

# Week 5

Minitest 3

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# Probability Intro/Recap

# Probability

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**Definition 2.18.** Die Ereignisse  $A$  und  $B$  heissen *unabhängig*, wenn gilt

$$\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B].$$

# Probability

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Given  $\Pr[B] \neq 0$ , Intuition: A is **not** dependent on B

$$\Pr[A] = \Pr[A|B]$$

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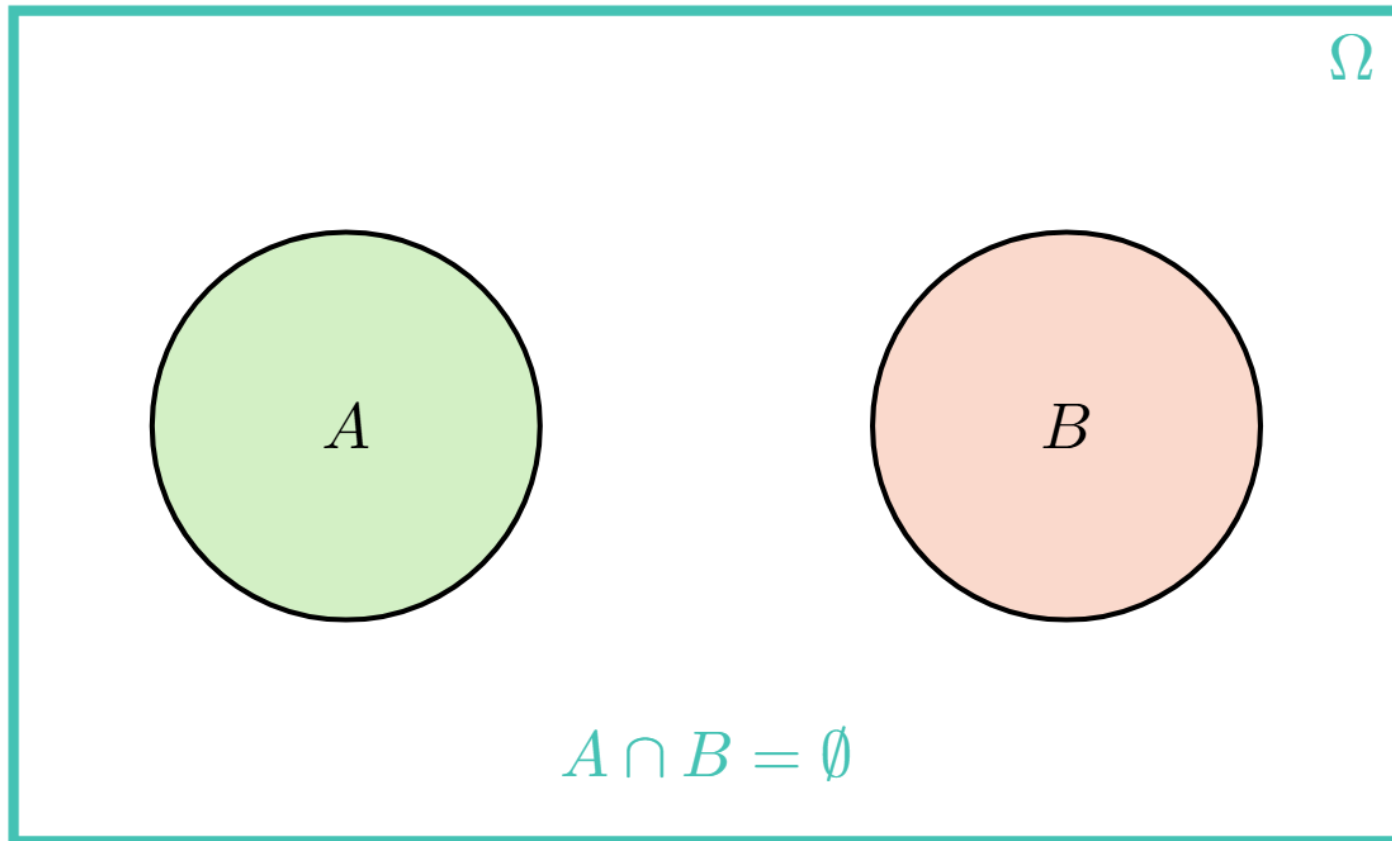
$$\Pr[A] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap B]}{\Pr[B]}$$

