

**457.646 Topics in Structural Reliability**  
**In-Class Material: Class 01**

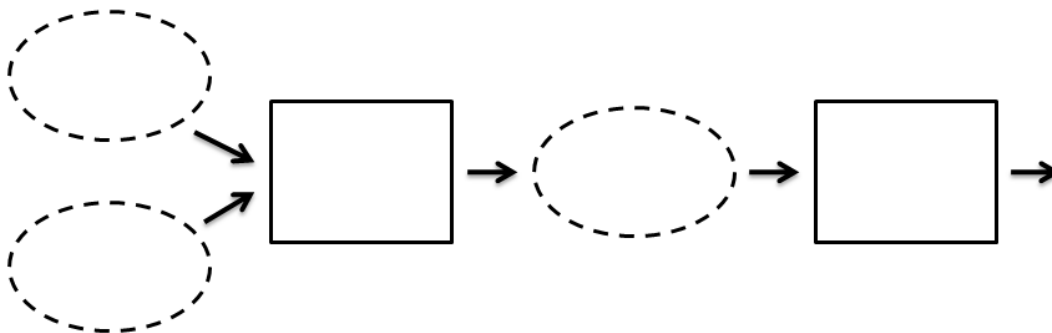
**I. Introduction**

◎ **Uncertainties in Engineering**

- ① (                    ) : Inherent randomness (or physical fluctuation)  
 e.g. earthquake intensity (PGA, PGV, ...), wind velocity, maximum flow rate  
 ⇒ (                    ) be reduced
- ② (                    ) : uncertainty due to insufficient (                    )
  - (                    ) uncertainty: imperfect or simplified model (e.g. 3D→2D)  
 missing variables or effects
  - (                    ) uncertainty: insufficient data  
 e.g. “sample mean is not the true mean”
 ⇒ (                    ) be reduced by investing more in knowledge and data

Der Kiureghian, A., and O. Ditlevsen (2009). Aleatory or epistemic? Does it matter? *Structural Safety*, **31**: 105-112

◎ **Uncertainty, Risk and Decisions**

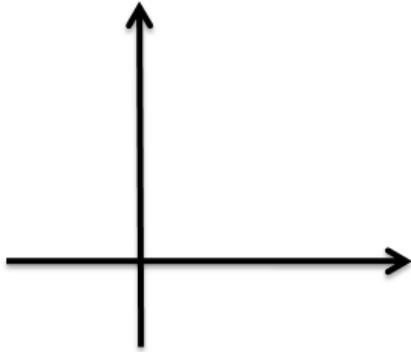


Decision making under (                    ) leads to (                    )  
 Need to quantify (                    ) caused by (                    )

◎ **457.646 Topics in Structural Reliability (Theory)**

- Focus: methods for quantifying risk & applications
- Provide overview and applications of “                    ” reliability methods
  - ⇒ The word “                    ” does not refer to physical structures (buildings and bridges, ...)
  - ⇒ in an (                    ) & (                    ) manner

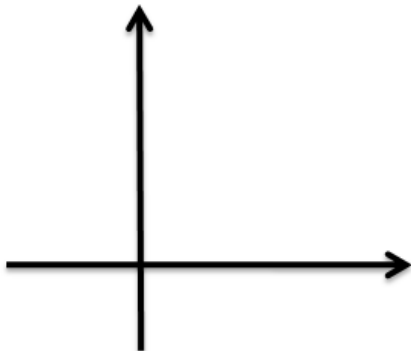
- ⊙ Part 2: Basic theory of probability & statistics (≤ 3 weeks) (ref. A&T textbook)
- ⊙ Part 3: Structural Reliability Analysis (SRA) - Component



$$P_f =$$

- Reliability index:  $\beta_{MVFOSM}, \beta_{HL}$
- Reliability methods: FORM, SORM, etc. (how to integrate ↖)

