

## Philosophy 148 — Announcements & Such

- Administrative Stuff
  - Branden’s office hours today will be 2:30–3:30.
  - Raul’s office hours will be 10–12 Wed., and by appointment.
  - Section times have been determined. Sections will meet Tuesday, 10–11 and Wednesday, 9–10. You should have received an email assigning you to a section. Otherwise, please see Raul about this.
  - We have a permanent location for the Tuesday section: 206 Wheeler. Stay tuned for the permanent location for the Wednesday section.
- Last Time: More Overview Stuff & Algebraic Probability (Intro.)
- Today’s Agenda
  - An Algebraic Approach to Probability Calculus, Continued
    - \* “The Algebraic Method” and a Decision Procedure for PC (PrSAT)
    - \* Systematic vs Extra-Systematic Logical Relations in Algebraic PC
  - Next: An Axiomatic Approach to Probability Calculus

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach I

- Once we grasp the concept of a finite Boolean algebra of propositions, understanding the probability calculus *algebraically* is very easy.
- The central concept is a *finite probability model*. A finite probability model  $\mathcal{M}$  is a finite Boolean algebra of propositions  $\mathcal{B}$ , together with a function  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$  which maps elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  to the unit interval  $[0, 1] \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- This function  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$  must be a *probability function*. It turns out that a probability function  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  is just a function that assigns a real number on  $[0, 1]$  to each state  $s_i$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ , such that  $\sum_i \text{Pr}(s_i) = 1$ .
- Once we have  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$ 's *basic assignments* to the states of  $\mathcal{B}$  (s.d.'s of  $\mathcal{L}$ ), we define  $\text{Pr}(p)$  for *any* statement  $\mathcal{L}$  of the language of  $\mathcal{B}$ , as follows:

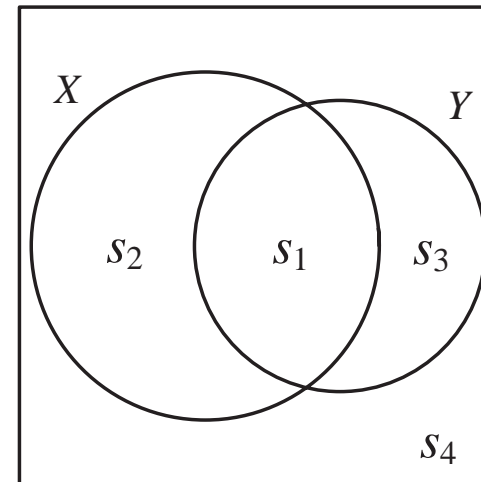
$$\text{Pr}(p) = \sum_{s_i \models p} \text{Pr}(s_i) \quad [\text{note: if } p \models \perp, \text{ then } \text{Pr}(p) = 0]$$

- In other words,  $\text{Pr}(p)$  is the sum of the probabilities of the state descriptions in  $p$ 's (equivalent) disjunction of state descriptions.

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach II

- Here's an example of a finite probability model  $\mathcal{M}$ , whose algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  is characterized by a language  $\mathcal{L}$  with two atomic letters "X" and "Y":

X	Y	States	Pr( $s_i$ )
T	T	$s_1$	$\frac{1}{6}$
T	F	$s_2$	$\frac{1}{4}$
F	T	$s_3$	$\frac{1}{8}$
F	F	$s_4$	$\frac{11}{24}$



The area of the box is 1, since  $\Pr(\mathbf{T}) = 1$ .

- On the left, a *stochastic truth-table* (STT) representation of  $\mathcal{M}$ ; on the right, a *stochastic Venn Diagram* (SVD) representation, in which *area is proportional to probability*. This is a *regular* model:  $\Pr(s_i) > 0$ , for all  $i$ .
- $\mathcal{M}$  determines a *numerical* probability for *each*  $p$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Examples?
- We can also use STTs to furnish an algebraic method for *proving general facts* about *all* probability models — *the algebraic method*.