↓

$$\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$$

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Are A and B independent? Assume  $\Pr[A] > 0$  and  $\Pr[B] > 0$



$$A \cap B = \emptyset \implies \Pr[A \cap B] = 0$$

$$\Pr[A|B] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap B]}{\Pr[B]} = 0$$

NOOOOOO  $\Pr[A \cap B] \neq \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$        $\Pr[A] \neq \Pr[A|B]$

# Probability

**Definition 2.22.** Die Ereignisse  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  heissen *unabhängig*, wenn für alle Teilmengen  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  mit  $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$  gilt, dass

$$\Pr[A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}] = \Pr[A_{i_1}] \cdots \Pr[A_{i_k}]. \quad (2.2)$$

Eine unendliche Familie von Ereignissen  $A_i$  mit  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  heisst unabhängig, wenn (2.2) für jede endliche Teilmenge  $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  erfüllt ist.

**Lemma 2.23.** Die Ereignisse  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  sind genau dann unabhängig, wenn für alle  $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$  gilt, dass

$$\Pr[A_1^{s_1} \cap \dots \cap A_n^{s_n}] = \Pr[A_1^{s_1}] \cdots \Pr[A_n^{s_n}], \quad (2.3)$$

wobei  $A_i^0 = \bar{A}_i$  und  $A_i^1 = A_i$ .

# Probability

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**Lemma 2.24.** Seien  $A$ ,  $B$  und  $C$  unabhängige Ereignisse. Dann sind auch  $A \cap B$  und  $C$  bzw.  $A \cup B$  und  $C$  unabhängig.

# Exercise S6

Probability Space

## Exercise S6.1 – *Probability Space*

- (a) For each of the following subtasks, either define a probability space and events  $A$  and  $B$  (and  $C$ ) with the described properties, or prove that such a space cannot exist. Make sure that you define both, the sample space (“Ergebnismenge”)  $\Omega$  and the probabilities of the atomic events (“Elementarereignisse”).
- (i)  $\Pr[A] = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\Pr[B] = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\Pr[A \cup B] = \Pr[A] + \Pr[B]$ .
  - (ii)  $\Pr[A] = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\Pr[B] = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\Pr[A \cup B] < \Pr[A] + \Pr[B]$ .
  - (iii)  $\Pr[A] = \Pr[B]$ ,  $\Pr[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$  (that is  $A$  and  $B$  are independent).
  - (iv)  $\Pr[A] = \Pr[B] = \Pr[C] = \frac{5}{6}$  and  $\Pr[A \cap B \cap C] = 0$ .
- (b) Samantha has a fair, six-sided die and a 5 CHF coin. She rolls the die and tosses the coin. Samantha considers her experiment a success if the coin shows a strictly larger value than the die (for the coin, heads is counted as 0; tails is counted as 5). Model her experiment with a suitable probability space. Explicitly define the event  $A$  that the experiment is a success and determine its probability  $\Pr[A]$ .

(c) Oliver owns three pairs of shoes – two blue pairs, and one yellow, which he stores unordered in his wardrobe. One morning, during a power outage, he has to put on his shoes in complete darkness. He randomly (uniformly at random) grabs two shoes from the wardrobe and tries to put them on.

We let  $A$  denote the event that he picked one left shoe and one right shoe (i.e. he is able to put on the shoes he picked), and we let  $B$  be the event that the two shoes he picked have the same color.

Model this setting as a probability space and compute  $\Pr[A]$  and  $\Pr[A|B]$ .

# Combinatorics Recap

Material: Dr. Geoffrey Ostrin

(my high school maths teacher 😊)

(crème de la crème of all maths teachers)

# Combinatorics Recap

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		replacement	
		Yes	No
order	Yes	$n^k$	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
	No	$\binom{n-1+k}{k}$	$\binom{n}{k}$

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$$n^k$$

Friday, 13 January 2023

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Given  $n$  objects we select  $k$  st.

