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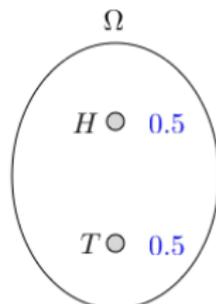
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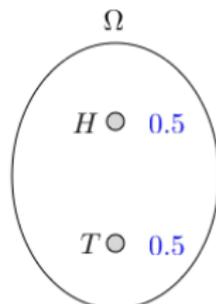
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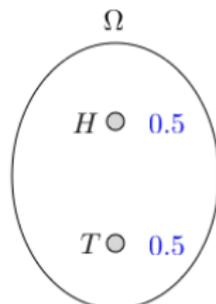
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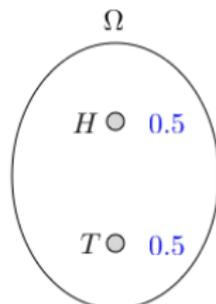
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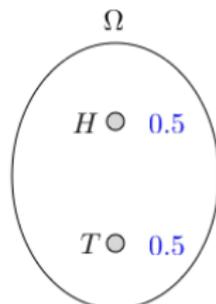
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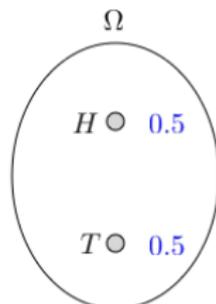
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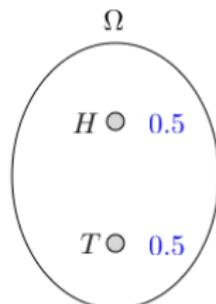
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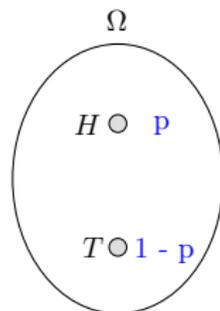
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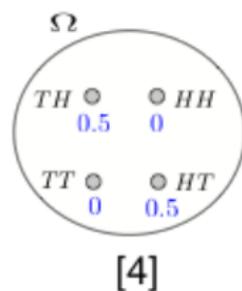
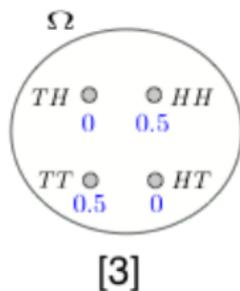
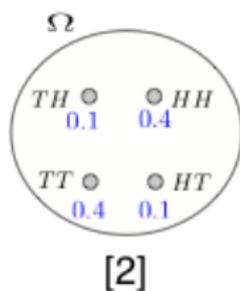
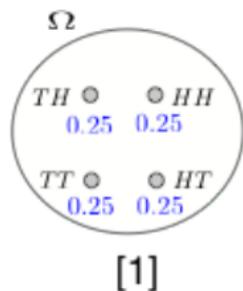
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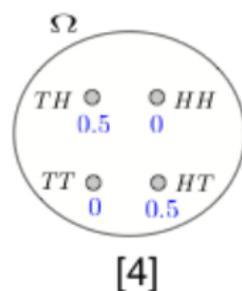
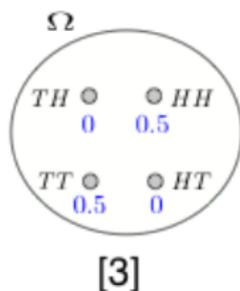
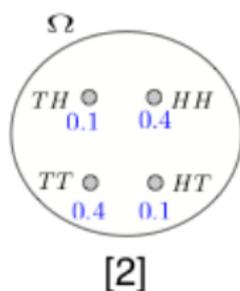
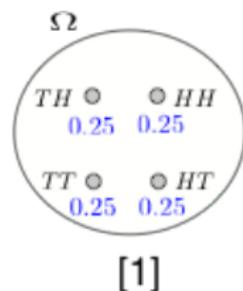
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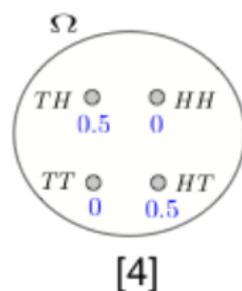
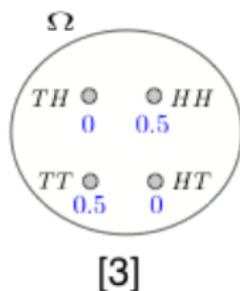
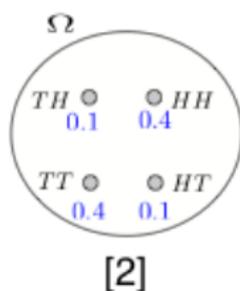
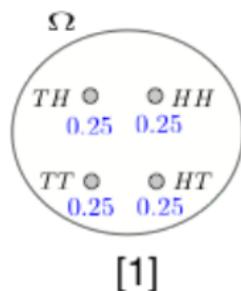
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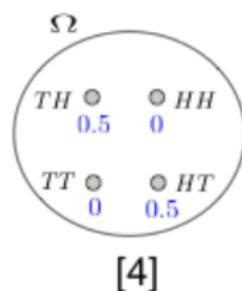
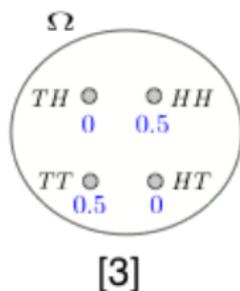
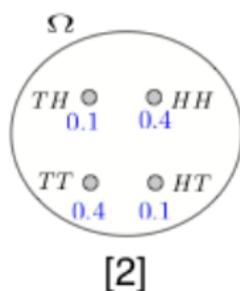
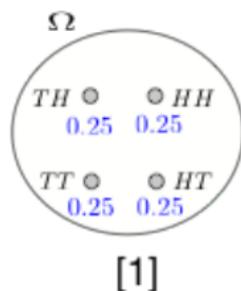
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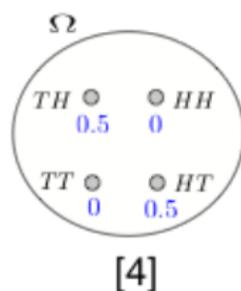
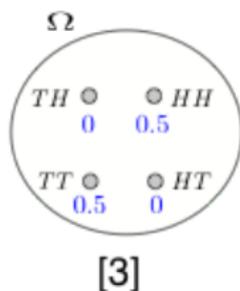
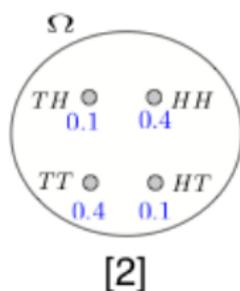
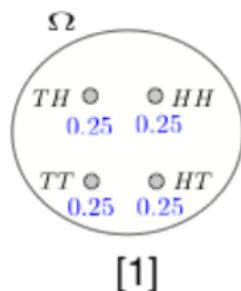
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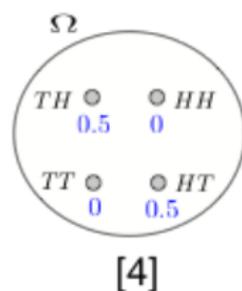
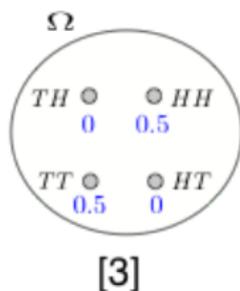
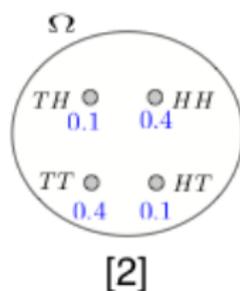
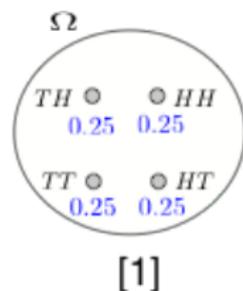
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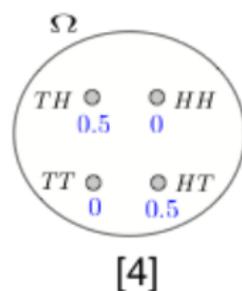
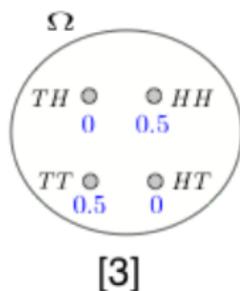
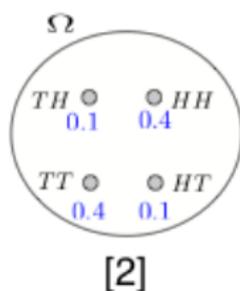
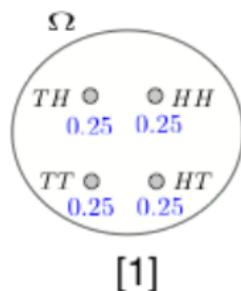
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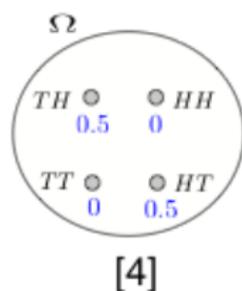
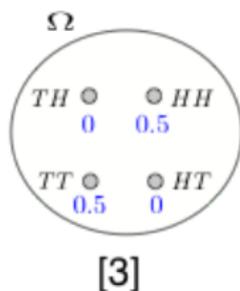
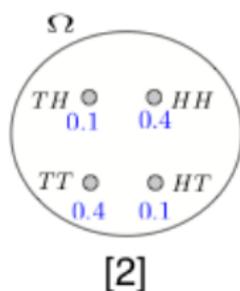
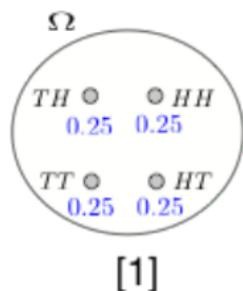
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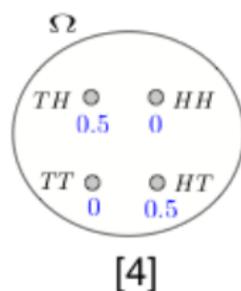
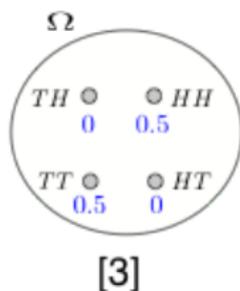
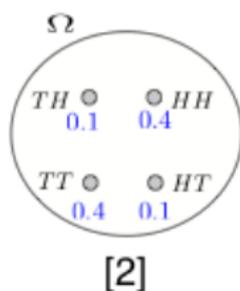
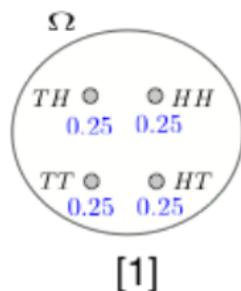
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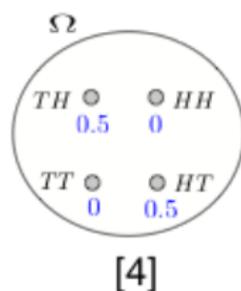
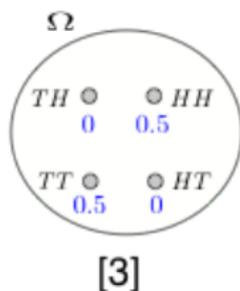
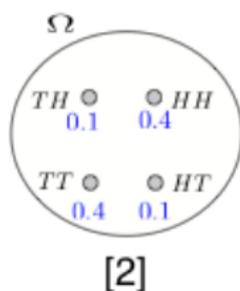
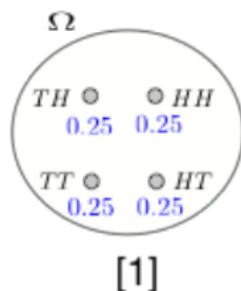


