

# Probability

"The chances of occurrence of an event is called probability"

Subjective probability  
⇓  
Based on opinions or belief

Objective probability  
⇓  
Based on recorded observations  
(Data)

Probability of an event is denoted by  $P(E)$

$$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$$

$$P(E) + P(\text{Not } E) = 1$$

$$P(\text{Not } E) = 1 - P(E)$$

# Random experiment: Any experiment which can produce more than one possible outcomes & where the result can not be predicted

g Tossing a coin

g Throwing Two dice together

# sample space: set (collection) of all possible outcomes which are associated to a random experiment

g coin Tossed once  
 $S = \{H, T\}$

g Dice is thrown once  
 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

# Event : It is a subset of sample space

→ simple event : It contains only one element

→ compound event : It contain more than one element

g A coin is tossed twice

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

$E = \{HH\}$   
 $F = \{HT\}$   
simple events

$G = \{HH, HT\}$   
 $H = \{HH, TT, TH\}$   
compound events

→ Impossible event : It can never happen  
(Empty)  $P(E) = 0$

→ Sure event : It will definitely happen  
 $P(E) = 1$

g  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

E: A number less than 7 =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
sure event

F: A number more than 7 =  $\{\} = \phi$   
Impossible event

## → Equally likely events

Two or more events with same probability

g coin is tossed

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \& \quad P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$$

g Dice is thrown

$$P(1) = P(2) = \dots = P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

## → Complimentary events

Not happening of an event is known as complimentary event denoted by  $E'$  or  $\bar{E}$