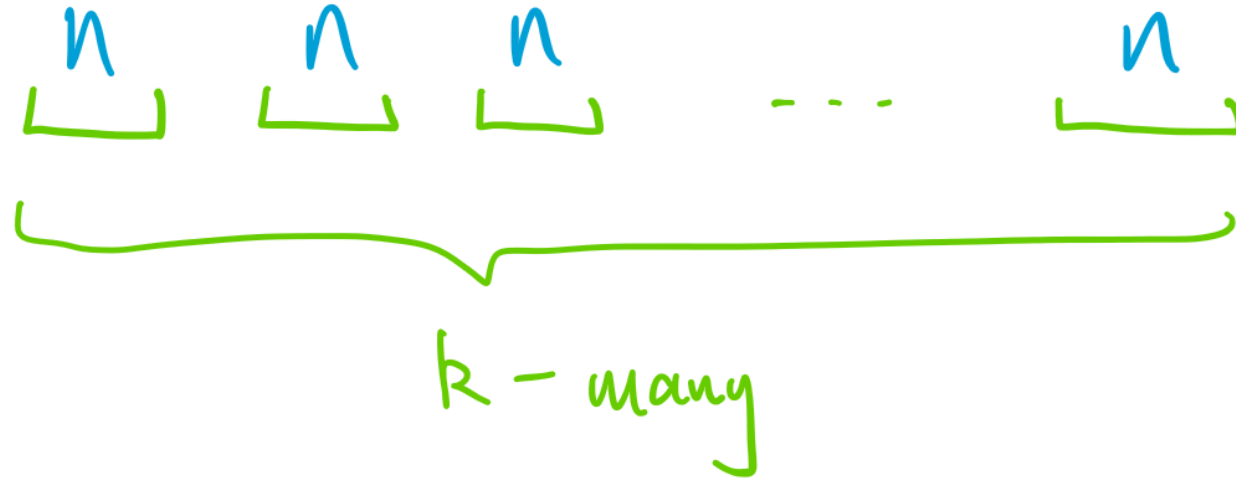
- order is important

- we have replacement

} no restriction

# Combinatorics Recap

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Product Principle

$$\underbrace{n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n}_{k\text{-many}} = n^k.$$

# Combinatorics Recap

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# Combinatorics Recap

## Permutations

Friday, 13 January 2023

09:02

Given  $n$  objects we select  $k$  st.

- order is important

- we have **NO** replacement

} permutations

$\underbrace{n}_{\text{green}} \quad \underbrace{n-1}_{\text{green}} \quad \underbrace{n-2}_{\text{green}} \quad \dots \quad \underbrace{n-(k-1)}_{\text{green}}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{green}}$

$k$ -many

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# Combinatorics Recap

Given  $n$  objects we select  $k$  st.

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} permutations

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{n} \quad \underbrace{n-1} \quad \underbrace{n-2} \quad \dots \quad \underbrace{n-(k-1)}}_{k\text{-many}}$$



$$\frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-(k-1)) \cdot (n-k) \cdot \dots \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(n-k) \cdot (n-k-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

# Combinatorics Recap

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# Combinatorics Recap

## Combinations

Wednesday, 25 January 2023

13:22

Given  $n$  objects we select  $k$  s.t.

- order is **NOT** important

- we have **NO** replacement

} combinations

Example: How many combinations are there

selecting 3 objects from the 5  $\{A, B, C, D, E\}$ ?

# Combinatorics Recap

We start with the permutations?

$$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 60$$

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

ABC	ABD	ABE	ACD	ACE	ADE	BCD	BCE	BDE	CDE
ACB									.
BAC									.
BCA									.
CAB									.
CBA									.
	...								EDC

60

$$6 = 3!$$

$$k!$$

# Combinatorics Recap

ABC ABD ABE ACD ACE ADE BCD BCE BDE CDE  
ACB )  
BAC )  
BCA )  
CAB )  
CBA )  
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----- EDC

60

$$6 = 3! \\ k!$$

Since order now is not important

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

n choose k

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$n$  choose  $k$

$$\binom{10}{3} =: \frac{10!}{7! \cdot 3!} = \frac{10 \cdot \cancel{9} \cdot \cancel{8}}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1} = 120$$

# Combinatorics Recap

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## Dots & Dividers

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Wednesday, 1 February 2023 13:47

Given  $n$  objects we select  $k$  s.t.

– order is **NOT** important

– we have replacement

# Combinatorics Recap

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Example: From 5 objects, select 3  
where order is not important  
and we have replacement.