- ⊙ Part 4: Structural Reliability Analysis (SRA) - System



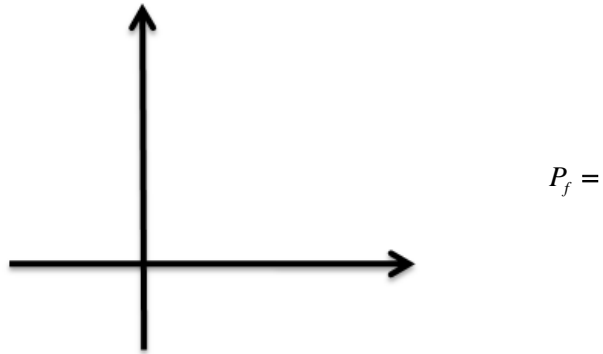
$$P_f =$$

- Reliability methods developed to handle system failure domains  
: “System” reliability methods

- ⊙ Part 5: Structural Reliability under Epistemic Uncertainty

$$P_f = \int_{g(\mathbf{x};) \leq 0} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x};) d\mathbf{x}$$

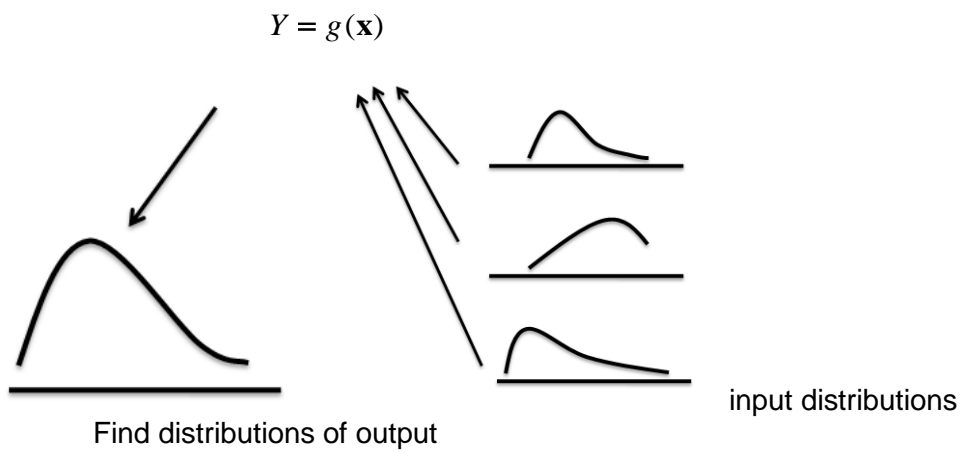
⊙ Part 6: Simulation Methods



⇒ Monte Carlo simulations

⇒ Efficient Sampling methods

⊙ Part 7: Uncertainty Quantification



⊙ Part 8: Applications

## II. Basic theory of Probability and Statistics

### 1. Set Theory

Why do we need 'set theory' in uncertainty analysis?

- **Uncertainty:** a ( ) of possible ( )

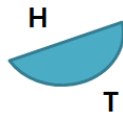
- e.g. toss a coin
- roll a dice
- weight of a car

- **Probability:** numerical measure of the ( ) of an event (i.e. a group of outcomes) of interest ( ) the other possible outcomes

e.g. "unfair coin"

H:T=

P(H)=



- Uncertainty analysis starts with ( ) the collection of all possible outcomes
- Principles of set theory are essential tool for this task.

### 2. Definitions

(a) **Sample space** ( ): the set of ( ) possible outcomes

**Sample point** ( ): an ( ) outcome

e.g.



Criteria	Sample space	Examples
Continuous?	"Discrete": ( ) quantities	# of typhoons at city A in a year S={ }
	"Continuous": ( ) quantities	% of congested traffic in Seoul S={ }
Can count sample points?	"Finite": ( ) ( ) and ( )	S = { }
	"Infinite": ( ) ( ) or ( )	S = { } S = { }

(b) **Event** ( ): any collection of sample ( ) or any ( ) of sample space

e.g. Baseball: outcomes of each “at-bat”

$S =$

discrete or continuous?

