

# Chap 1:

- This textbook provides
  - The logic of probability theory
  - Applications of probability theory to practical problems
  - Statistical inference
- Three categories of theoretical material
  - Definitions: establishing the logic
  - Axioms: facts without proof
  - Theorems: consequences following from definitions and axioms

• Set: A collection of elements

•  $x \in A$  means " $x$  is an element of set  $A$ ."

$x \notin A$  means " $x$  is not an element of set  $A$ ."

$\in$  denotes set inclusion.

• Ways to define a set:

$A = \{ \text{National Taiwan University, National}$

Chiao Tung University, ...

$B = \{ \text{All NTU juniors who might meet}$

than 60 kg} }

$C = \{ x^2 \mid x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \} = \{ 1, 4, 9, 16, 25 \}$

$D = \{ x^2 \mid x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$

• Subset:  $A \subset B$   $\iff$  if and only if (~~and~~)

$A$  is a subset of  $B$   $\iff$  "if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$ ."

• Set Equality:  $A = B$

$A$  and  $B$  are identical  $\iff$  " $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ ."

A set is unaffected by the order of the elements, e.g.,  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 1, 2\}$ .

• Universal set:  $S$

$S$  includes all of the elements of all the sets in the study.

For any set  $X$ ,  $X \subset S$ .

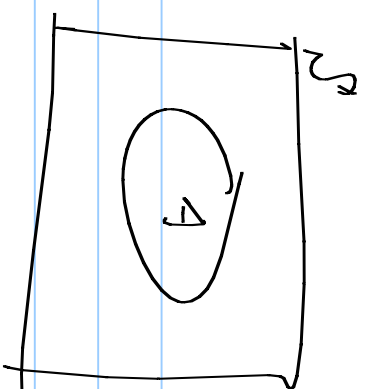
• Null Set:  $\emptyset$

$\emptyset$  includes no elements.

For any set  $X$ ,  $\emptyset \subset S$ .

# Venn Diagrams

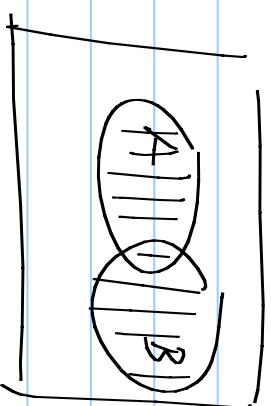
Large Rectangle denotes  $S$   
Closed Surfaces denote sets.



Set Operations and Venn Diagrams

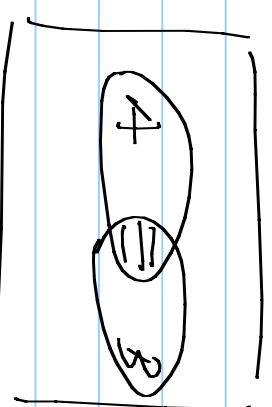
\* Union:  $A \cup B$

$x \in A \cup B$  iff " $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ "



\* Intersection:  $A \cap B$  or  $AB$

$x \in A \cap B$  iff " $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ "



\* Complement:  $A^c$

$x \in A^c$  iff " $x \notin A$ "

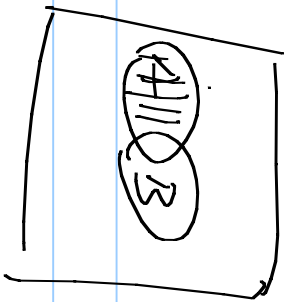
Note:  $S^c = \emptyset$



\* Difference:  $A - B$

$x \in A - B$  iff " $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ ."

Notes:  $A - B = A \cap B^c$ ,  $A^c = S - A$ ,  $A - B \subset A$ .