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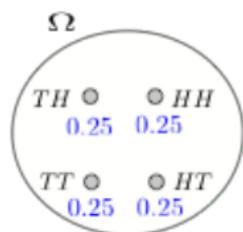
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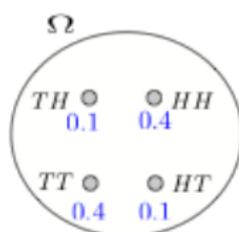


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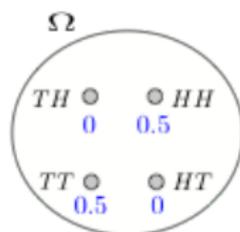
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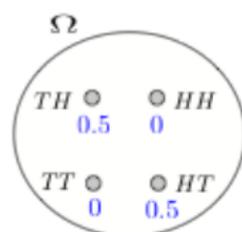
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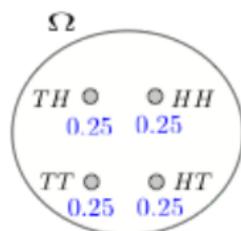


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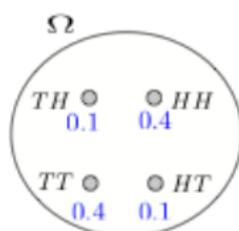


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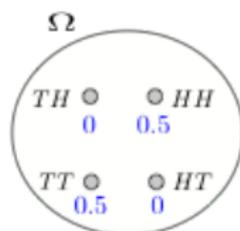
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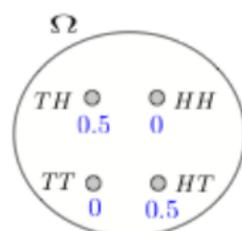
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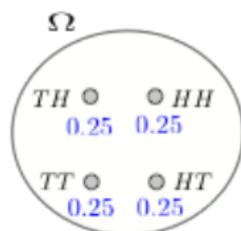
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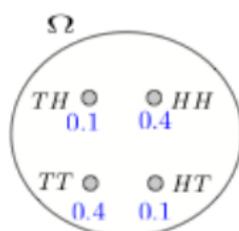
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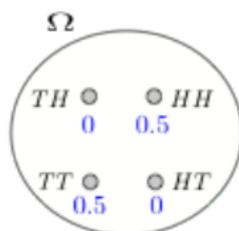
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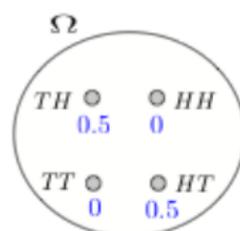
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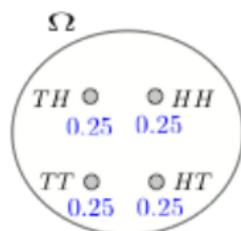


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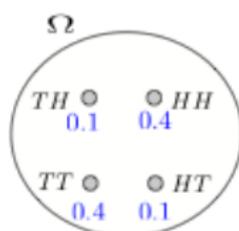
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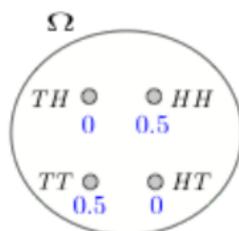
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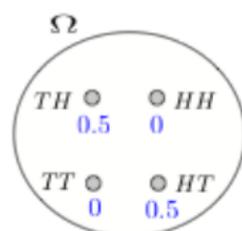
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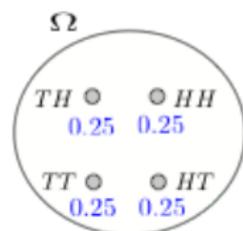


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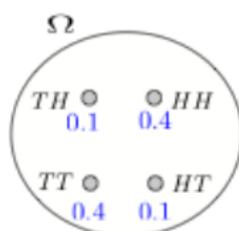
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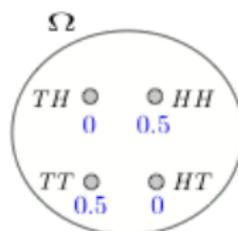
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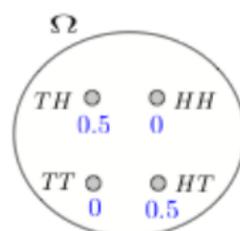
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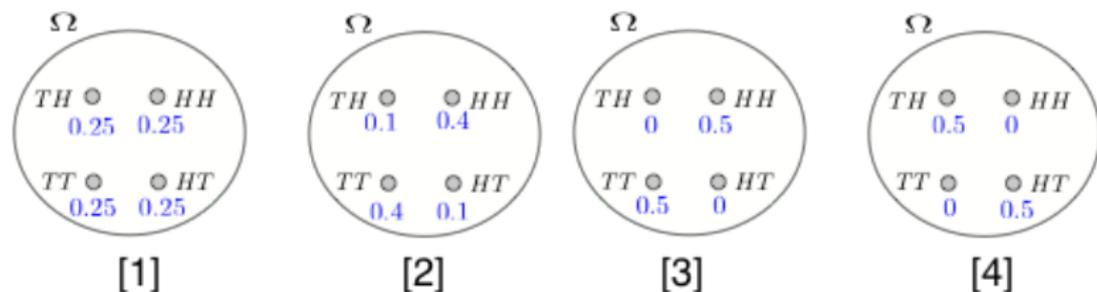