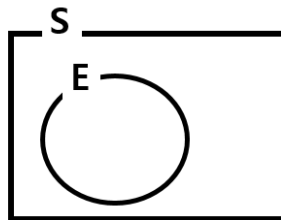
infinite or finite?

“A hitter reaches a base”

$E =$

(c) Some notable events

- ( ) event:  $E =$ 
  - Occurs with certainty
- ( ) event:  $E =$ 
  - cannot occur
- **Complementary** event of  $E$ : ( ) or ( )
  - An event that contains ( ) the sample points that are ( ) in  $E$



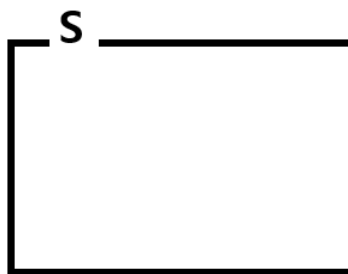
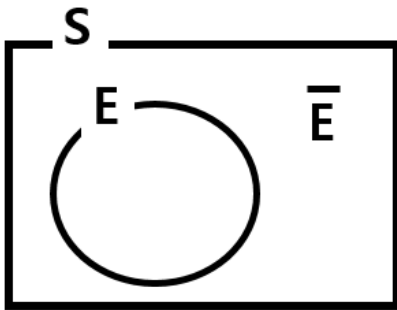
- e.g. “at-bat” outcomes

$E$ : “a hitter reaches a base”

$\bar{E} =$

- e.g.  $\bar{S} =$  ,  $\bar{\phi} =$

(d) **Venn diagram:** ( ) & ( ) representation of the sample space, sample points and events



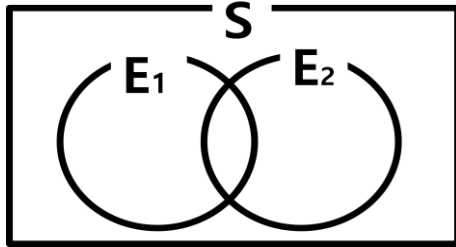
\* GUI-based interactive learning tools for Venn diagrams (and other statistical concepts) are available at <http://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~stark/Java/Html/>

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**In-Class Material: Class 02**

◎ **Set Operations** → useful especially for ( ) reliability analysis

① “**Union**” of events:  $E_1 \cup E_2$

■ An event that contains all the sample points that are in  $E_1 \cup E_2$



e.g., Concrete mixing

- $E_1$ : shortage of water
  - $E_2$ : shortage of sand
  - $E_3$ : shortage of gravel
  - $E_4$ : shortage of cement
- $E$  (concrete can't be produced) =
- =  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4$

e.g., Wind

- $E_1$ : blown off due to pressure
  - $E_2$ : missile-like flying objects
- $E = E_1 \cup E_2$

e.g., Bridge pier under EQ

- $E_1$ : reaches displacement capacity
  - $E_2$ : reaches shear capacity
- $E = E_1 \cup E_2$