• Definition  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually exclusive iff

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ for all } i \neq j$$

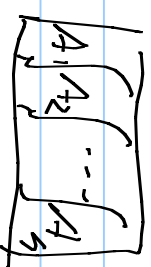
②  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint iff

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

③  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are collectively exhaustive iff

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = S$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = S$$



Note:  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are commonly said to

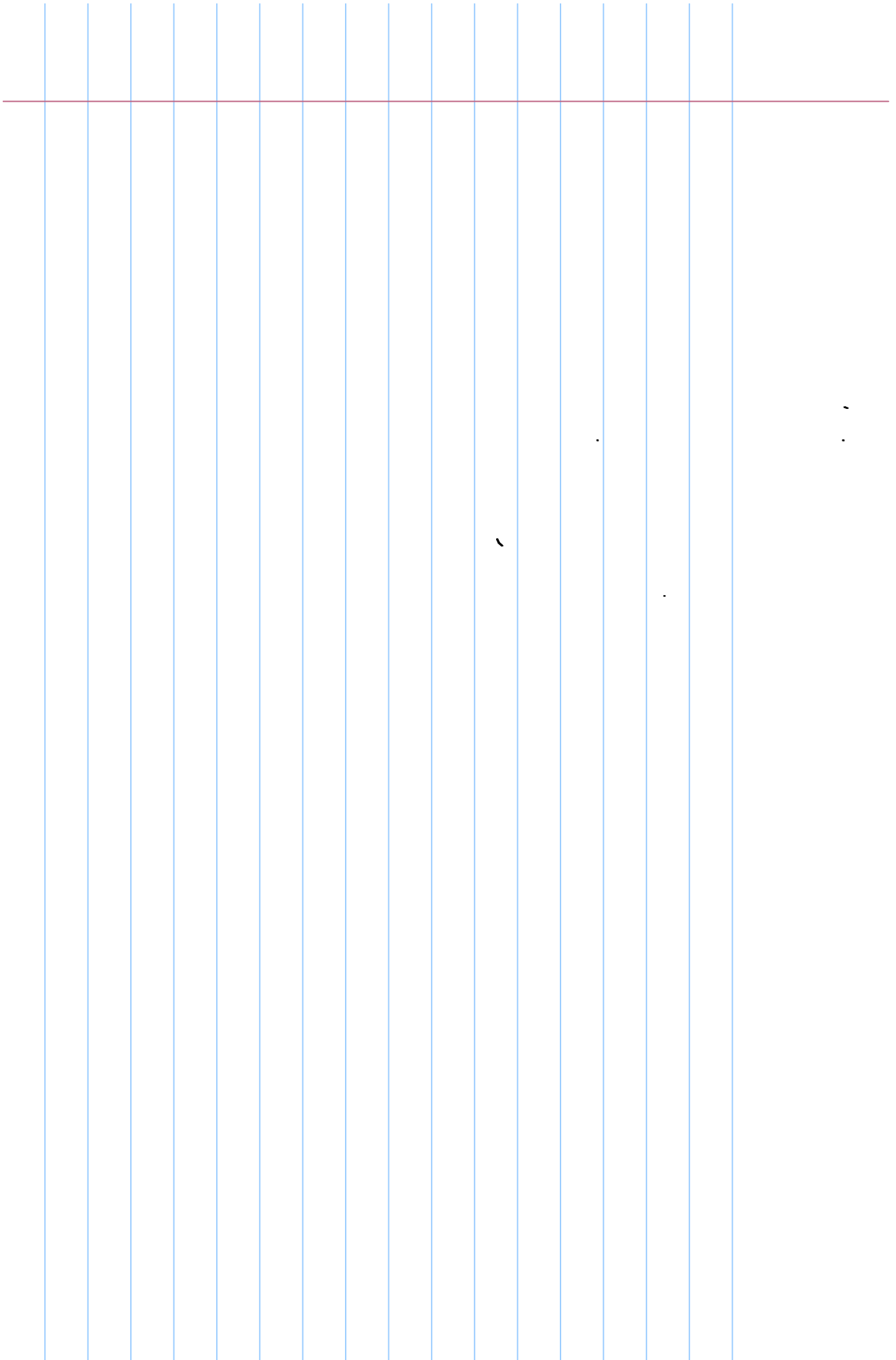
partition  $S$  if they are both mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.