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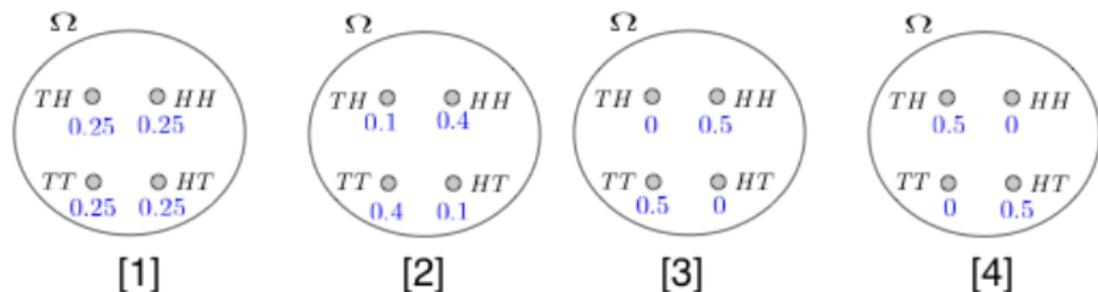
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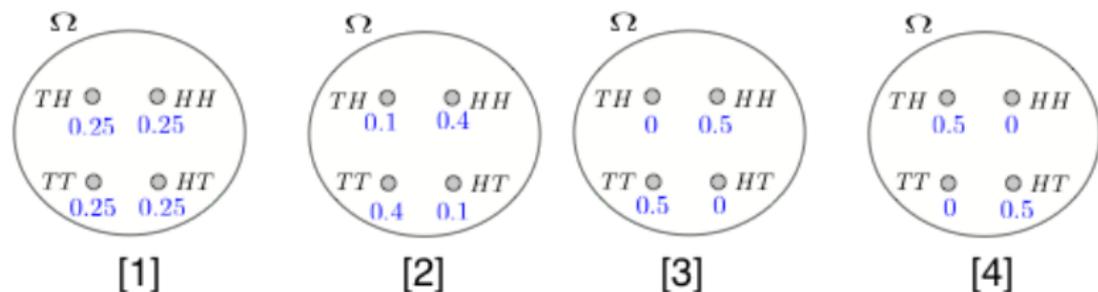
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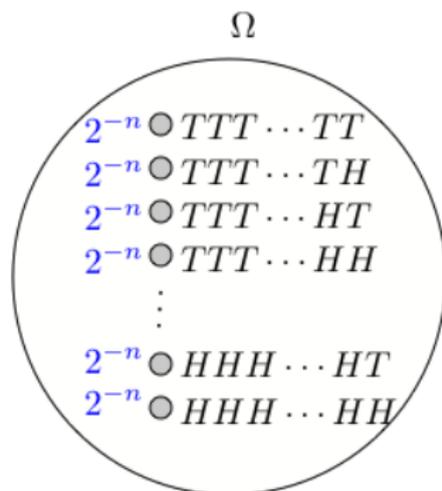
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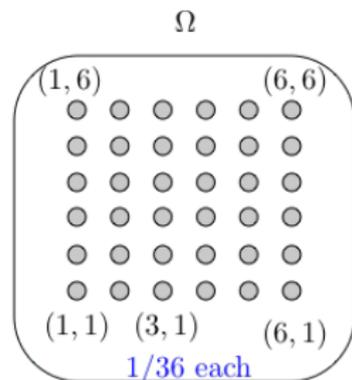
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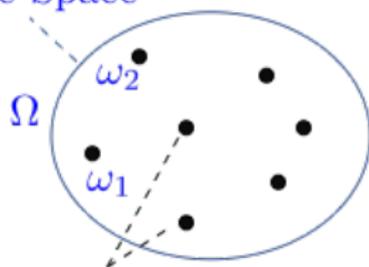
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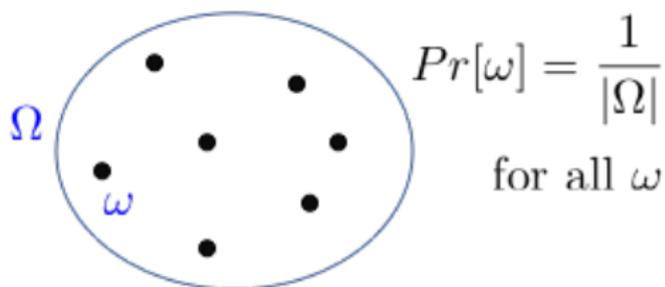
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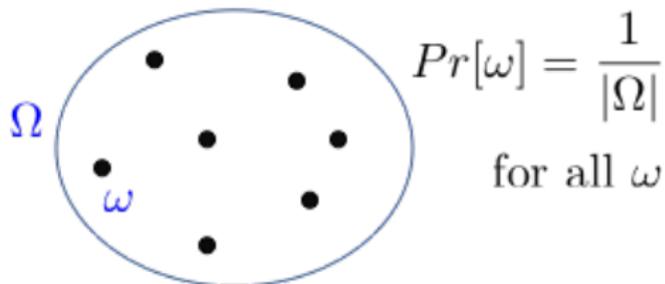


