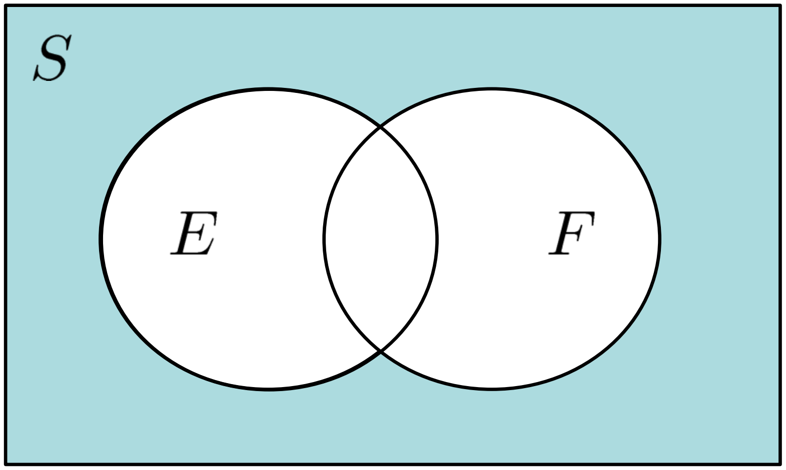
Event "not E" written $\bar{E}$ or $\neg E$.



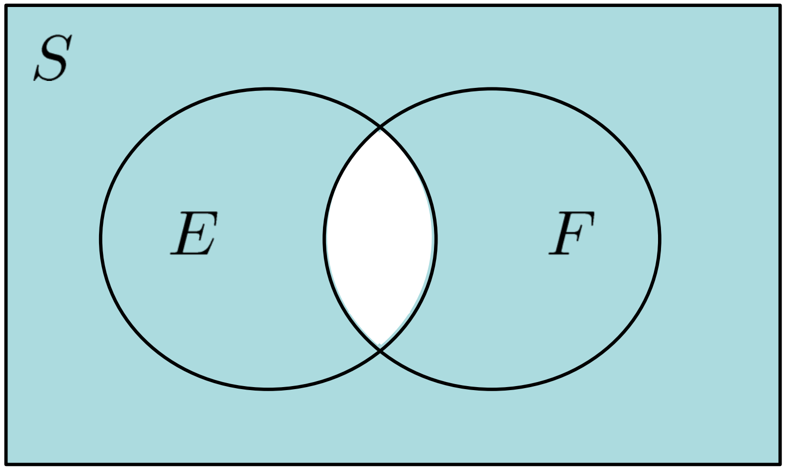
S = {1,2,3,4,5,6} die roll outcome $E = \{1, 2\}$ $\bar{E} = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

DeMorgan's Laws

$$\overline{E \cup F} = \bar{E} \cap \bar{F}$$



$$\overline{E \cap F} = \bar{E} \cup \bar{F}$$



Intuition: Probability as the relative frequency of an event

$$\Pr(E) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n(E)}{n}$$

Axiom 1: $0 \leq \Pr(E) \leq 1$

Axiom 2: $\Pr(S) = 1$

Axiom 3: If E and F are mutually exclusive (EF = ∅), then

$$\Pr(E \cup F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F)$$

For any sequence $E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_n$ of mutually exclusive events,

$$\Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_i\right) = \Pr(E_1) + \cdots + \Pr(E_n)$$

implications of axioms

- $\Pr(\bar{E}) = 1 - \Pr(E)$

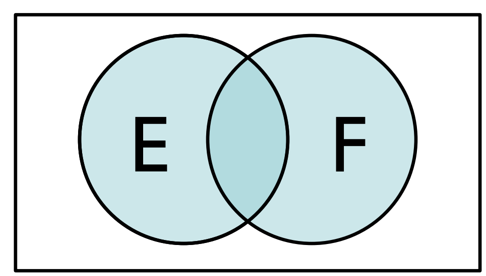
$$\Pr(\bar{E}) = \Pr(S) - \Pr(E) \text{ because } S = E \cup \bar{E}$$

- If $E \subseteq F$, then $\Pr(E) \leq \Pr(F)$

$$\Pr(F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F - E) \geq \Pr(E)$$

- $\Pr(E \cup F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F) - \Pr(EF)$

inclusion-exclusion formula



equally likely outcomes

Simplest case: sample spaces with equally likely outcomes.