$\{A, B, C, D, E\}$

AAA ✓

AAB  $\equiv$  ABA  $\equiv$  BAA ✓

ABC  $\equiv$  ACB  $\equiv$  BAC  $\equiv$  BCA  $\equiv$  CAB  $\equiv$  CBA

# Combinatorics Recap


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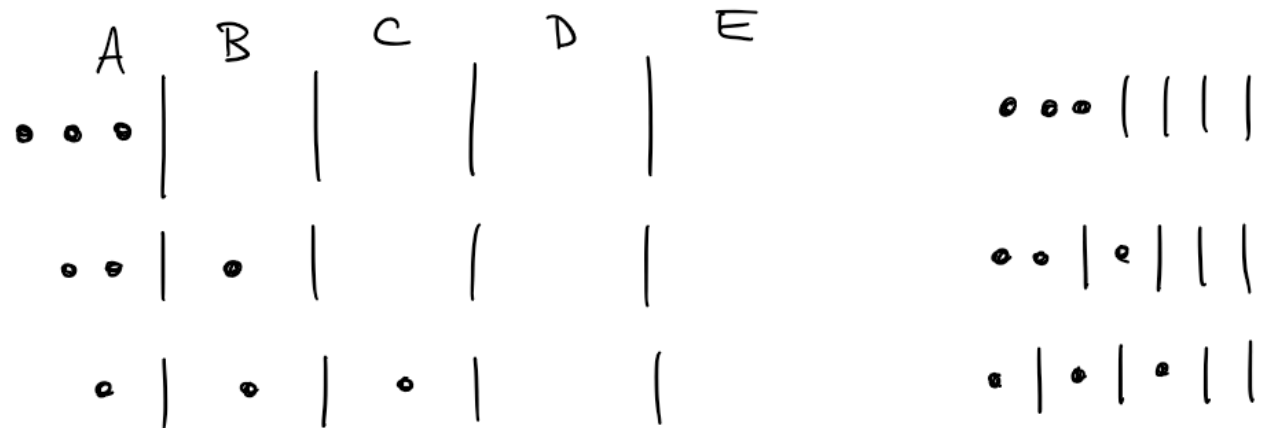
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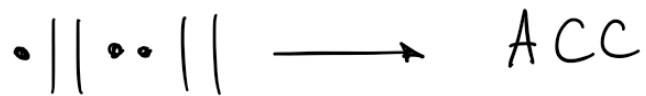
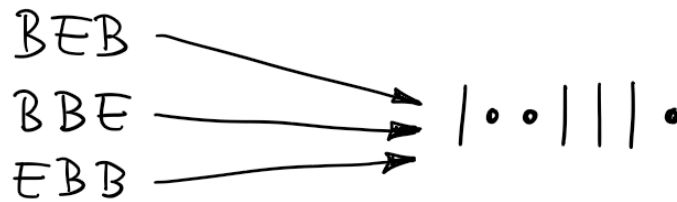
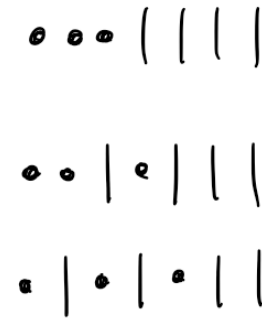
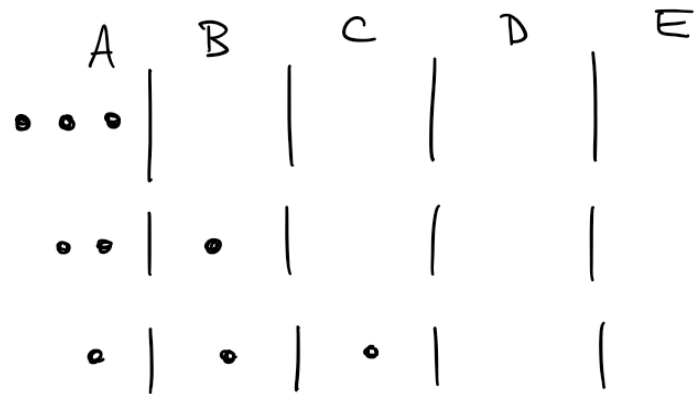
Dots & Dividers  (Stars & Bars) 



# Combinatorics Recap

Dots & Dividers 

(Stars & Bars) 