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach III

- Let  $a_i = \Pr(s_i)$  be the probability [under the probability assignment  $\Pr(\cdot)$ ] of state  $s_i$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  — *i.e.*, the area of region  $s_i$  in our SVD.
- Once we have real variables ( $a_i$ ) for each of the basic probabilities, we can not only calculate probabilities relative to *specific* numerical models — *we can say general things, using only simple high-school algebra.*
- That is, we can *translate* any expression ' $\Pr(p)$ ' into a *sum* of some of the  $a_i$ , and thus we can *reduce probabilistic* claims about the  $p$ 's in  $\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{L}$  into simple, high-school-*algebraic* claims about the real variables  $a_i$ .
- This allows us to be able to prove general claims about *probability functions*, by proving their corresponding *algebraic theorems*.
- Method: translate the probability claim into a claim involving sums of the  $a_i$ , and determine whether the corresponding claim is a theorem of algebra (assuming only that the  $a_i$  are on  $[0, 1]$  and that they sum to 1).

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach IV

- Here are two simple/obvious examples involving two atomic sentences:

**Theorem.**  $\Pr(X \vee Y) = \Pr(X) + \Pr(Y) - \Pr(X \& Y)$ .

**Proof.**  $\Pr(X \vee Y) = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = (a_1 + a_2) + (a_1 + a_3) - a_1$ .

**Theorem.**  $\Pr(X) = \Pr(X \& Y) + \Pr(X \& \sim Y)$ .

**Proof.**  $a_1 + a_2 = a_1 + a_2$ .

- Here are two general facts that are also obvious from the set-up:

**Theorem.** If  $p \models q$ , then  $\Pr(p) = \Pr(q)$ .

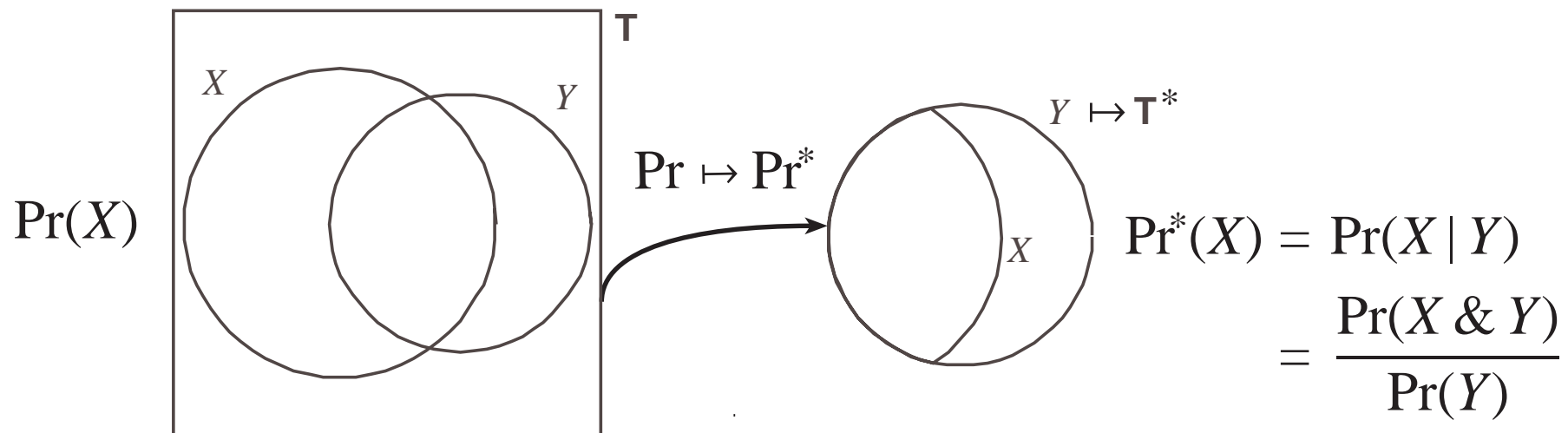
**Proof.** Obvious, since the same regions always have the same areas, and the algebraic translation is *the same* for logically equivalent  $p/q$ .