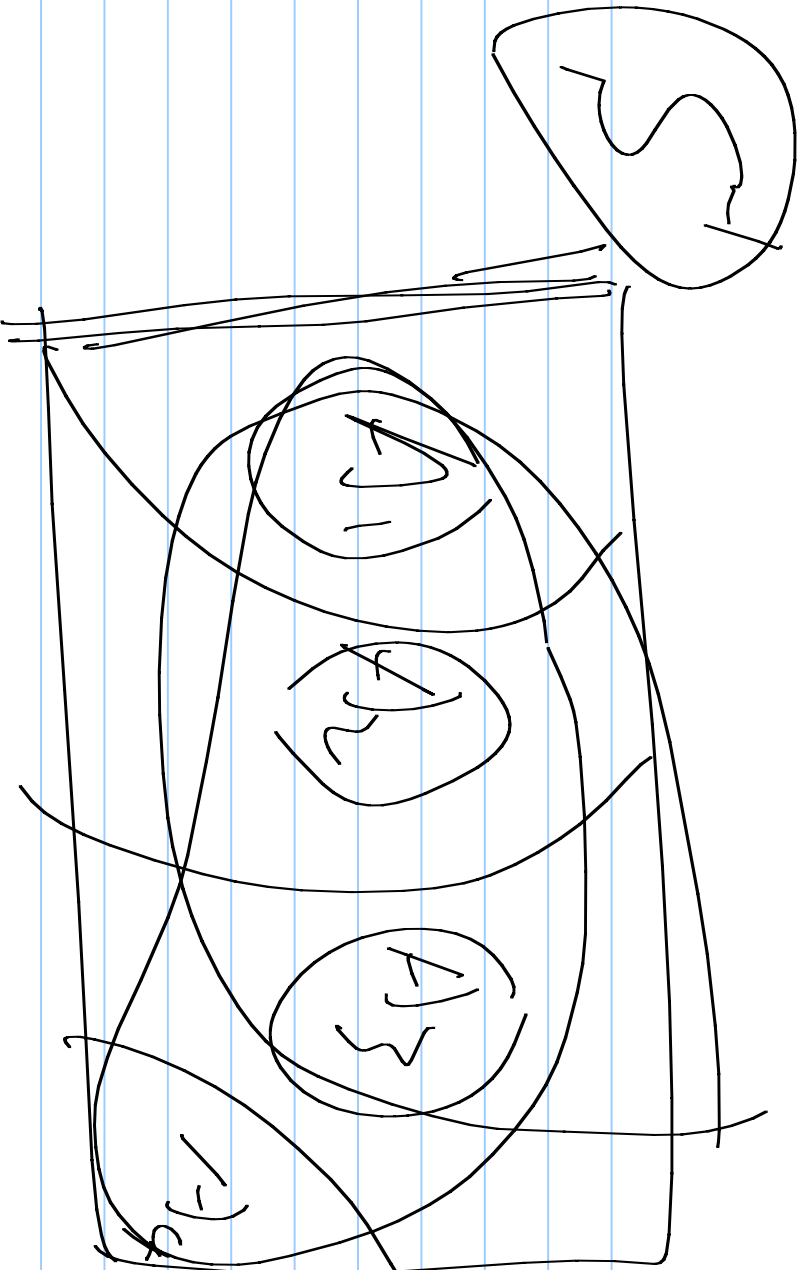
• Probability is a number that describes a set.

• Repeatable Experiment with uncertain Outputs;

Such an experiment consists of a procedure and observations.

We desire to analyze models of actual physical experiments with uncertain outputs.





$P[A_n] = 0$   $P[S] = 1$



Notes: ①  $P[\phi] = 0$

Pf: Prove by contradiction.

Suppose  $P[\phi] > 0$ .

According to Axion 3, if  $A_1 = A_2 = \dots$

$$= \phi, \text{ then } P[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{P[A_n]}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\phi]$$

Since  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \phi$ ,  $P[\phi] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\phi]$  which  
is impossible if  $P[\phi] > 0$ . Thus,  $P[\phi] = 0$

Q.E.D.

② If  $P[A] = 0$ , then  $A$  is not necessarily

a well set. Try to come out with a counter example.