$$P(E) + P(\bar{E}) = 1$$

eg A coin tossed twice

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

$$E: \text{Two Heads} = \{HH\}$$

$$E' \text{ or } \bar{E} = \{HT, TH, TT\}$$

↳ This is complement of E

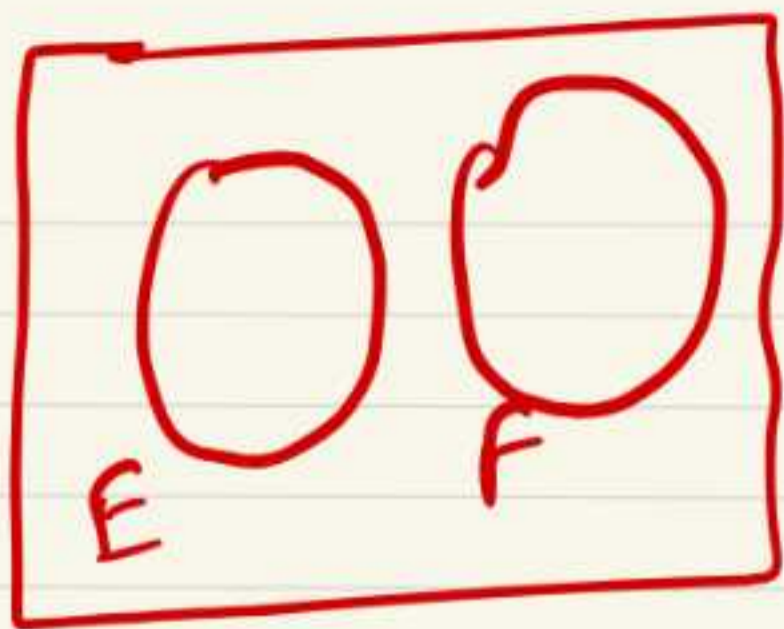
→ mutually exclusive events

when selection of one event results rejection of the events

when two <sup>or</sup> events can not happen

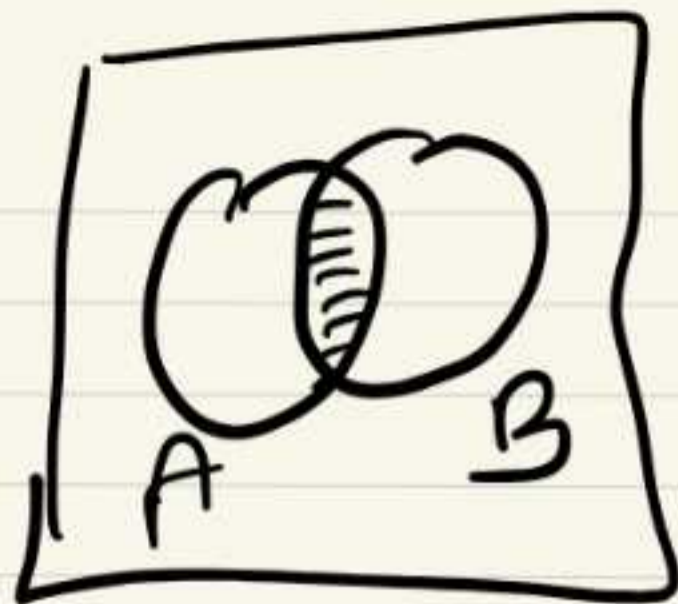
simultaneously

or  
when two events have nothing in common



$$E \cap F = \phi$$

Mutually exclusive



$$A \cap B \neq \phi$$

Not m. exclusive

g A: Aman is voter of Delhi

B: Aman is 14 years old

m. exclusive

g E: Anita is good singer

F: Anita speaks fluent English

Not m. exclusive

If two events are m. exclusive

Then  $E \cap F = \phi$

$$P(E \cap F) = 0$$

→ (mutually exhaustive events)

Two or more events are mutually exhaustive if their union makes sample space

i.e.  $A \cup B = S \Rightarrow P(A \cup B) = 1$

g  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$A: \text{Even} = \{2, 4, 6\}$   
 $B: \text{odd} = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$A \cup B = S$  m. exhaustive

$E: \text{Prime} = \{2, 3, 5\}$   
 $F: \text{odd} = \{1, 3, 5\}$   
 $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\} \neq S$

Not m. exhaustive

# # classical (Priori) Definition of Probability

## Assumes

- All outcomes are known
- All outcomes are equally likely
- all outcomes are mutually exclusive

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Total no. of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total No. of possible outcomes}}$$

g  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \rightarrow$  DICE

$$P(\text{even}) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Relative frequency definition  
of probability



Statistical definition

$n \Rightarrow$  No. of times an experiment  
is repeated

$n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $n$  is a big number)

$f_A \Rightarrow$  An event 'A' is repeated  
 $f_A$  times

Then Probability of event A

$$P(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_A}{n}$$

# # Axiomatic (modern) definition of Probability

Axiom: Any rule which don't  
require proof

under This axiomatic approach

→  $P(A)$  is always non negative  
 $P(A) \geq 0$

→ Prob. of sample space is  
a sure event  
i.e.  $P(S) = 1$

→ If  $A$  &  $B$  are m. exclusive  
Then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

# # Odds in Favour & Against

Odds in favour of  $A = A : \bar{A}$

Odds against of  $A = \bar{A} : A$

$$P(A) = \frac{A}{A + \bar{A}} \quad \& \quad P(\bar{A}) = \frac{\bar{A}}{A + \bar{A}}$$

8 odds in favour of  $A$  solving a problem is  $3:5$

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{8} \quad \& \quad P(\bar{A}) = \frac{5}{8}$$

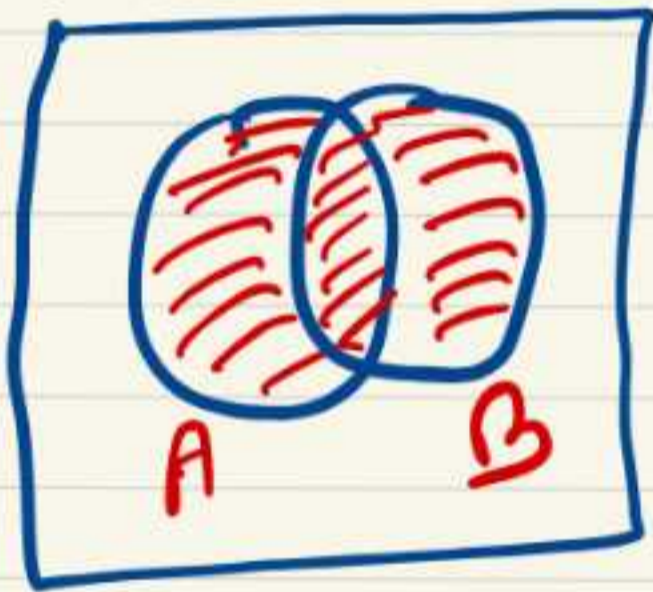
9 odds against  $A$  solving a problem is  $4:5$