# Combinatorics Recap

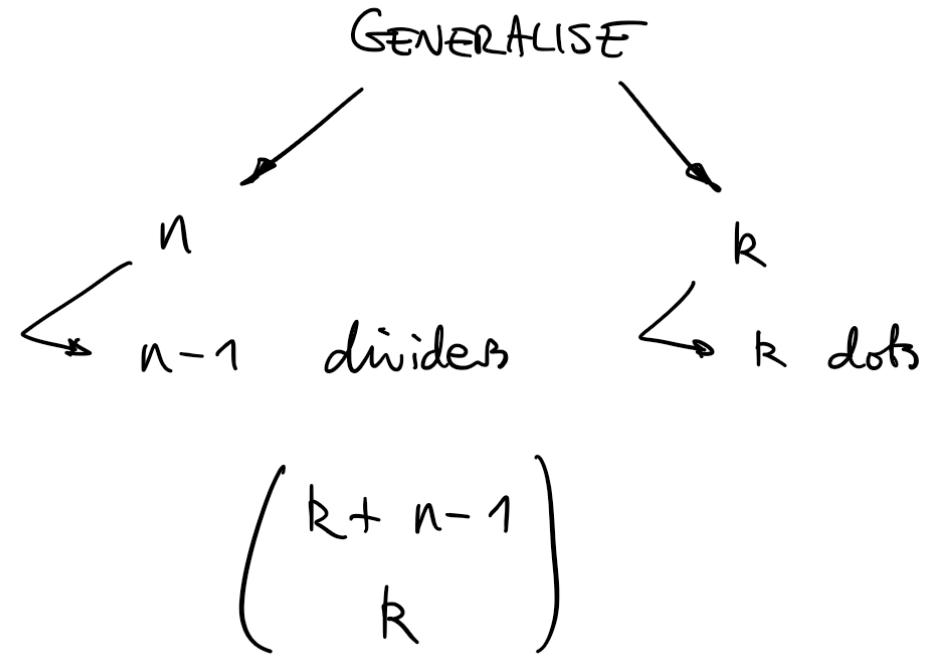
Hence, the problem reduces down to:

How many we mix up such a dot & divider picture?

anagrams of  $\bullet || \bullet \bullet ||$

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$\binom{7}{3} = \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 4!} = \frac{7 \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{4}}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1} = 35.$



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# Probability

# Random Variables

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**Definition 2.25.** Eine *Zufallsvariable* ist ein Abbildung  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , wobei  $\Omega$  die Ergebnismenge eines Wahrscheinlichkeitsraumes ist.

Bei diskreten Wahrscheinlichkeitsräumen ist der *Wertebereich* einer Zufallsvariablen

$$W_X := X(\Omega) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \exists \omega \in \Omega \text{ mit } X(\omega) = x\}$$

# Random Variables

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Every (discrete) random variable  $X$  can be naturally assigned two real-valued functions.

## Dichte(funktion)

The function  $f_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined as:

$$f_X(x) = \Pr[X = x]$$

## Verteilung(sfunktion)

The function  $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined as:

$$F_X(x) = \Pr[X \leq x] = \sum_{x' \in W_X : x' \leq x} \Pr[X = x']$$

# Random Variables

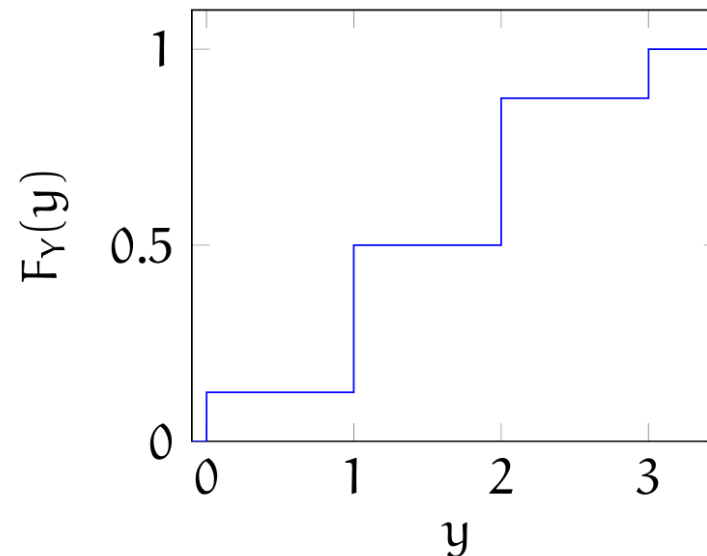
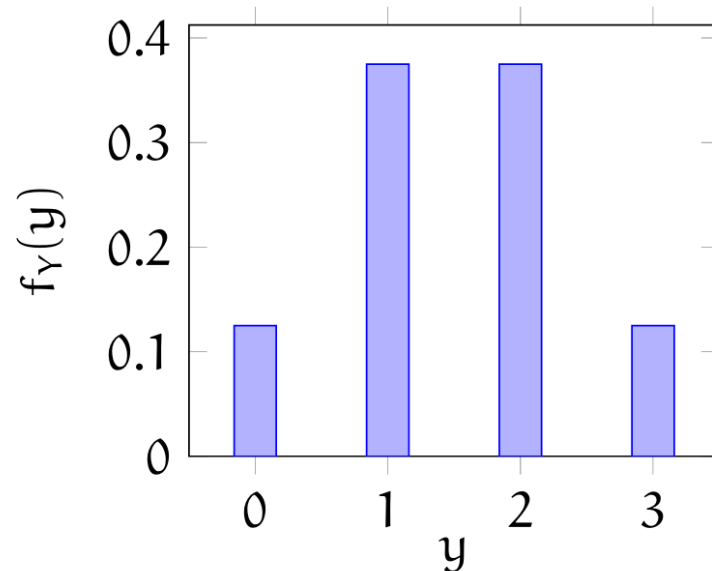
Beispiel 2.26 (*Fortsetzung*) Für die Zufallsvariable  $Y$  erhalten wir