Coin flips:	S = {Heads, Tails}
Flipping two coins:	S = {(H,H),(H,T),(T,H),(T,T)}
Roll of 6-sided die:	S = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

Pr(each outcome) = $\dfrac{1}{|S|}$

In that case,

$$\Pr(E) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in } E}{\text{number of outcomes in } S} = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$$

Roll two 6-sided dice. What is Pr(sum of dice = 7) ?

S = { (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6),
(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) }

E = { (1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1) }

Pr(sum = 7) = |E|/|S| = 6/36 = 1/6.

twinkies and ding dongs

4 Twinkies and 3 DingDongs in a bag. **3 drawn**

What is Pr(one Twinkie and two DingDongs drawn) ?

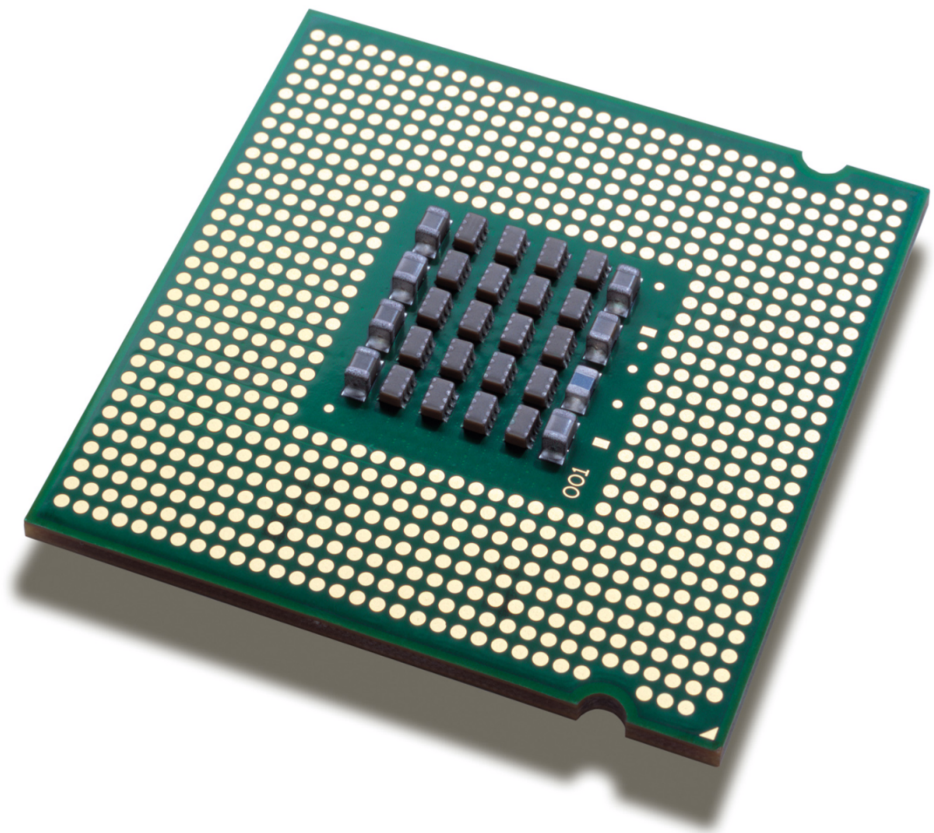
Ordered:

- Pick 3 ordered options: |S| = 7 • 6 • 5 = 210
- Pick Twinkie as either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd item:
  |E| = (4•3•2) + (3•4•2) + (3•2•4) = 72
- Pr(1 Twinkie and 2 DingDongs) = 72/210 = 12/35.

Unordered:

- |S| $= \binom{7}{3} = 35$
- |E| $= \binom{4}{1}\binom{3}{2} = 12$
- Pr(1 Twinkie and 2 DingDongs) = 12/35.

chip defect detection



n chips manufactured, one of which is defective

k chips randomly selected from n for testing

What is Pr(defective chip is in k selected chips) ?