$$P(A) = \frac{5}{9} \quad \& \quad P(\bar{A}) = \frac{4}{9}$$

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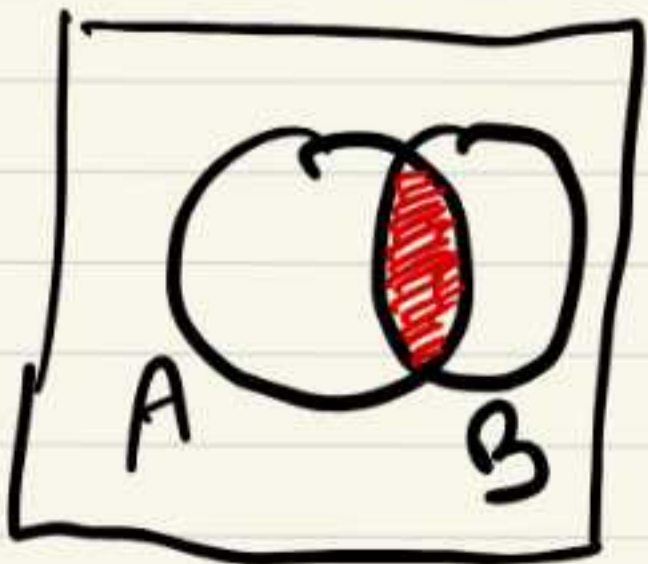
# Set Theory in Probability

$$\# P(A \cup B) = P(A \cup B) = P(\text{At least one set}) \\ = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