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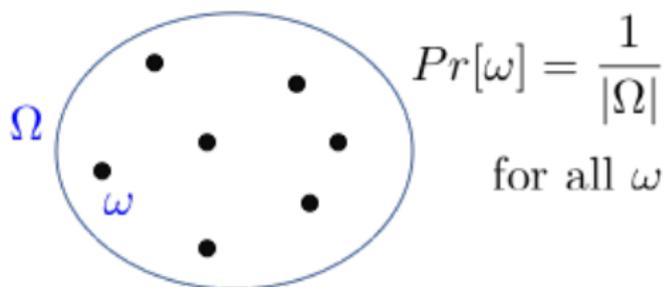
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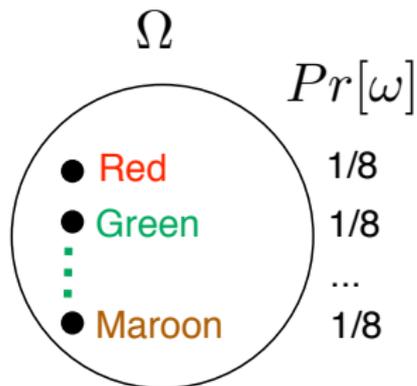
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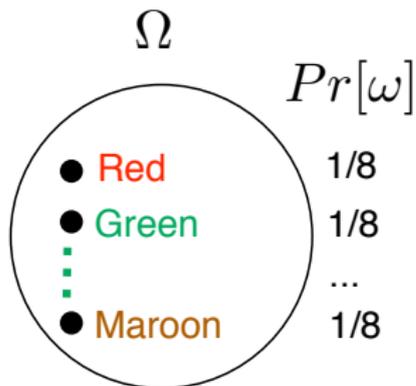
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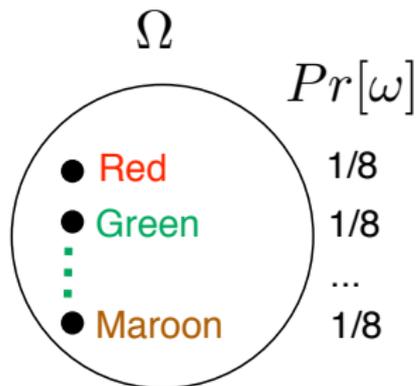
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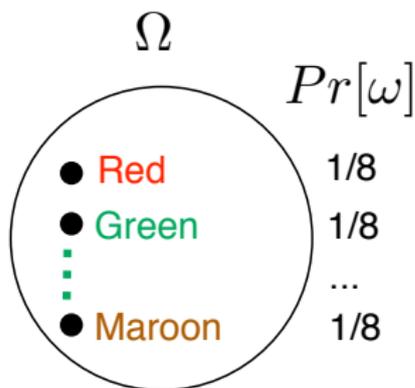
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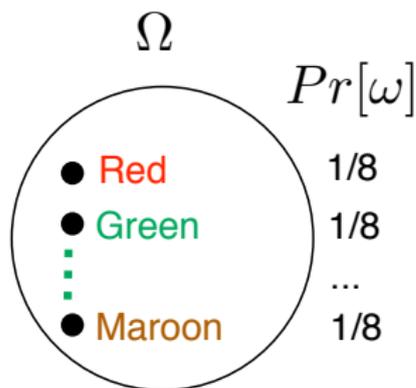
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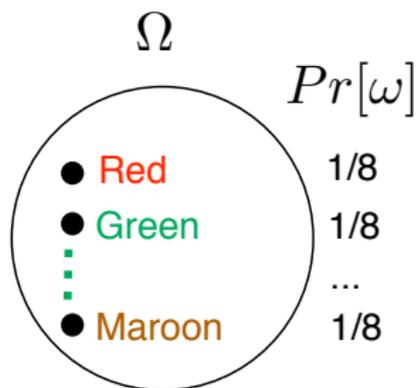
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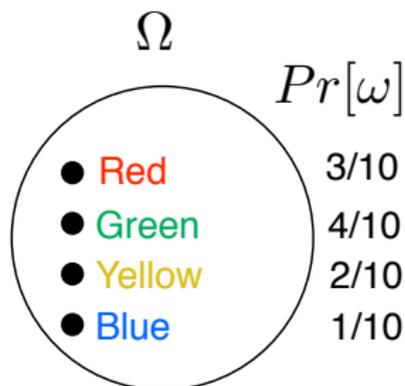
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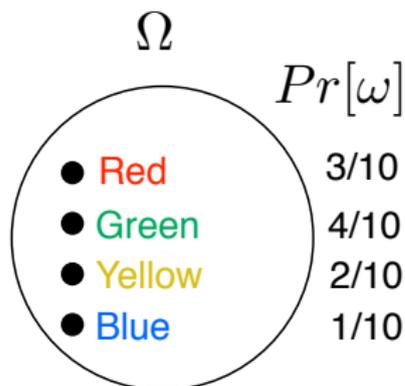
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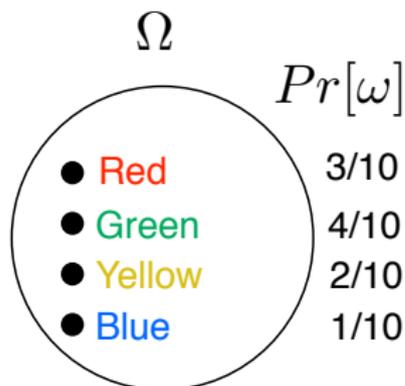
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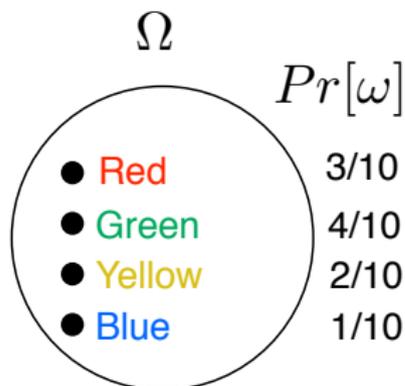
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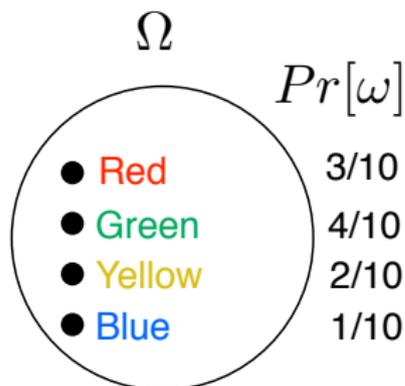
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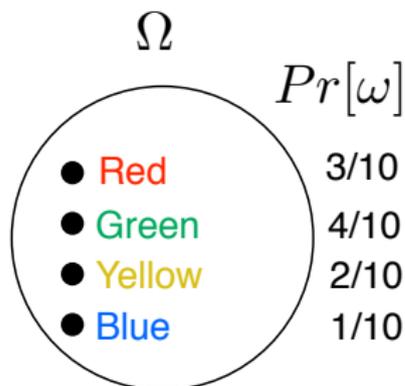
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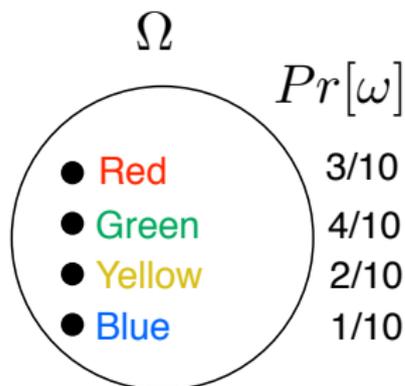
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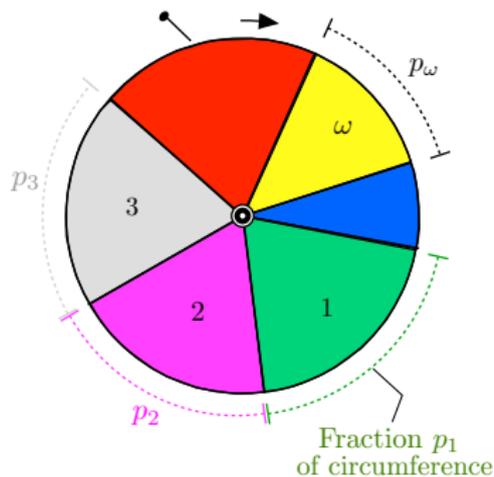
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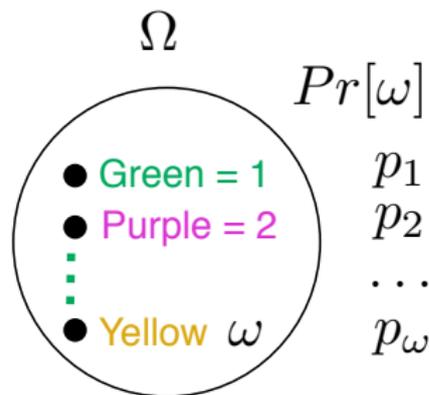
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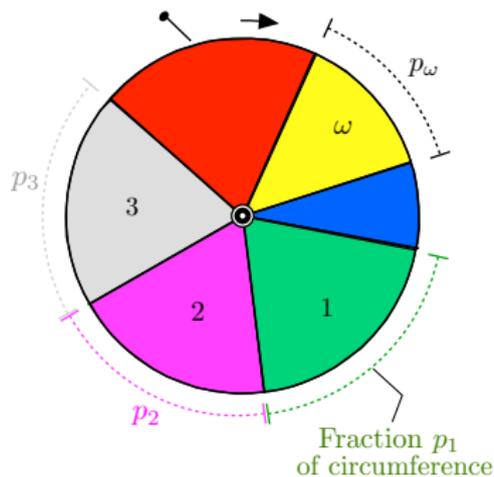
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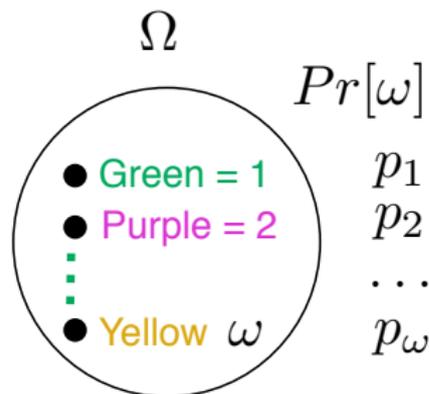
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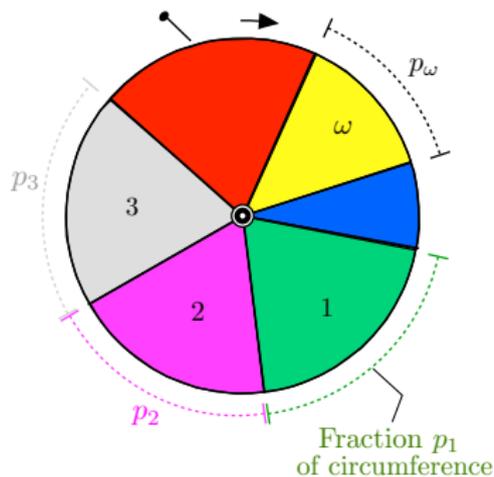