③ For any event  $A$ ,  $P[A] \leq 1$ .

pf: According to Axiom 3, if  $A_1 = A$   
 $A_2 = A^c$ ,  $A_3 = A^c = \dots = \phi$ , then

$$P\left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right] = P\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[A_n]\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A \cup A^c] = P[A] + P[A^c] \quad (\text{Note 1})$$

$$\Rightarrow P[S] = P[A] + P[A^c] \geq P[A]$$

Axiom 2

Axiom 1

$$\textcircled{4} \quad P[A^c] = 1 - P[A]. \quad \text{D.E.D.}$$

For events  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$P[A \cap B] = P[A \cap B] = P\left(\underbrace{A}_{\text{joint event}} \cap \underbrace{B}_{\text{and}}\right)$$

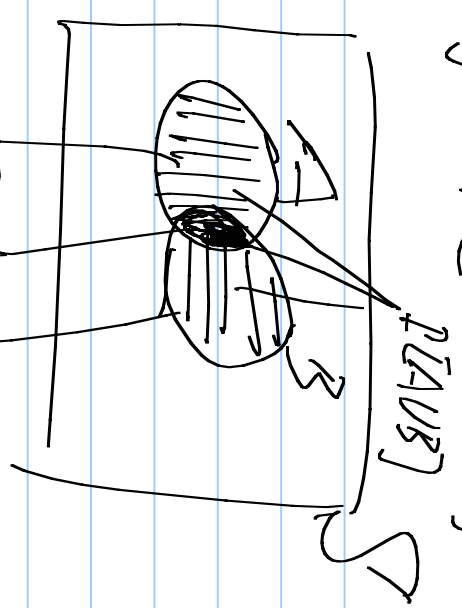
Thm:  $P[A \cup B] = \underbrace{P[A] + P[B]} - P[A \cap B]$

Pf:  $\underbrace{\quad}_S \underbrace{\quad}_S$

① Because  $A \cap \overline{B-A} = \phi$

and  $A \cup B-A = A \cup B$ ,

$\underbrace{P[A \cup B]} = P[A] + \underbrace{P[B-A]}$   
according to Axiom 3.




② Because  $B \cap A \cap \overline{B-A} = \phi$

and  $B \cap A \cup B-A = B$ ,

$\underbrace{P[B]} = P[B \cap A] + P[B-A] \Rightarrow \underbrace{P[B-A]} = \underbrace{P[B]} - P[A \cap B]}$   
according to Axiom 3.

$$(3) \quad (1) + (2) \Rightarrow P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B].$$

Q.E.D.

(d) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$ . 

Pf: Because  $A \cap B - A = \emptyset$

and  $A \cup B - A = B$  ( $\because A \subset B$ )

$$P[B] = \underbrace{P[A] + P[B - A]}_{\emptyset} \geq P[A]$$

according to Axiom 3, Axiom 1

Then i.f.f:  $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A \cap B_i]$   $\leftarrow$  Law of total probability

$\rightarrow$  if  $[B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m]$  is a space.  $\leftarrow$  total probability

pf: Because  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^m [A \cap B_i]$  and

$$\{A \cap B_i\} \cap \{A \cap B_j\} = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j)$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A \cap B_i]$$

According to Axiom 3.

$$P[A] \approx 1, \quad P[A] = 0, \quad P[A] = \frac{1}{2}$$

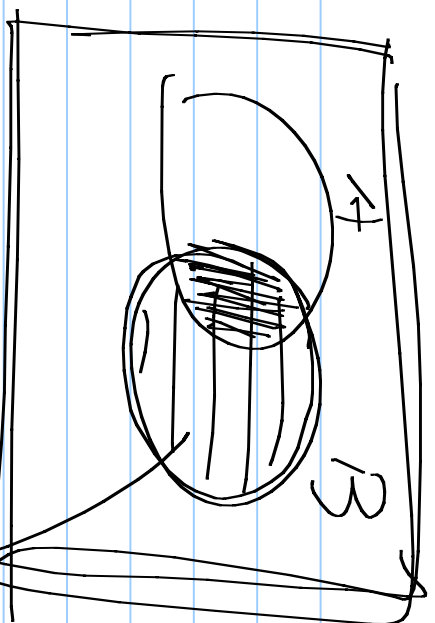
$P[A] \equiv \underbrace{P_{\text{prior}}}$  (or prior)