$|S| = \binom{n}{k}$ $\qquad$ $|E| = \binom{1}{1}\binom{n-1}{k-1}$

Pr(defective chip is in k selected chips)

$$= \frac{\binom{1}{1}\binom{n-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{\frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!}}{\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}} = \frac{k}{n}$$

n chips manufactured, one of which is defective

k chips randomly selected from n for testing

What is Pr(defective chip is in k selected chips) ?

Different analysis:

- Select k chips at random by permuting all n chips and then choosing the first k.
- Let E_i = event that i^{th} chip is defective.
- Events $E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_k$ are mutually exclusive
- $Pr(E_i) = 1/n$ for $i=1,2,\ldots,k$
- Thus Pr(defective chip is selected)

$$= Pr(E_1) + \cdots + Pr(E_k) = k/n.$$

n chips manufactured, **two** of which are defective

k chips randomly selected from n for testing

What is Pr(a defective chip is in k selected chips) ?

|S| = $\binom{n}{k}$ |E| = (1 chip defective) + (2 chips defective)

$$= \binom{2}{1}\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{2}{2}\binom{n-2}{k-2}$$

Pr(a defective chip is in k selected chips)

$$= \frac{\binom{2}{1}\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{2}{2}\binom{n-2}{k-2}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

n chips manufactured, **two** of which are defective

k chips randomly selected from n for testing

What is Pr(a defective chip is in k selected chips) ?

Another approach:

Pr(a defective chip is in k selected chips) = 1-Pr(none)

Pr(none):

$$|S| = \binom{n}{k}, |E| = \binom{n-2}{k}, Pr(\text{none}) = \frac{\binom{n-2}{k}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Pr(a defective chip is in k selected chips) = $1 - \frac{\binom{n-2}{k}}{\binom{n}{k}}$

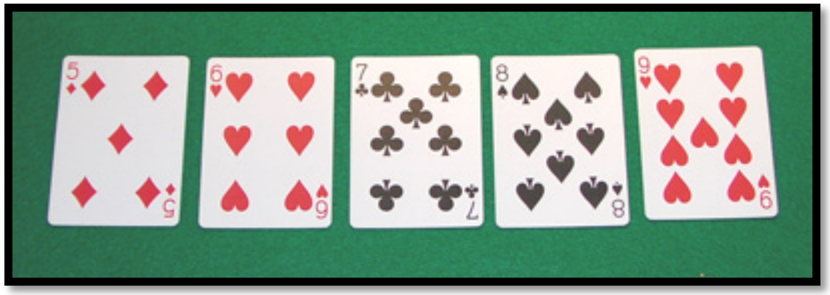
(Same as above? Check it!)

any straight in poker

Consider 5 card poker hands.

A "straight" is 5 consecutive rank cards of any suit

What is Pr(straight) ?