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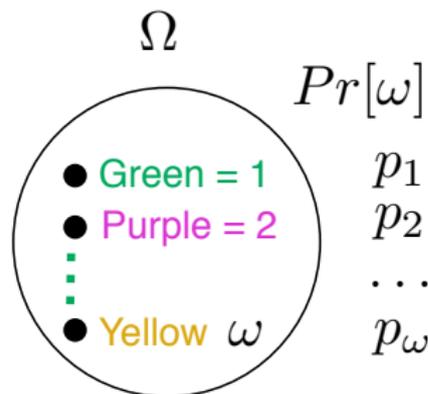
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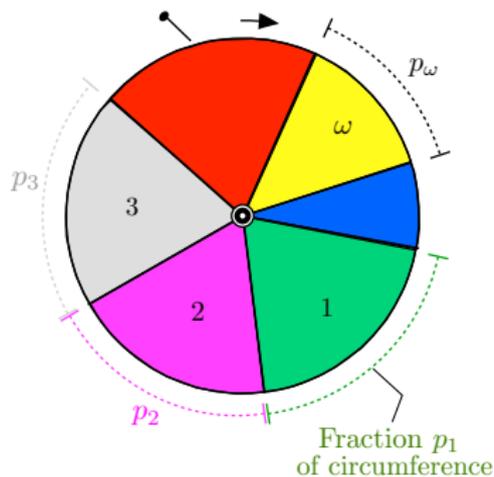
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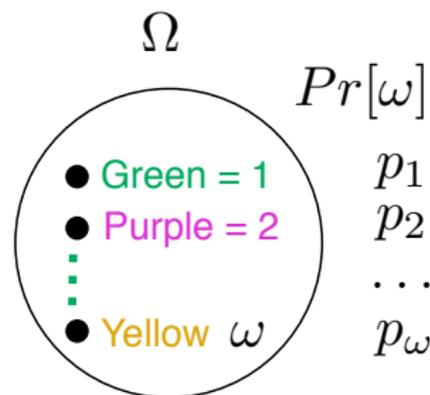
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2. Probability Space: Ω ; $Pr[\omega] \in [0, 1]$; $\sum_{\omega} Pr[\omega] = 1$.
3. Uniform Probability Space: $Pr[\omega] = 1/|\Omega|$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Bag of marbles.

With possibly different probabilities for each marble..

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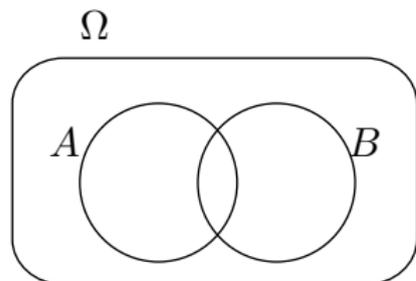


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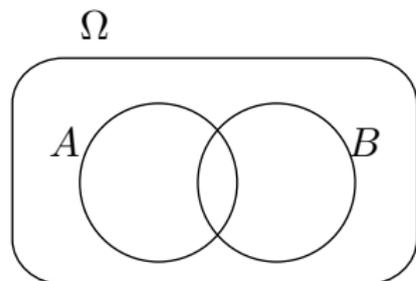


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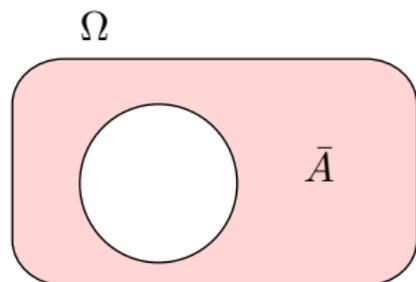


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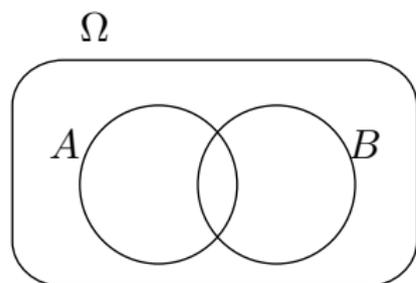


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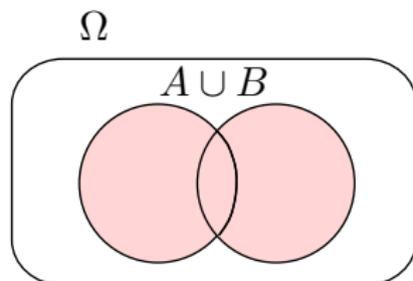


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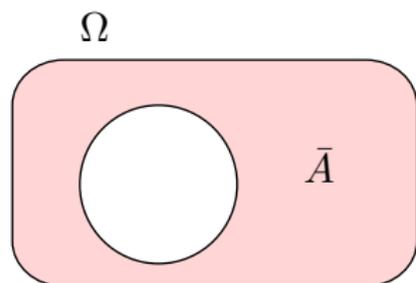


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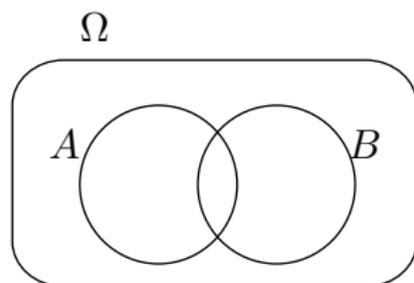


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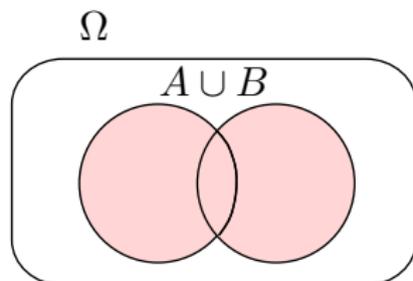


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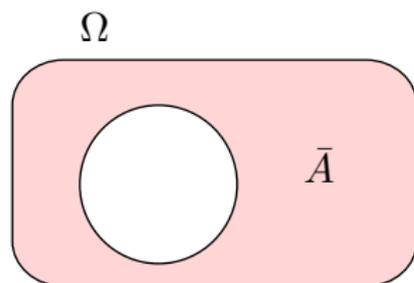


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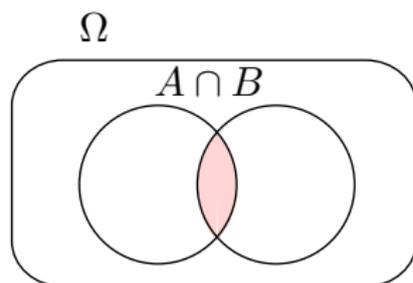


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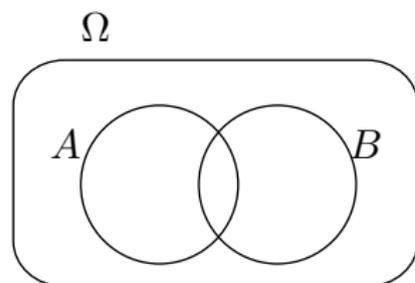


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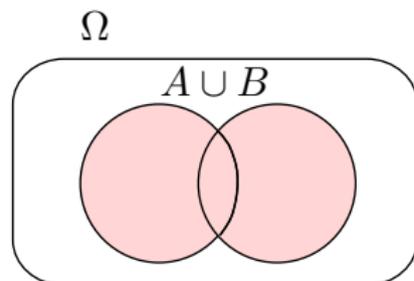


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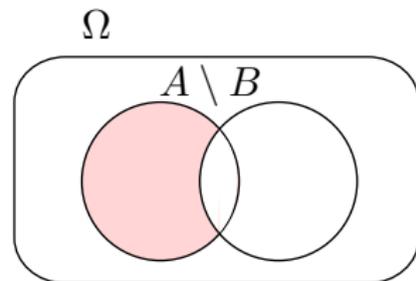


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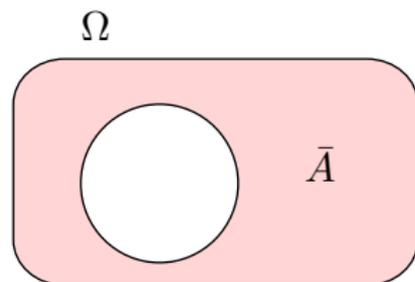