probability of event  $A$

unconditional probability of event  $A$

$P[A|B] =$  conditional probability of  
event  $A$  given event  $B$





S

$$P[A+B]$$

$$P[B]$$

new minimize

$$P[B] > 0$$

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{P[A] P[B]}{P}$$

joint probability

marginal probability

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[A] P[B]}{P[B]} = P[A]$$

(if  $P[B] > 0$ ) if A and B

Similarly, if  $P[A] > 0$  are independent

$$P[B|A] = P[B] \text{ provided that A and B are independent.}$$

$A_1, A_2, A_3$  are called (mutually)

independent iff  $\underbrace{P(A_1 \dots A_n)} = P(A_1) \dots P(A_n)$

$n \neq j$ , and  $P(A_1 A_2 A_3) = \prod_{i=1}^3 P(A_i)$ .

$A_1, A_2, A_3$  are independent in pairs or

pairwise independent iff  $P(A_i A_j) = P(A_i) P(A_j)$

for  $n \neq j$ .

Note: Mutually

Independent  $\Rightarrow$  Independent  
~~In dependent~~ in pairs

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , with  $n \geq 2$ , are called (mutually) independent iff  $P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n B_i\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n P[B_i]$  where  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$  are  $m$  distinct events obtained from  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , for all  $2 \leq m \leq n$ .

Note:  $2^n - (n+1)$  equalities are required to establish that  $n$  events are independent.

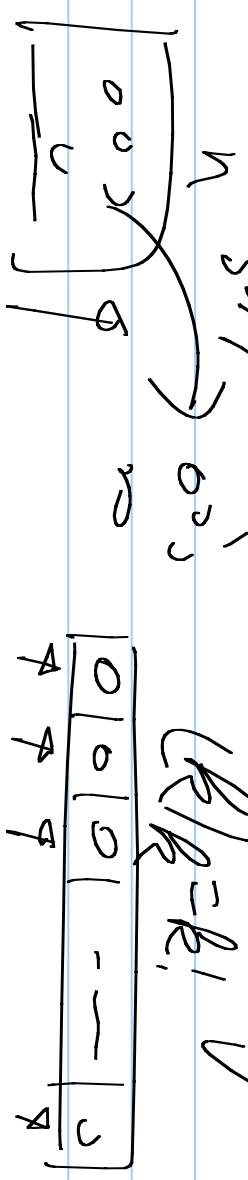
# Sample

Sampling without replacement  
with

$$\binom{n}{k} \equiv k\text{-combination}$$

$$\equiv n\text{-choose-}k$$

$$\binom{n}{k} \equiv k\text{-permutation of } n \text{ distinguished objects}$$



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

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

combination

$n$  subexperiments with  $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$

$s_0 \dots \binom{n}{n_0}$

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$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} n_k = n$

binomial  
expansion

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{n_0=0}^n \binom{n}{n_0} x^{n_0} y^{n-n_0}$$

$s_{n-1} \dots \binom{n}{n_{n-1}}$

$\binom{n}{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{n-1}} \equiv$  multinomial  
coefficients