※  $A \cup S = S$

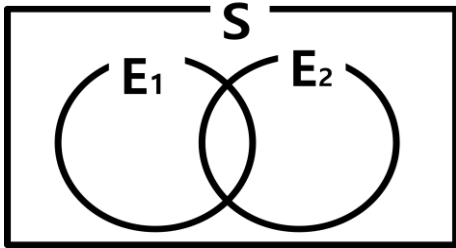
$A \cup \phi = A$

$A \cup A = A$

If  $A \subset B$ , then  $A \cup B = B$

② “intersection” of events  $E_1$   $E_2$  or

: an event that contains all the sample points that are both in  $E_1$   $E_2$



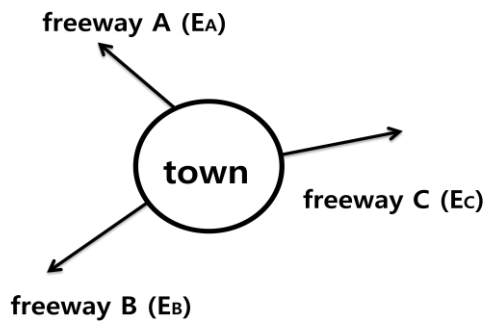
※  $A \cdot S =$

$A \cdot \phi =$

$A \cdot A =$

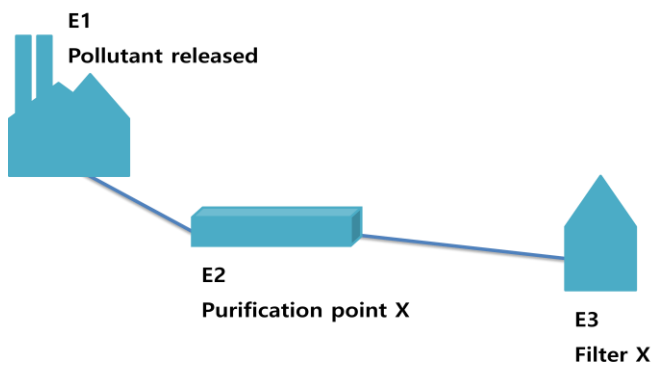
If  $A \subset B$ , then  $A \cdot B =$

e.g.,



No evacuation by freeway  $E =$

e.g.,



Exposed to pollutant  $E =$



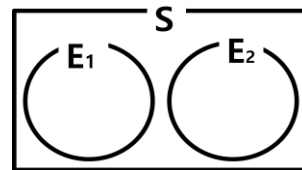
◎ **Operation Rules**

<b>Commutative Rule</b>	$E_1 \cup E_2 = E_2 \cup E_1$ $E_1 E_2 = E_2 E_1$
<b>Associative Rule</b>	$(E_1 \cup E_2) \cup E_3 = E_1 \cup (E_2 \cup E_3)$ $(E_1 E_2) E_3 = E_1 (E_2 E_3)$
<b>Distributive Rule</b>	$(E_1 \cup E_2) E_3 = (E_1 E_3) \cup (E_2 E_3)$ $(E_1 E_2) \cup E_3 = (E_1 \cup E_3) E_2 = (E_2 \cup E_3) E_1$
<b>De Morgan's Rule</b>	$\overline{\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right)} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \overline{E_i}$ $\overline{\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i\right)} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \overline{E_i}$

◎ **Relationship between events**

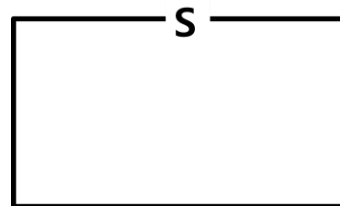
① **Mutually Exclusive events:**  $E_1 E_2 = \emptyset$

- Cannot occur together
- e.g.  $E_1$  and  $\overline{E_1}$
- $E_1 \cdots E_n$  and  $\overline{E_i}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

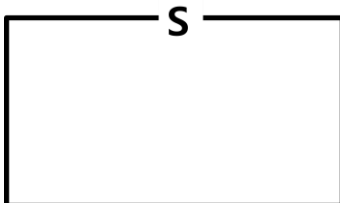


② **Collectively Exhaustive events:**  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = S$

- The union constitutes the sample space



※ **MECE:**



## 2. Mathematics of Probability (measure of likelihood of event)

⊙ Four approaches for assigning probability of events

Approach	Description	Example : Prob. (a “Yut” stick shows the flat side)
Notion of <b>Relative Frequency</b>	Relative frequency based on empirical data, Prob. = (# of occurrences) / (# of observations)	
On a <b>Priori Basis</b>	Derived based on elementary assumptions on likelihood of events	
On <b>Subjective Basis</b>	Expert opinion (“degree of belief”)	
Based on <b>Mixed Information</b>	Mix the information above to assign probability	

### ⊙ Axioms of Probability

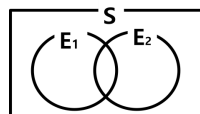
“Axioms”: Statements or ideas which people accept as being the foundation of theory