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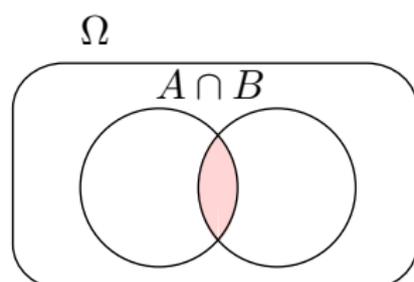


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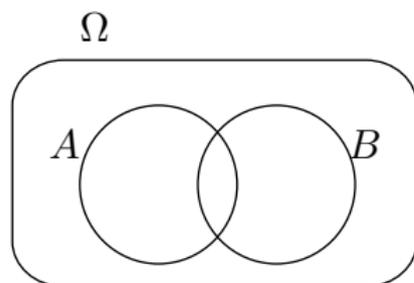


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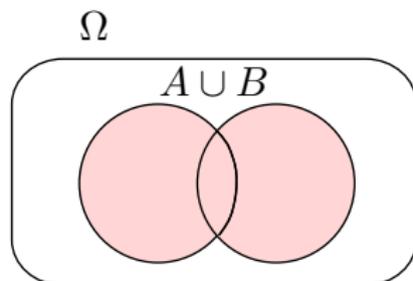


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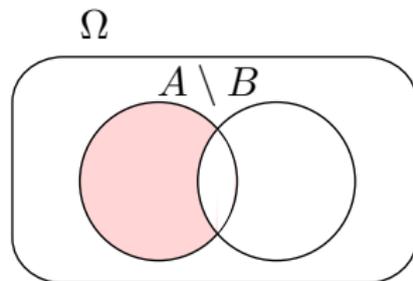


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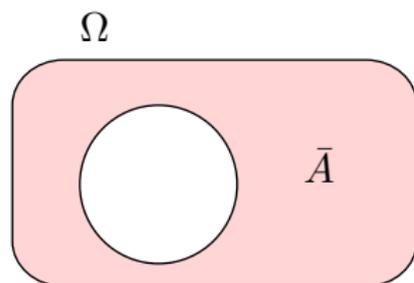


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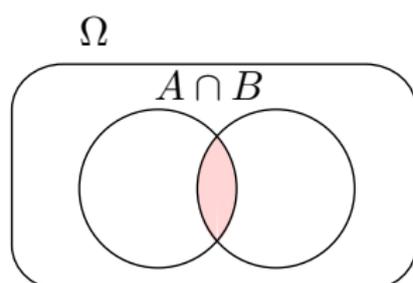


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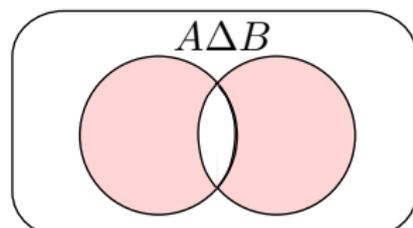


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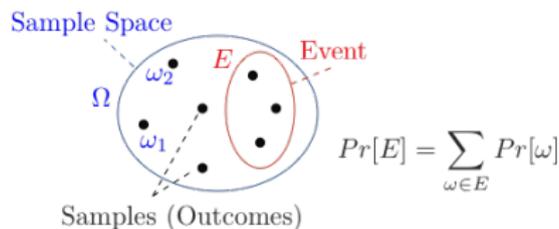
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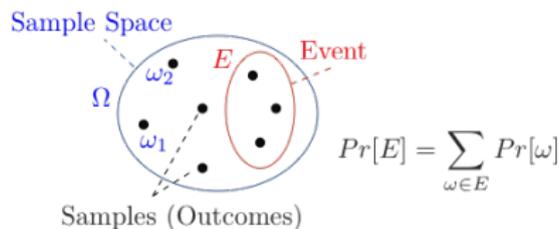
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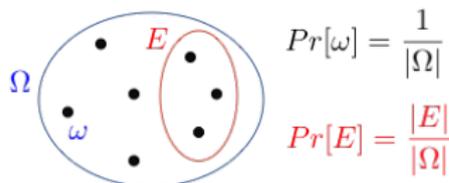
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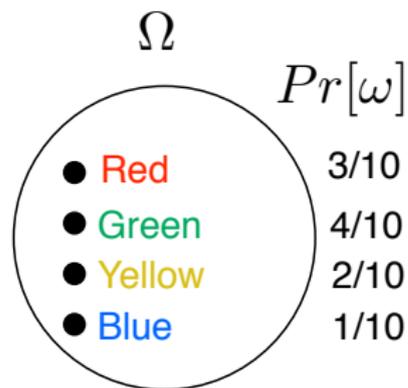


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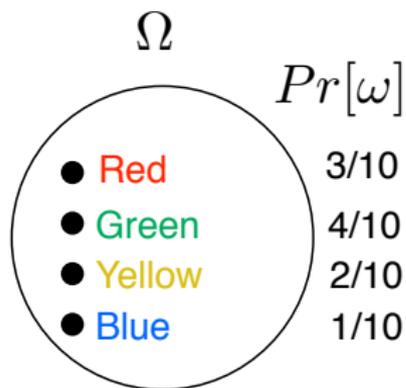


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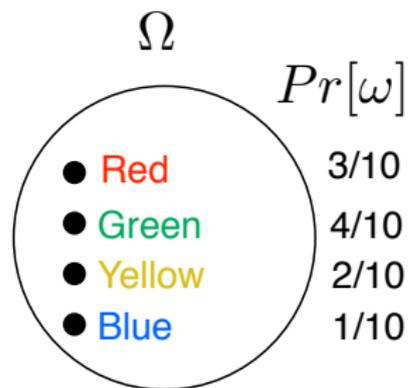
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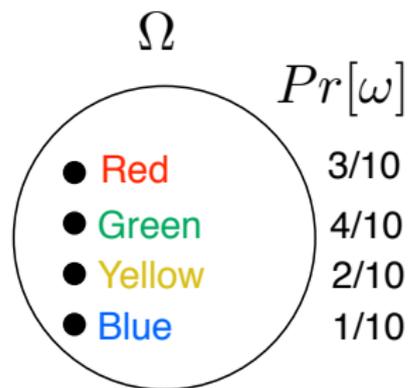
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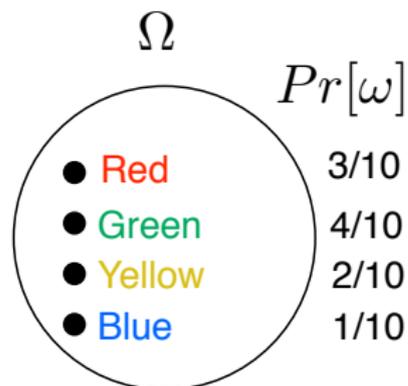
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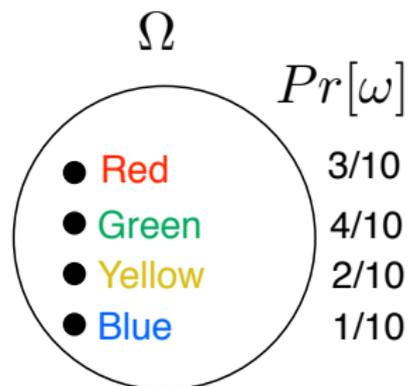
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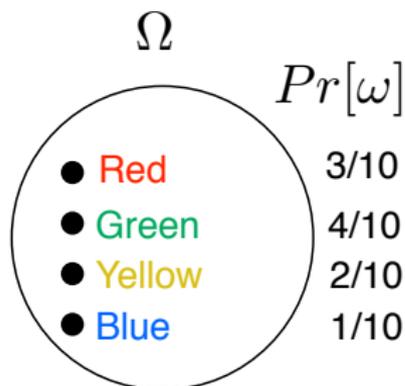
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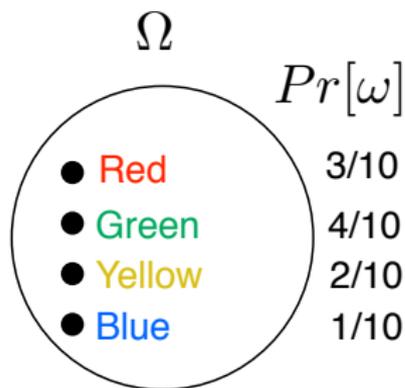
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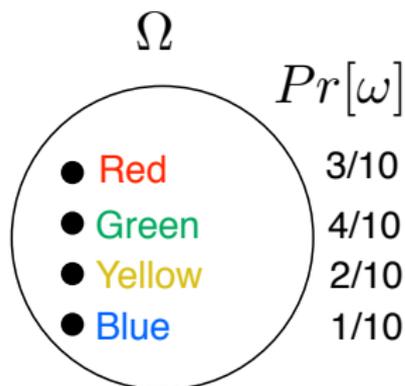
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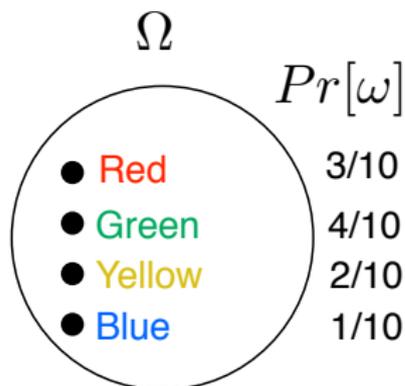
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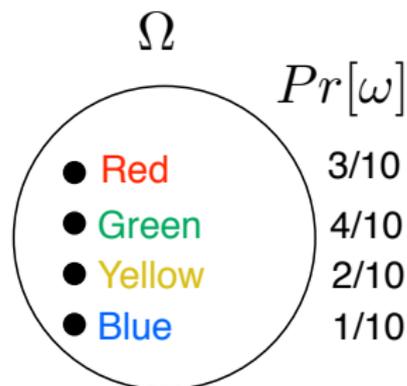
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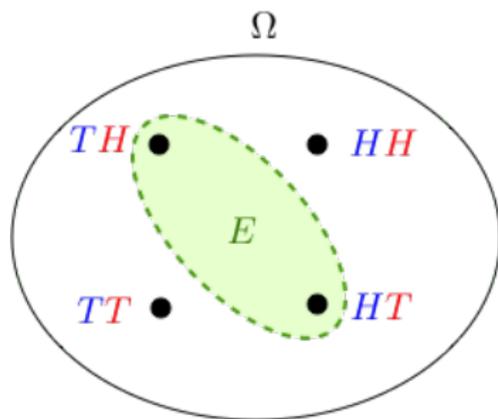
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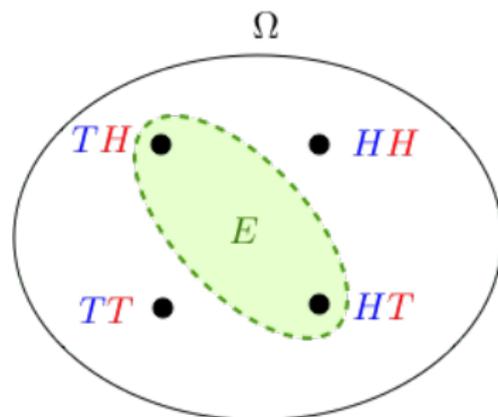