**Theorem.** If  $p \models q$ , then  $\Pr(p) \leq \Pr(q)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $p \models q$ , the set of state descriptions entailing  $p$  is a subset of the set of state descriptions entailing  $q$ . Thus, the set of  $a_i$  in the summation for  $\Pr(p)$  will be a subset of the  $a_i$  in the summation for  $\Pr(q)$ . Thus, since all the  $a_i \geq 0$ ,  $\Pr(p) \leq \Pr(q)$ .

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach V

- **Conditional Probability.**  $\Pr(p \mid q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr(p \ \& \ q)}{\Pr(q)}$ , provided that  $\Pr(q) > 0$ .
- Intuitively,  $\Pr(p \mid q)$  is supposed to be the probability of  $p$  *given that  $q$  is true*. So, *conditionalizing on  $q$*  is like “supposing  $q$  to be true”.
- Using Venn diagrams, we can explain: “Supposing  $Y$  to be true” is like “treating the  $Y$ -circle as if it is the bounding box of the Venn Diagram”.
- This is like “moving to a new  $\Pr^*(\cdot)$  such that  $\Pr^*(Y) = 1$ .” Picture:



## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach VI

- There may be other ways of defining conditional probability, which may also seem to capture the “supposing  $q$  to be true” intuition.
- But, any such definition must make  $\Pr(\cdot | q)$  a *probability function*, for all  $q$  [if  $\Pr(q) > 0$ ]. We can (algebraically) “check” this, as follows:

$p$	$q$	$\Pr(s_i)$
T	T	$a_1$
T	F	$a_2$
F	T	$a_3$
F	F	$a_4$

$\xrightarrow{\cdot | q}$

$p$	$q$	$\Pr(s_i   q)$
T	T	$\Pr(s_1   q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr(s_1 \& q)}{\Pr(q)} = \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3}$
T	F	$\Pr(s_2   q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr(s_2 \& q)}{\Pr(q)} = 0$
F	T	$\Pr(s_3   q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr(s_3 \& q)}{\Pr(q)} = \frac{a_3}{a_1 + a_3}$
F	F	$\Pr(s_4   q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr(s_4 \& q)}{\Pr(q)} = 0$

- Note: the new basic probabilities assigned to the state descriptions, under our “conditionalized”  $\Pr(\cdot | q)$  satisfy the requirements for being a *probability function*, since  $\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} + \frac{a_3}{a_1 + a_3} = 1$ , and  $\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3}, \frac{a_3}{a_1 + a_3} \in [0, 1]$ .

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach VII

- We can also use the algebraic method to verify that theorems which hold for  $\Pr(\cdot)$  also hold for  $\Pr(\cdot | q)$ , for any  $q$  [provided  $\Pr(q) > 0$ ].
- Recall the following theorem (trivial from an algebraic perspective).

$$\Pr(X \vee Y) = \Pr(X) + \Pr(Y) - \Pr(X \& Y).$$

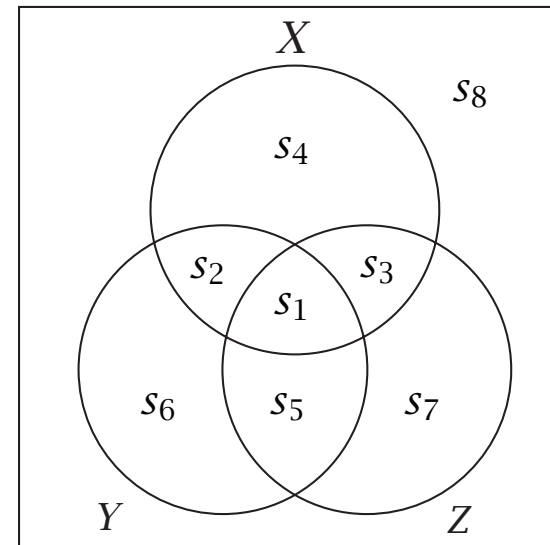
- If  $\Pr(\cdot | q)$  is to be a *probability* function for all  $q$  [where  $\Pr(q) > 0$ ], then we must also have the following theorem, for all  $Z$  [where  $\Pr(Z) > 0$ ]:

$$\Pr(X \vee Y | Z) = \Pr(X | Z) + \Pr(Y | Z) - \Pr(X \& Y | Z).$$

- Indeed, *any* theorem that holds for unconditional probabilities  $\Pr(\cdot)$  must also hold for conditional probabilities, that is, when  $\Pr(\cdot)$  is replaced by  $\Pr(\cdot | q)$ , so long as  $\Pr(q) > 0$ . This will *always* be the case.
- Using our algebraic method, we can prove the above theorem. We just need to remind ourselves of what the 3-atomic sentence algebra looks like, and how the algebraic translation of this equation would go ...



$X$	$Y$	$Z$	States	$\Pr(s_i)$
T	T	T	$s_1$	$a_1$
T	T	F	$s_2$	$a_2$
T	F	T	$s_3$	$a_3$
T	F	F	$s_4$	$a_4$
F	T	T	$s_5$	$a_5$
F	T	F	$s_6$	$a_6$
F	F	T	$s_7$	$a_7$
F	F	F	$s_8$	$a_8$



- By our definition of conditional probability, we have:

$$\Pr(X \vee Y | Z) = \frac{\Pr((X \vee Y) \& Z)}{\Pr(Z)} = \frac{\Pr((X \& Z) \vee (Y \& Z))}{\Pr(Z)} = \frac{a_1 + a_3 + a_5}{a_1 + a_3 + a_5 + a_7}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X | Z) + \Pr(Y | Z) - \Pr(X \& Y | Z) &= \frac{\Pr(X \& Z)}{\Pr(Z)} + \frac{\Pr(Y \& Z)}{\Pr(Z)} - \frac{\Pr(X \& Y \& Z)}{\Pr(Z)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(X \& Z) + \Pr(Y \& Z) - \Pr(X \& Y \& Z)}{\Pr(Z)} \\ &= \frac{(a_1 + a_3) + (a_1 + a_5) - a_1}{a_1 + a_3 + a_5 + a_7} = \frac{a_1 + a_3 + a_5}{a_1 + a_3 + a_5 + a_7} \end{aligned}$$

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach VIII

- Here's a neat theorem of the probability calculus, proved algebraically.

**Theorem.**  $\Pr(X \rightarrow Y) \geq \Pr(Y | X)$ . [Provided that  $\Pr(X) > 0$ , of course.]

**Proof.**  $\Pr(X \rightarrow Y) = \Pr(\sim X \vee Y) = \Pr(s_1 \vee s_3 \vee s_4) = a_1 + a_3 + a_4$ .

$$\Pr(Y | X) = \frac{\Pr(Y \& X)}{\Pr(X)} = \frac{\Pr(s_1)}{\Pr(s_1 \vee s_2)} = \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2}.$$

So, we need to prove that  $a_1 + a_3 + a_4 \geq \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2}$ .

- First, note that  $a_4 = 1 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$ , since the  $a_i$ 's must sum to 1.
- Thus, we need to show that  $a_1 + a_3 + 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3 \geq \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2}$ .
- By simple algebra, this reduces to showing that  $1 - a_2 \geq \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2}$ .
- If  $a_1 + a_2 > 0$  and  $a_i \in [0, 1]$ , this must hold, since then we must have:  $a_2 \geq a_2 \cdot (a_1 + a_2)$ , and then the boxed formulas are equivalent.  $\square$

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach IX

- Here are some further fundamental theorems of probability calculus, involving 2 or 3 atomic sentences and CP. Easy, given defn. of CP.