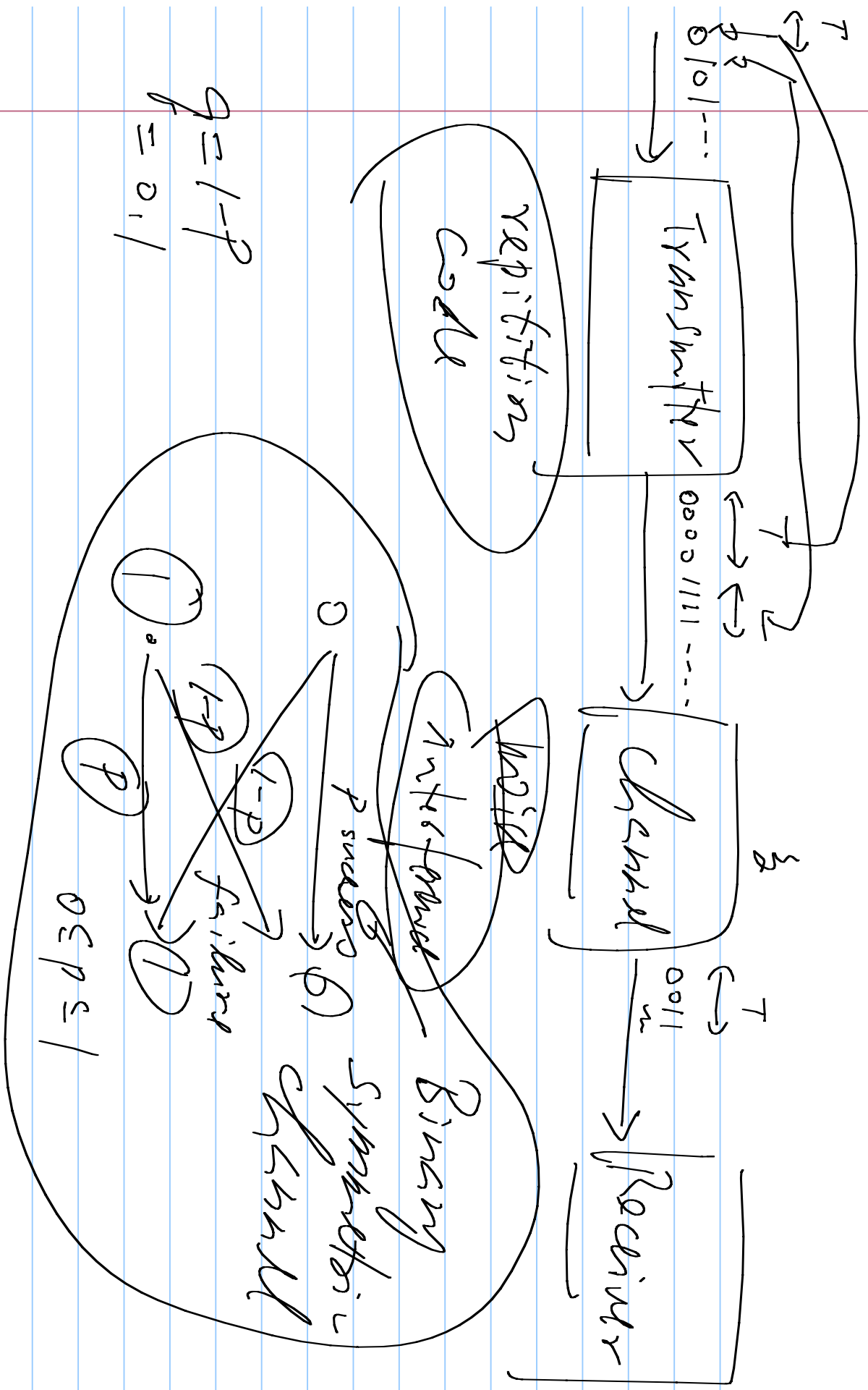
$\binom{n}{n_0} \equiv$  binomial coefficient

$$\left( \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{m-1} x_i \right)^n = \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1} \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \\ n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_{m-1} = n}} \binom{n}{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}}$$

$$\prod_{\lambda_i=0}^{m-1} x_i^{n_i}$$

multinomial expansion





$p = 1 - p$   
 $f = 0, 1$

independent repetitions of a subexperiment

S for each subexperiment is defined as } success, failure }

$S_{n_0, n_1} \stackrel{p}{=} \text{the event that } n_0 \text{ failures and } n_1 \text{ successes occur in } n = n_0 + n_1$

$X_{n_0, n_1}$  (~~or~~ subexperiments)

Consider  $n$  independent trials.  
 Each trial has two identical sample

$$\text{space } S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{m-1}\}.$$

$$S_{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}}$$

$\equiv$  the event that

$s_0$  occurs  $n_0$  times

$s_1$  occurs  $n_1$  times

!

$s_{m-1}$  occurs  $n_{m-1}$  times

$$n = \sum_{\hat{n}=b}^{m-1} n_{\hat{n}} \text{ trials.}$$

$$P\{S = (n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1})\} = \prod_{\hat{n}=b}^{m-1} P_{\hat{n}}^{n_{\hat{n}}}$$

Q.E.D.

When  $P_n$  represents the probability of event  $\{S_n\}$  in a single trial.