$$\Pr[Y = 0] = \Pr[\text{ZZZ}] = \frac{1}{8},$$

$$\Pr[Y = 1] = \Pr[\text{KZZ}] + \Pr[\text{ZKZ}] + \Pr[\text{ZZK}] = \frac{3}{8},$$

$$\Pr[Y = 2] = \Pr[\text{KKZ}] + \Pr[\text{KZK}] + \Pr[\text{ZKK}] = \frac{3}{8},$$

$$\Pr[Y = 3] = \Pr[\text{KKK}] = \frac{1}{8}.$$



# Expected Value and Variance

# Random Variables

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**Definition 2.27.** Zu einer Zufallsvariablen  $X$  definieren wir den *Erwartungswert*  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  durch

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \sum_{x \in W_X} x \cdot \Pr[X = x],$$

sofern die Summe absolut konvergiert. Ansonsten sagen wir, dass der Erwartungswert undefiniert ist.

(only holds for **discrete** random variables)

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**Lemma 2.29.** Ist  $X$  eine Zufallsvariable, so gilt:

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

# Random Variables

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**Satz 2.30.** Sei  $X$  eine Zufallsvariable mit  $W_X \subseteq \mathbb{N}_0$ . Dann gilt

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Pr[X \geq i].$$

# Random Variables

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## 1. The Standard Definition

By definition, the expected value is the weighted sum of all possible outcomes:

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot \Pr[X = x] = 1 \cdot \Pr[X = 1] + 2 \cdot \Pr[X = 2] + 3 \cdot \Pr[X = 3] + \dots$$

## 2. Expanding the Tail Probabilities

The tail probability  $\Pr[X \geq k]$  is the sum of all individual probabilities from  $k$  onwards. We can write these out row by row:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[X \geq 1] &= \Pr[X = 1] + \Pr[X = 2] + \Pr[X = 3] + \Pr[X = 4] + \dots \\ \Pr[X \geq 2] &= \Pr[X = 2] + \Pr[X = 3] + \Pr[X = 4] + \dots \\ \Pr[X \geq 3] &= \Pr[X = 3] + \Pr[X = 4] + \dots \\ \Pr[X \geq 4] &= \Pr[X = 4] + \dots \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

# Random Variables

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## 3. Vertical Summation

If we sum all these rows **vertically**, we count the occurrences of each  $\Pr[X = x]$  term:

- $\Pr[X = 1]$  appears **1** time (only in the first row).
- $\Pr[X = 2]$  appears **2** times (in the first and second row).
- $\Pr[X = 3]$  appears **3** times (in the first, second, and third row).