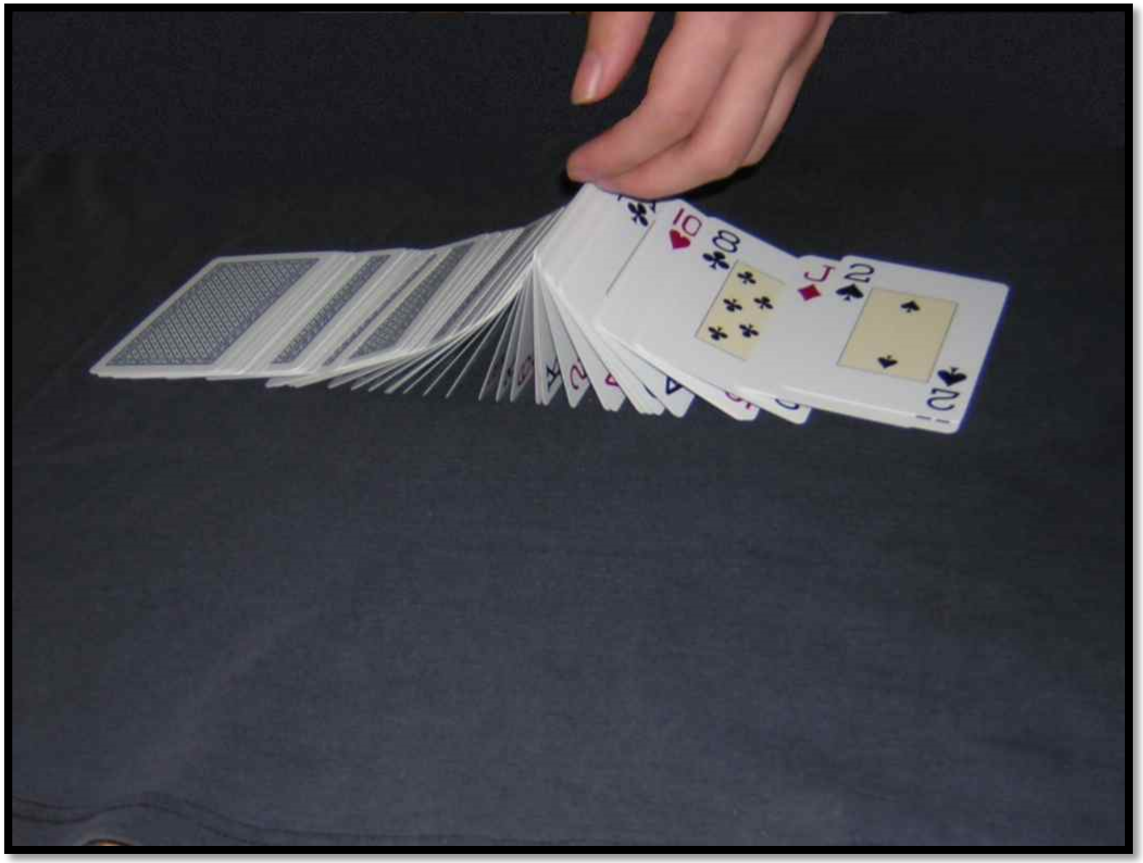


$|S| = \binom{52}{5}$

$|E| = 10 \cdot \binom{4}{1}^5$

$$\text{Pr(straight)} = \frac{10\binom{4}{1}^5}{\binom{52}{5}} \approx 0.00394$$

card flipping



card flipping

52 card deck. Cards flipped one at a time.

After first ace (of any suit) appears, consider next card

Pr(next card = ace of spades) < Pr(next card = 2 of clubs) ?

Maybe…

Case 1: Take Ace of Spades out of deck

Shuffle remaining 51 cards, add ace of spades after first ace

|S| = 52! (all cards shuffled)

|E| = 51! (only 1 place ace of spades can be added)