- **The Law of Total Probability (LTP):**

$$\Pr(X | Y) = \Pr(X | Y \& Z) \cdot \Pr(Z | Y) + \Pr(X | Y \& \sim Z) \cdot \Pr(\sim Z | Y)$$

- Note:  $\Pr(X | \top) = \Pr(X)$ . Why? So, the LTP has a *special case*:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X | \top) = \Pr(X) &= \Pr(X | \top \& Z) \cdot \Pr(Z | \top) + \Pr(X | \top \& \sim Z) \cdot \Pr(\sim Z | \top) \\ &= \Pr(X | Z) \cdot \Pr(Z) + \Pr(X | \sim Z) \cdot \Pr(\sim Z) \end{aligned}$$

- Two forms of **Bayes's Theorem**. The second one *follows*, using (LTP):

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X | Y) &= \frac{\Pr(Y | X) \cdot \Pr(X)}{\Pr(Y)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(Y | X) \cdot \Pr(X)}{\Pr(Y | Z) \cdot \Pr(Z) + \Pr(Y | \sim Z) \cdot \Pr(\sim Z)} \end{aligned}$$

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach X

- One more interesting theorem (due to Popper & Miller), algebraically.
- Let  $d(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr(X | Y) - \Pr(X)$ . Then, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem (PM).**  $d(X, Y) = d(X \vee Y, Y) + d(X \vee \sim Y, Y)$ .

**Proof** (algebraic, using STT from  $X/Y$  language, above).

$$d(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr(X | Y) - \Pr(X) = \boxed{\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} - (a_1 + a_2)}$$

$$d(X \vee Y, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr(X \vee Y | Y) - \Pr(X \vee Y) = 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3$$

$$d(X \vee \sim Y, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr(X \vee \sim Y | Y) - \Pr(X \vee \sim Y) = \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} - (a_1 + a_2 + a_4)$$

$$\therefore d(X \vee Y, Y) + d(X \vee \sim Y, Y) = 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3 + \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} - a_1 - a_2 - a_4$$

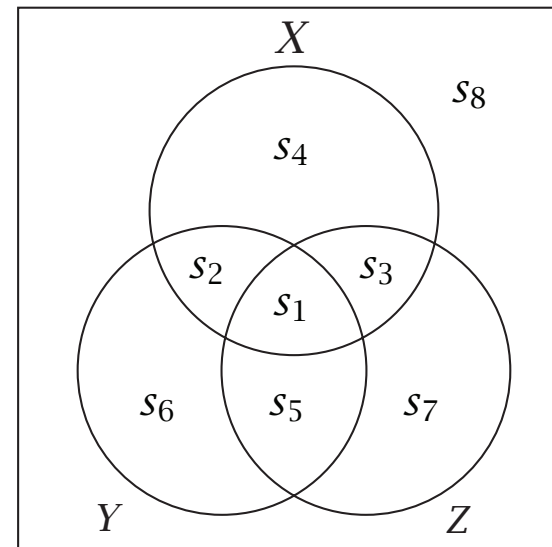
$$= \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} + 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3 - a_1 - a_2 - (1 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3))$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_3} - (a_1 + a_2)}. \quad \square$$

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach XI

- The algebraic approach for *refuting* general claims involves two steps:
  - Translate the claim from probability notation into algebraic terms.
  - Find a (numerical) probability model on which the translation is *false*.
- Show that  $\Pr(X | Y \ \& \ Z) = \Pr(X | Y \vee Z)$  can be *false*. Here's a model  $\mathcal{M}$ :

X	Y	Z	States	Pr( $s_i$ )
T	T	T	$s_1$	$a_1 = 1/6$
T	T	F	$s_2$	$a_2 = 1/6$
T	F	T	$s_3$	$a_3 = 1/4$
T	F	F	$s_4$	$a_4 = 1/16$
F	T	T	$s_5$	$a_5 = 1/6$
F	T	F	$s_6$	$a_6 = 1/12$
F	F	T	$s_7$	$a_7 = 1/24$
F	F	F	$s_8$	$a_8 = 1/16$



(1) Algebraic Translation: 
$$\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_5} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7}.$$

(2) This claim is *false* on  $\mathcal{M}$ , since  $1/2 \neq 2/3$ . I used PrSAT to find  $\mathcal{M}$ .