I.  $P(E) \geq 0$   
 II.  $P(S) = 1$   
 III. M.E  $E_1$  &  $E_2$  :  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) =$

As a result,

- ①  $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$  ( $\because P(S) = P(E \cup \bar{E}) = P(E) + P(\bar{E}) = 1$ )
- ②  $P(\phi) = 0$  ( $\because P(S \cup \phi) = P(S) + P(\phi) = 1 + 0 = 1$ )
- ③  $P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$  ( $\because P(E \cup \bar{E}) = P(E) + P(\bar{E}) = 1$ )
- ④  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 E_2)$

### “Addition Rule”



- Venn Diagram
- Formal Proof

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1 \cup \bar{E}_1 E_2) = P(E_1) + P(\bar{E}_1 E_2)$$

$$P(E_2) = P(E_1 E_2) + P(\bar{E}_1 E_2)$$

### “Inclusion-Exclusion Rule”

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum \sum P(E_i E_j) + \sum \sum \sum P(E_i E_j E_k) + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \times P(E_1 \dots E_n)$$

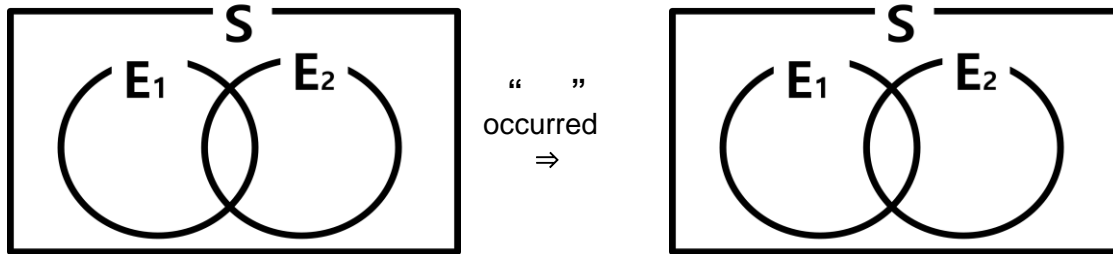
\* “Inverse version” derived in *Appendix A* of Der Kiureghian et al. (2007)

◎ **Conditional Probability & Statistical Independence**

① **Conditional Probability**

- Conditional probability of  $E_1$  given  $E_2$

$$P(E_1 | E_2) \equiv$$



②  $P(E_1 | S) =$

③ **“Multiplication Rule”**:  $P(E_1 E_2) =$

$$(\because P(E_1 | E_2) = \quad )$$

-  $P(E_1 E_2 E_3) =$

-  $P(E_1 \cdots E_n) =$

- ④ All the other prob. rules should be applicable to conditional probabilities as long as all the prob. are defined within the same space

-  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 | E_3) =$

-  $P(E_1 E_2 | E_3) =$

-  $P(\overline{E_1} | E_3) =$

- ⑤ **Statistical Independence**: The occurrence of one event does not affect the likelihood of the other event

-  $P(E_1 | E_2) =$

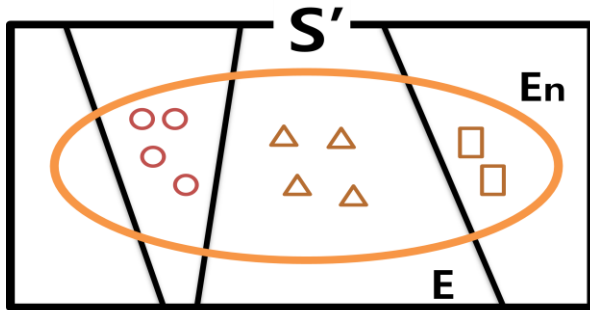
-  $P(E_2 | E_1) =$

-  $P(E_1 E_2) =$

cf. Mutually Exclusive  $P(E_1 E_2) = 0$

© **Total Prob. Theorem**

Setting:  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  : \_\_\_\_\_ events