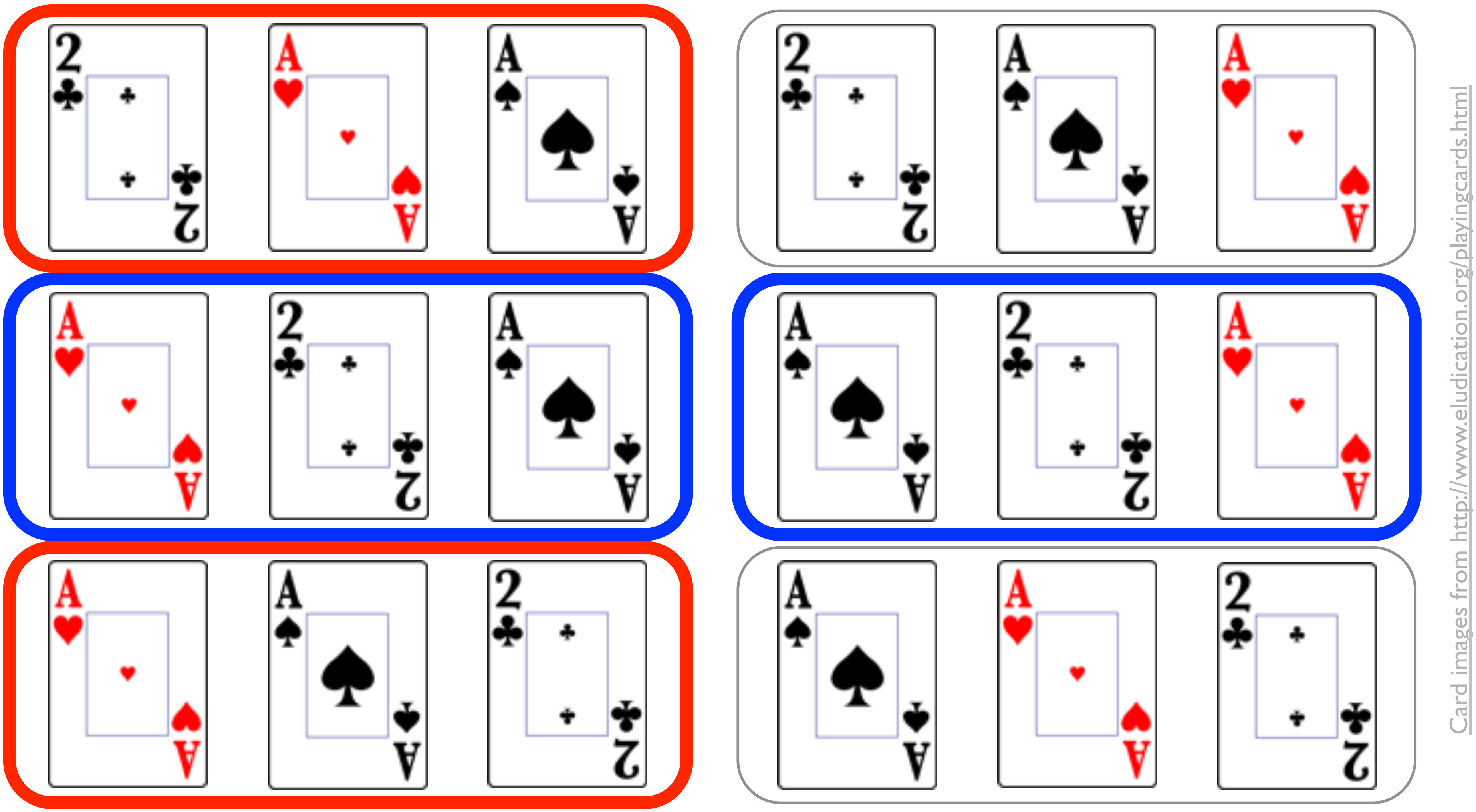
Case 2: Do the same thing with the 2 of clubs

|S| and |E| have same size

So,

Pr(next = Ace of spades) = Pr(next = 2 of clubs) = 1/52

Ace of Spades: 2/6 2 of Clubs: 2/6



Theory is the same for a 3-card deck; Pr = 2!/3! = 1/3

What is the probability that, of n people, none share the same birthday?

$|S| = (365)^n$

$|E| = (365)(364)(363)\cdots(365-n+1)$

Pr(no matching birthdays) = $|E|/|S|$

$= (365)(364)(363)\ldots(365-n+1)/(365)^n$

Some values of n…

n = 23: Pr(no matching birthdays) < 0.5

n = 77: Pr(no matching birthdays) < 1/5000

n = 100: Pr(no matching birthdays) < 1/3,000,000

n = 150: Pr(…) < 1/3,000,000,000,000,000

n = 366?

Pr = 0

(above formula gives this, but even easier to see via pigeon hole principle.)

What is the probability that, of n people, none share the same birthday as you?

$|S| = (365)^n$

$|E| = (364)^n$

Pr(no birthdays matches yours) = |E|/|S|

$= (364)^n/(365)^n$

Some values of n…

n = 23: Pr(no matching birthdays) ≈ 0.9388

n = 77: Pr(no matching birthdays) ≈ 0.8096

n = 253: Pr(no matching birthdays) ≈ 0.4995

hats

N persons at a party throw hats in middle, select at random. What is $\boxed{\text{Pr(no one gets own hat)?}}$

E_i = event that person i gets own hat

$$\Pr(\cup_{i=1}^{n} E_i) = \Sigma_i P(E_i) - \Sigma_{i<j} \Pr(E_i E_j) + \Sigma_{i<j<k} \Pr(E_i E_j E_k) \ldots$$

Pr(n fixed people get own back) = (N-n)!/N!

$$\binom{N}{n} \text{ times that } = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \frac{(N-n)!}{N!} = 1/n!$$

Pr(none get own) = 1-Pr(some do) =

$$1 - 1 + 1/2! - 1/3! + 1/4! \ldots + (-1)^n/n! \approx 1/e \approx .37$$

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