Summing the columns gives us:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Pr[X \geq k] = 1 \cdot \Pr[X = 1] + 2 \cdot \Pr[X = 2] + 3 \cdot \Pr[X = 3] + \dots = E[X]$$

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**Satz 2.32.** Sei  $X$  eine Zufallsvariable. Für paarweise disjunkte Ereignisse  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  mit  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \Omega$  und  $\Pr[A_1], \dots, \Pr[A_n] > 0$  gilt

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X|A_i] \cdot \Pr[A_i].$$

Für paarweise disjunkte Ereignisse  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  mit  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_k = \Omega$  und  $\Pr[A_1], \Pr[A_2], \dots > 0$  gilt analog

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X|A_i] \cdot \Pr[A_i].$$

# Random Variables

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**Satz 2.33.** (*Linearität des Erwartungswerts*) Für Zufallsvariablen  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  und  $X := a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_n X_n + b$  mit  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b \in \mathbb{R}$  gilt

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = a_1 \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \dots + a_n \mathbb{E}[X_n] + b.$$

# Random Variables

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**Beobachtung 2.35.** Für ein Ereignis  $A \subseteq \Omega$  ist die zugehörige *Indikatorvariable*  $X_A$  definiert durch:

$$X_A(\omega) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{falls } \omega \in A \\ 0, & \text{sonst.} \end{cases}$$

Für den Erwartungswert von  $X_A$  gilt:  $\mathbb{E}[X_A] = \Pr[A]$ .

# Random Variables

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**Definition 2.39.** Für eine Zufallsvariable  $X$  mit  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$  definieren wir die *Varianz*  $\text{Var}[X]$  durch

$$\text{Var}[X] := \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2] = \sum_{x \in W_X} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot \text{Pr}[X = x].$$

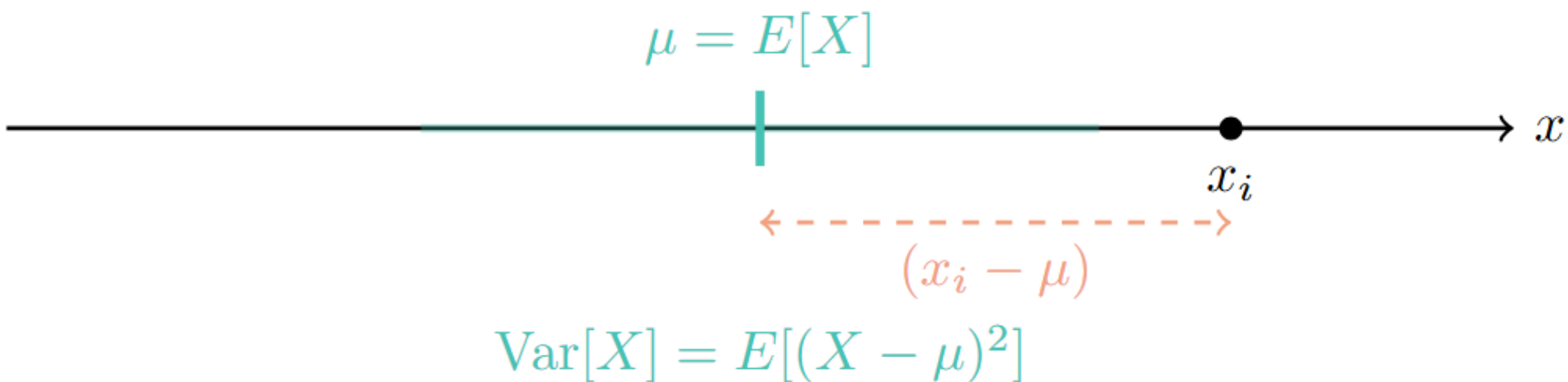
Die Grösse  $\sigma := \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$  heisst *Standardabweichung* von  $X$ .

“the expected quadratic distance of  $X$  from its own expected value”

# Random Variables

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The variance  $\text{Var}[X]$  represents the **expected quadratic distance** of  $X$  from its "mean"  $\mu$  (expected value).



# Random Variables

Satz 2.40. Für eine beliebige Zufallsvariable  $X$  gilt

$$\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2.$$

*Beweis.* Sei  $\mu := \mathbb{E}[X]$ . Nach Definition gilt

$$\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2 - 2\mu \cdot X + \mu^2].$$

Aus der Linearität des Erwartungswertes (Satz 2.33) folgt

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2 - 2\mu \cdot X + \mu^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2\mu \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] + \mu^2.$$

Damit erhalten wir

$$\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2\mu \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] + \mu^2 = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2. \quad \square$$