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach XII

- There are *decision procedures* for Boolean propositional logic, based on truth-tables. These methods are *exponential* in the number of atomic sentences ( $n$ ), because truth-tables grow exponentially in  $n$  ( $2^n$ ).
- It would be nice if there were a decision procedure for probability calculus, too. In algebraic terms, this would require a decision procedure for the salient fragment of high-school (real) algebra.
- As it turns out, high-school (real) algebra (HSA) *is* a decidable theory. This was shown by Tarski in the 1920's. But, it's only been very recently that computationally feasible procedures have been developed.
- In my "A Decision Procedure for Probability Calculus with Applications", I describe a user-friendly decision procedure (called PrSAT) for probability calculus, based on recent HSA procedures.
- My implementation is written in *Mathematica* (a general-purpose mathematics computer programming framework). It is freely downloadable from my website, at: <http://fitelson.org/PrSAT/>.

## The Probability Calculus: An Algebraic Approach XIII

- I encourage the use of PrSAT as a tool for finding counter-models and for establishing theorems of probability calculus. It is not a requirement of the course, but it is a useful tool that is worth learning.
- PrSAT doesn't give readable proofs of theorems. But, it will find concrete numerical counter-models for claims that are not theorems.
- PrSAT will also allow you to calculate probabilities that are determined by a *given* probability assignment. And, it will allow you to do algebraic and numerical "scratch work" without making errors.
- I have posted a *Mathematica* notebook which contains the examples from algebraic probability calculus that we have seen in this lecture. I will be posting further notebooks as the course goes along.
- Let's have a look at this first notebook (`examples_1.nb`). I will now go through the examples in this notebook, and demonstrate some of the features of PrSAT. I encourage you to play around with it.

## Systematic vs Extra-Systematic Logical Relations I

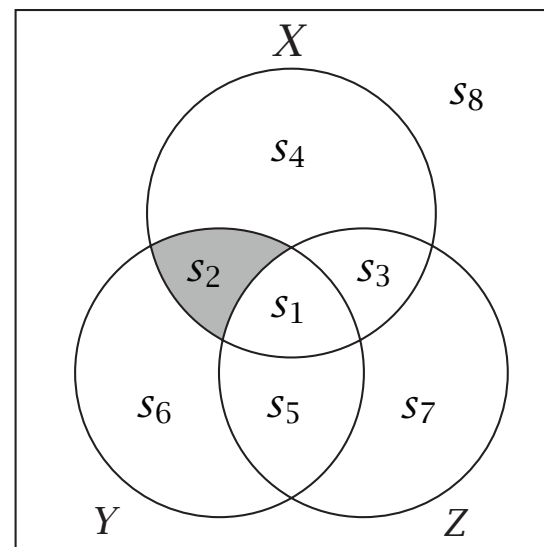
- The entailment relation  $\models$  that we've been talking about is just the Boolean entailment relation that is in force *within* the algebra over which  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$  is defined. I will call this relation *systematic entailment*.
- ☞ Because *probability zero is not the same thing as systematic logical falsehood*, there is room to emulate *extra-systematic* logical relations using probability models. This is an important “trick” we'll use often.
- Here's an example. Consider a propositional language with three atomic letters:  $X, Y, Z$ . This sets-up the standard 3-atomic-sentence Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  that we've seen several times already. Now, we'll add a twist.
- Let's *extra-systematically* interpret ' $X$ ' as  $(\forall x)(Rx \rightarrow Bx)$ , ' $Y$ ' as  $Ra$ , and ' $Z$ ' as  $Ba$ . This extra-systematic interpretation of the atomic sentences has no effect on the systematic logical relations in  $\mathcal{B}$ .
- But, we can use a suitable  $\text{Pr}(\cdot)$  over  $\mathcal{B}$  to *emulate* the extra-systematic (MPL) entailment relations ( $\models$ ) between  $Ra, Ba$ , and  $(\forall x)(Rx \rightarrow Bx)$ .