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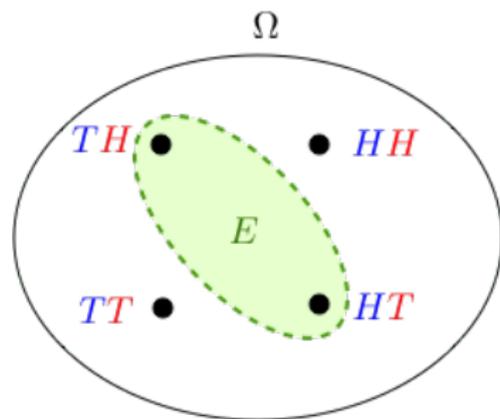
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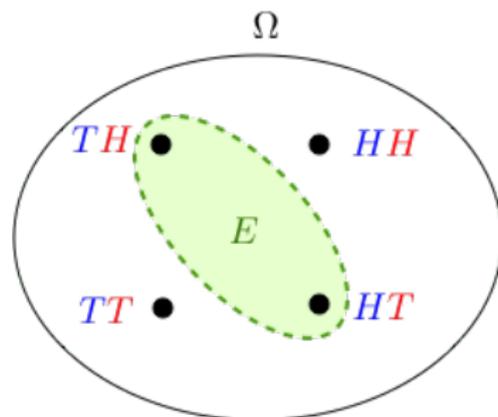
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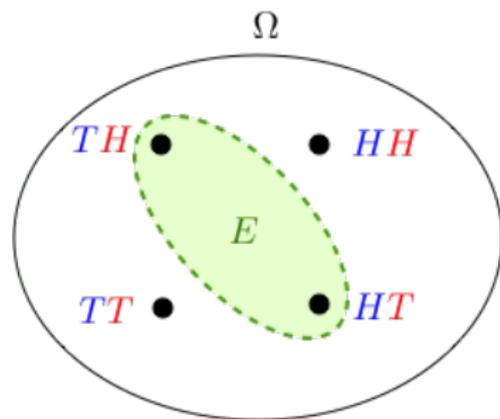
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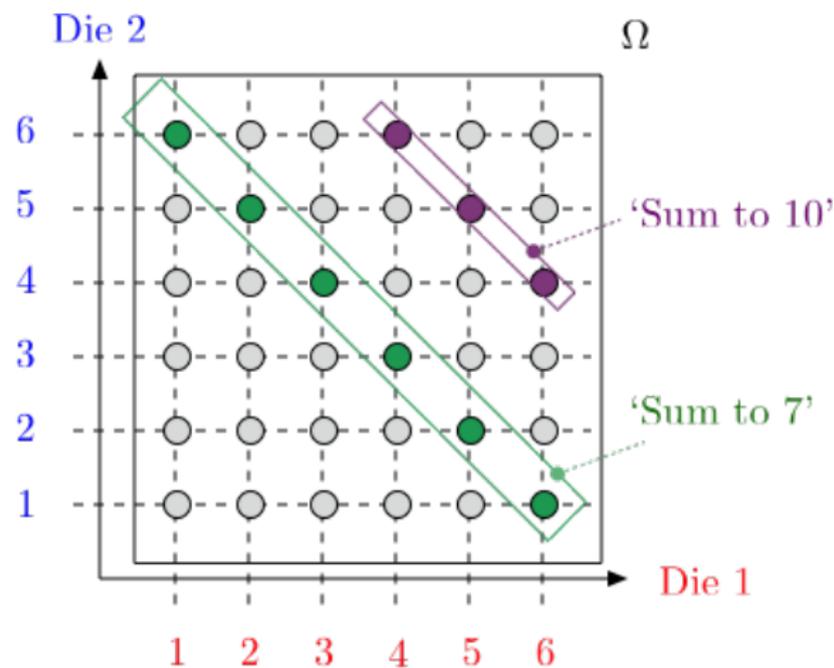
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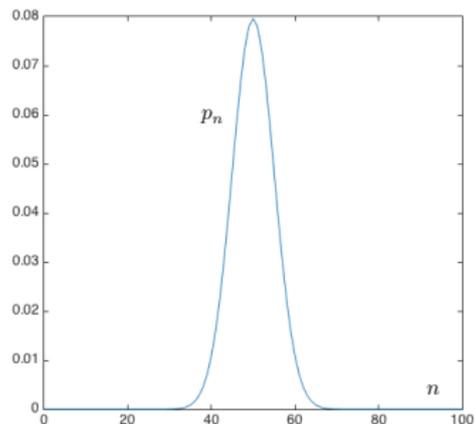
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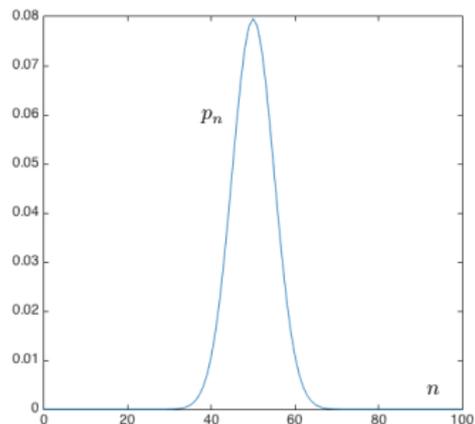
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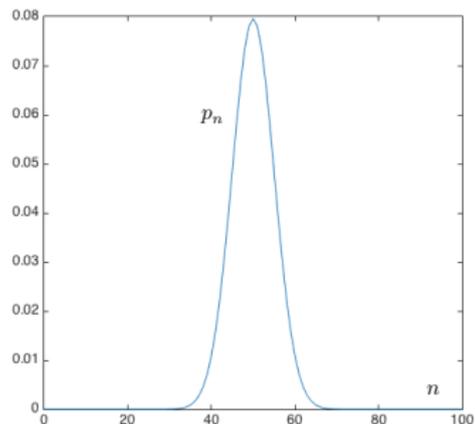
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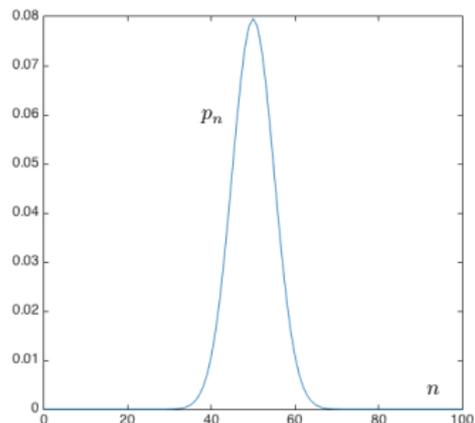
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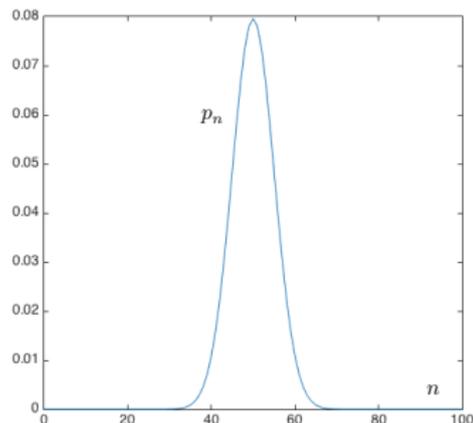
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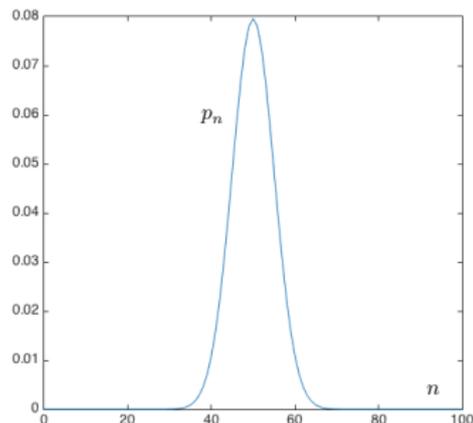