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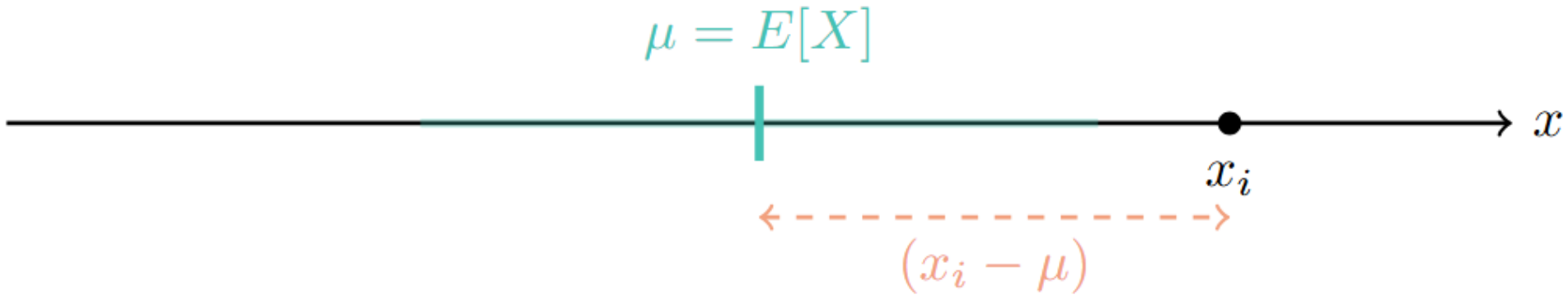
Satz 2.41. Für eine beliebige Zufallsvariable  $X$  und  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  gilt

$$\text{Var}[a \cdot X + b] = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}[X].$$

# Random Variables

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The variance  $\text{Var}[X]$  represents the **expected quadratic distance** of  $X$  from its "mean"  $\mu$  (expected value).



$$\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

# Distributions

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## Important Distributions

Name	Notation	Support	Density	Expectation	Variance
Bernoulli	$\text{Bernoulli}(p)$	$\{0, 1\}$	$f_X(i) = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } i = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } i = 0. \end{cases}$	$p$	$p(1 - p)$
Binomial	$\text{Bin}(n, p)$	$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	$f_X(i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1 - p)^{n-i}$	$np$	$np(1 - p)$
Geometric	$\text{Geo}(p)$	$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$	$f_X(i) = p(1 - p)^{i-1}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Poisson	$\text{Po}(\lambda)$	$\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$	$f_X(i) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!}$	$\lambda$	$\lambda$

## 2.5.1 Bernoulli-Verteilung

Eine Zufallsvariable  $X$  mit  $W_X = \{0, 1\}$  und der Dichte

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{für } x = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{für } x = 0, \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p \quad \text{und} \quad \text{Var}[X] = p(1 - p)$$

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We prove  $\text{Var}[X] = p(1 - p)$  for  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  using the identity:

$$\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = 1(p) + 0(1 - p) = p \implies (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 = p^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 1^2(p) + 0^2(1 - p) = p$$

Plugging these into the variance formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[X] &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= p - p^2 \\ &= p(1 - p)\end{aligned}$$

# Distributions

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## 2.5.2 Binomialverteilung

Eine Bernoulli-verteilte Zufallsvariable erhalten wir zum Beispiel als Indikator für ‘Kopf’, wenn wir ein Münze einmal werfen. Werfen wir die Münze statt dessen  $n$ -mal und fragen wie oft wir Kopf erhalten haben, so ist die entsprechende Zufallsvariable *binomialverteilt*.



“If I throw  $n = 25$  coins, what is the probability that  $i = 10$  land on heads”

# Distributions

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“If I throw  $n = 25$  coins, what is the probability that  $i = 10$  land on heads”

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[X = i] &= \sum_{\omega \in \{K, Z\}^n, X(\omega) = i} \Pr[\omega] = \sum_{\omega \in \{K, Z\}^n, X(\omega) = i} p^i (1 - p)^{n-i} \\ &= p^i (1 - p)^{n-i} \cdot |\{\omega \in \{K, Z\}^n, \omega \text{ enthält genau } i\text{-mal Kopf}\}|,\end{aligned}$$

“(Anzahl Abfolgen mit  $x$ -mal Kopf) \*

P[Spezifische Abfolge  $\{K, Z, \dots, K\}$  trifft ein mit genau  $x$ -mal Kopf]”

$$\rightarrow \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, & x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \\ 0, & \text{sonst.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = np \quad \text{und} \quad \text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$$