$P(E)$  → Not easy to get directly

$P(E | E_i)$  → Easier to get

$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n$$

**Proof:**

Examples:

(1) Seismic hazard analysis:

$P(E) =$

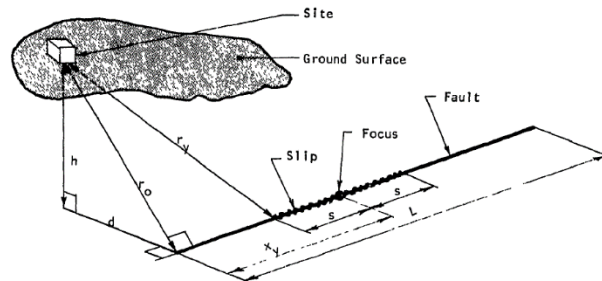
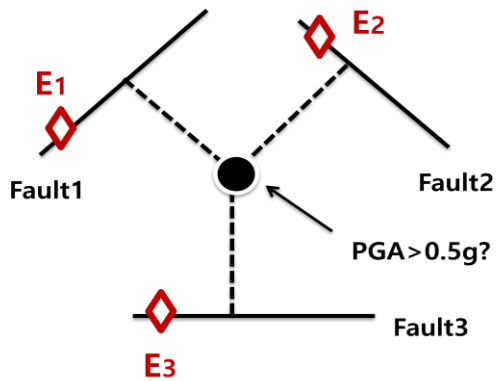
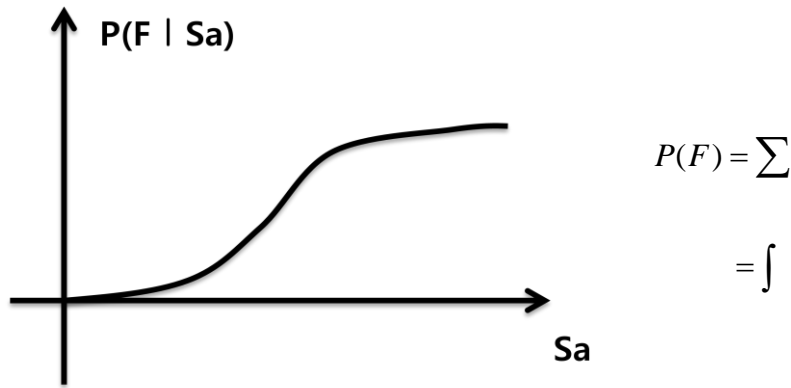


FIG. 3.1 TYPE 1 SOURCE (BASIC CASE)

Der Kiureghian, A. (1976). *A line source-model for seismic risk analysis*, Ph.D. dissertation, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, USA.

(2) Probability of structural failure under an uncertain input intensity: Fragility

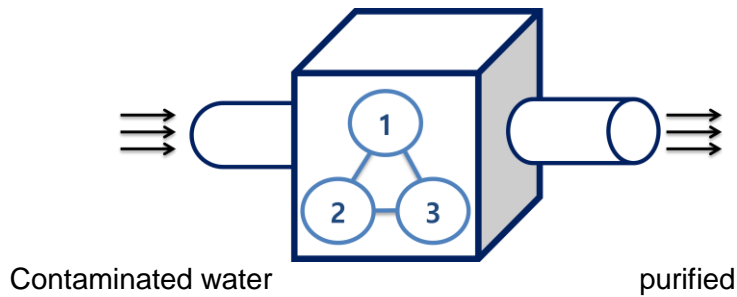


© Bayes Theorem

$$P(E_i|E) = \frac{P(E|E_i)}{P(E)}$$

- Decision making
- Parameter estimation
- Inference

Example)



Measure of cleanness, X (0 : contaminated ~ 100 : clean)

	$P(E_i)$	$P(X \leq 20 E_i)$
1	0.1	0.9
2	0.3	0.2
3	0.6	0.01

$X \leq 20 \Rightarrow$  Which one failed?

$P(E_i|X \leq 20) =$