$$\# P(A \cap B) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$$



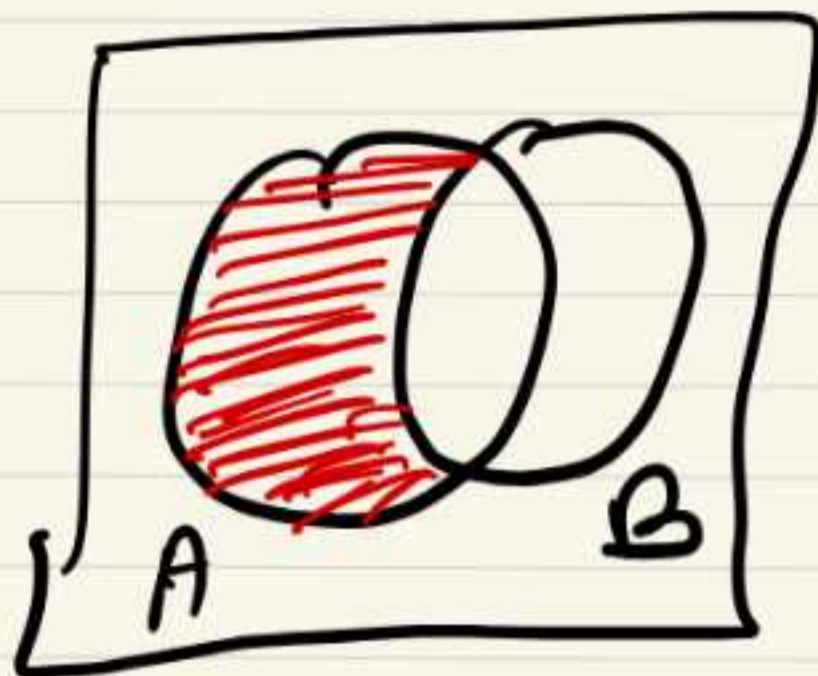
#  $P(A \text{ but not } B)$

$$= P(\text{only } A)$$

$$= P(A - B)$$

$$= P(A \cap \bar{B})$$

$$= P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$



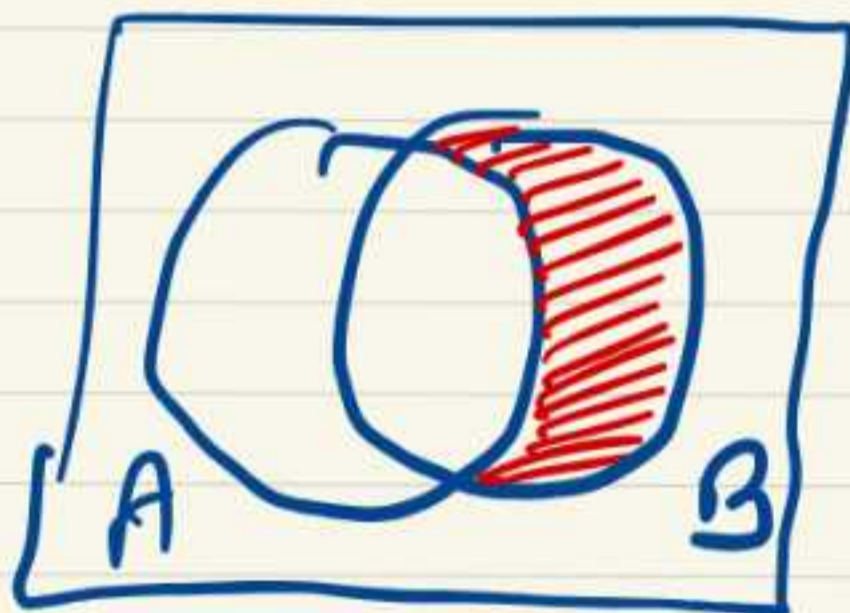
#  $P(B \text{ but not } A)$

$$= P(\text{only } B)$$

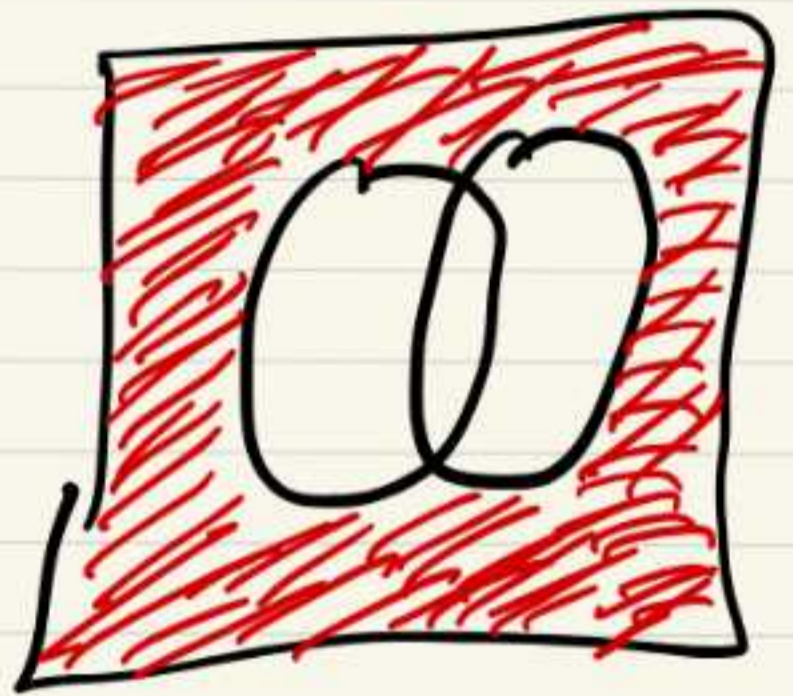
$$= P(B - A)$$

$$= P(B \cap \bar{A})$$

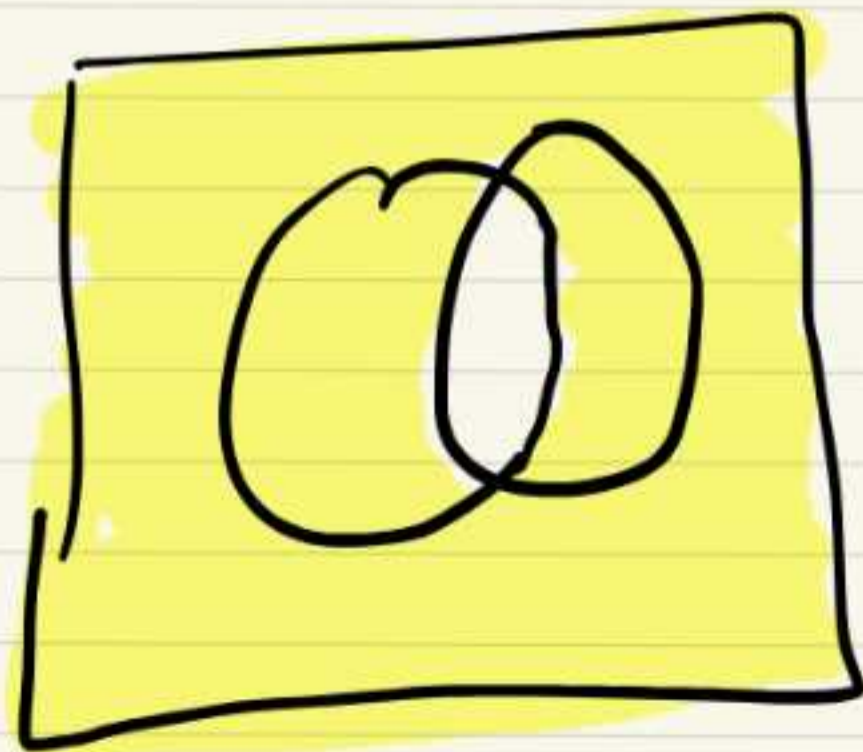
$$= P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \# & P(\text{Neither } A \text{ nor } B) \\ &= P(A' \cap B') = P(A \cup B)' \\ &= 1 - P(A \cup B) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \# & P(\text{Not } A \text{ or Not } B) \\ &= P(A' \cup B') = P(A \cap B)' \\ &= 1 - P(A \cap B) \end{aligned}$$