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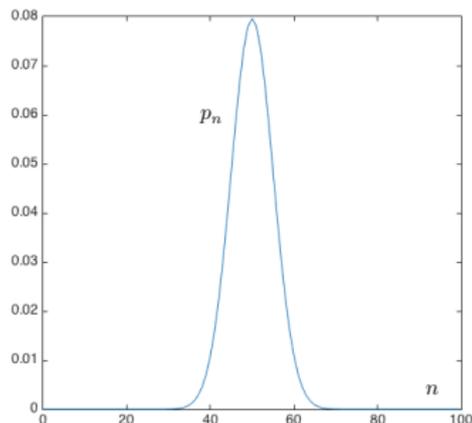


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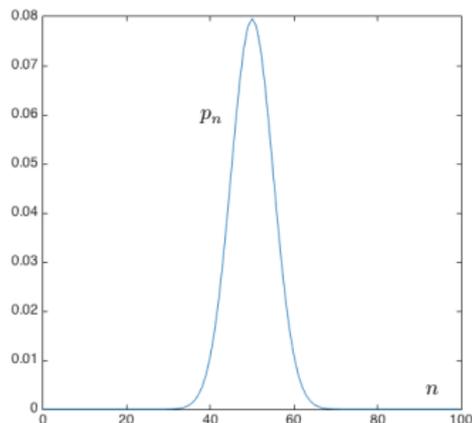


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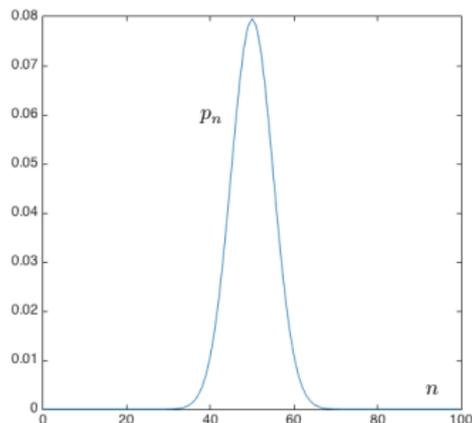
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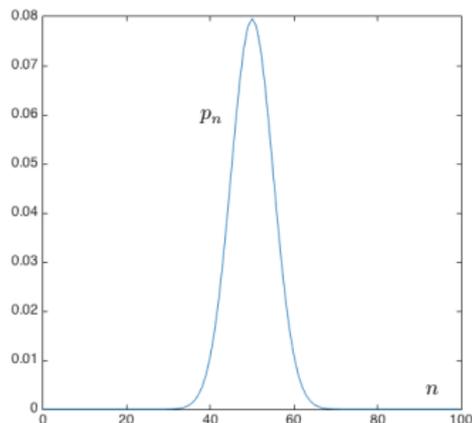
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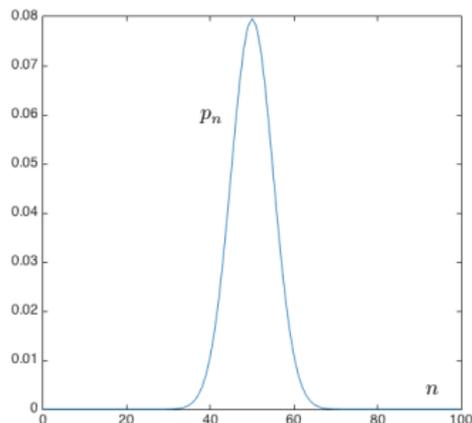
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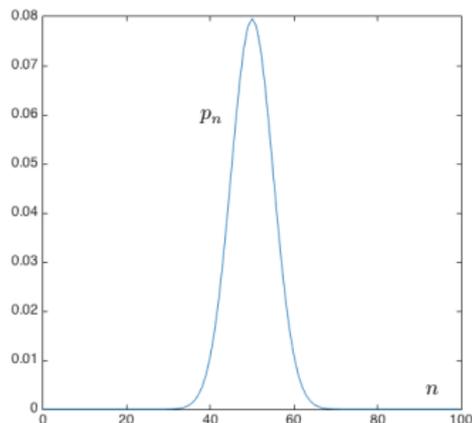
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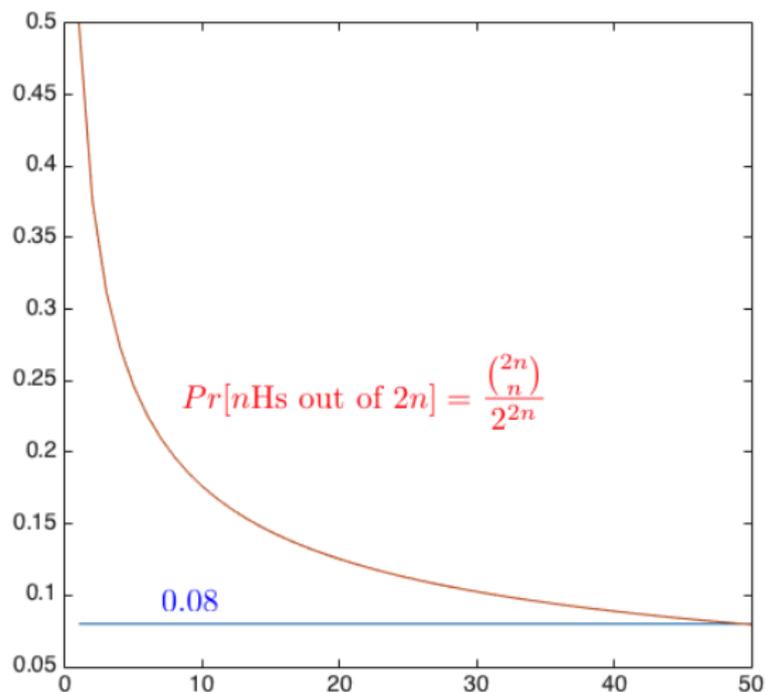
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