# # Conditional Probability

$P(A/B)$  = Prob. of event of A  
when event B has  
already occurred

$$P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad \text{where } P(B) \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow P(A/\bar{B}) = \frac{P(A \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})}, \quad P(\bar{B}) \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow P(\bar{A}/\bar{B}) = \frac{P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})}, \quad P(\bar{B}) \neq 0$$

## # Compound Probability Theorem

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B/A)$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \times P(B/A) \times P(C/A \cap B)$$

## # Two independent events

A & B are independent

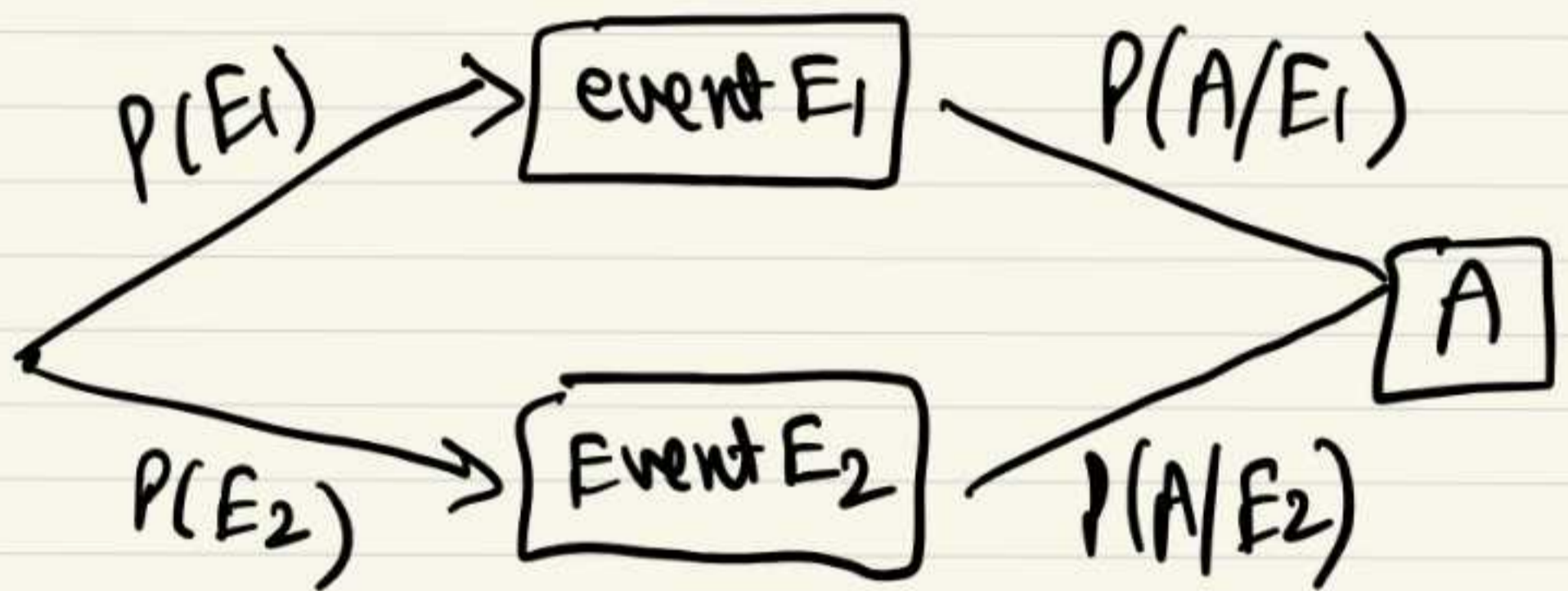
iff  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

or

$$P(A/B) = P(A) \text{ \& } P(B/A) = P(B)$$

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# Total Probability Theorem



$$P(A) = P(E_1)P(A/E_1) + P(E_2)P(A/E_2)$$

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# Random variable & Probability Distribution

Random variable  
( $x_i$ )

: variable on the basis of which probability is distributed

e.g. No of Heads, Age, weight

Random variable

Discrete



Probability mass function

Continuous



Probability density function



$$\# \text{ S.D.} = \sqrt{\text{variance}}$$

# for a constant  $K$

$$E(K) = K$$

$$\# E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y)$$

$$\# E(Kx) = K E(x)$$

# If  $x$  &  $y$  are independent

$$E(x \cdot y) = E(x) \cdot E(y)$$