## Systematic vs Extra-Systematic Logical Relations II

- **Example.** *Extra-systematically*, we have:  $(\forall x)(Rx \rightarrow Bx) \ \& \ Ra \Vdash Ba$ .
- We do *not* have the corresponding *systematic* entailment:  $X \ \& \ Y \neq Z$ !
- But, we can *emulate* this  $\Vdash$  relation, by assigning  $\Pr(X \ \& \ Y \ \& \ \sim Z) = 0$ .

$X$	$Y$	$Z$	States	$\Pr(s_i)$
T	T	T	$s_1$	$a_1$
T	T	F	$s_2$	$a_2 = 0$
T	F	T	$s_3$	$a_3$
T	F	F	$s_4$	$a_4$
F	T	T	$s_5$	$a_5$
F	T	F	$s_6$	$a_6$
F	F	T	$s_7$	$a_7$
F	F	F	$s_8$	$a_8$



- By enforcing the *extra-systematic constraint*  $\Pr(X \ \& \ Y \ \& \ \sim Z) = 0$ , we can investigate features of our extra-systematic (*monadic-predicate-logical*) interpretation of  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ , using only *sentential* probability calculus.
- This very useful “trick” will be used throughout the course.

## Axiomatic Treatment of Probability Calculus I

- A probability model  $\mathcal{M}$  is a Boolean algebra of propositions  $\mathcal{B}$ , together with a function  $\text{Pr}(\cdot) : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following three *axioms*.
  1. For all  $p \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\text{Pr}(p) \geq 0$ . [non-negativity]
  2.  $\text{Pr}(\top) = 1$ , where  $\top$  is the tautological proposition. [normality]
  3. For all  $p, q \in \mathcal{B}$ , if  $p$  and  $q$  are mutually exclusive (inconsistent), then  $\text{Pr}(p \vee q) = \text{Pr}(p) + \text{Pr}(q)$ . [additivity]
- Conditional probability is *defined* in terms of unconditional probability in the usual way:  $\text{Pr}(p \mid q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\text{Pr}(p \& q)}{\text{Pr}(q)}$ , provided that  $\text{Pr}(q) > 0$ .
- We could also state everything in terms of a (propositional) *language*  $\mathcal{L}$  with a finite number of atomic *sentences*. Then, we would talk about *sentences* rather than *propositions*, and the axioms would read:
  1. For all  $p \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\text{Pr}(p) \geq 0$ .
  2. For all  $p \in \mathcal{L}$ , if  $p \models \top$ , then  $\text{Pr}(p) = 1$ .
  3. For all  $p, q \in \mathcal{L}$ , if  $p \& q \models \perp$ , then  $\text{Pr}(p \vee q) = \text{Pr}(p) + \text{Pr}(q)$ .

## Axiomatic Treatment of Probability Calculus II

- Instead of using the algebraic approach for proving theorems, we can also give *axiomatic* proofs. This is the standard way of proving claims in probability calculus (PrSAT doesn't give proofs, so we need axioms).
- Here are two examples of theorems and their *axiomatic* proofs (see the Eells *Appendix*). Note: these are *trivial* from an *algebraic* point of view!

**Theorem.**  $\Pr(\sim p) = 1 - \Pr(p)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $p \vee \sim p$  is a tautology, (2) implies  $\Pr(p \vee \sim p) = 1$ ; and since  $p$  and  $\sim p$  are m.e., (3) implies  $\Pr(p \vee \sim p) = \Pr(p) + \Pr(\sim p)$ . Therefore,  $1 = \Pr(p) + \Pr(\sim p)$ , and thus  $\Pr(\sim p) = 1 - \Pr(p)$ , by simple algebra.  $\square$

**Theorem.** If  $p \models q$ , then  $\Pr(p) = \Pr(q)$ . *Proof.* Assume  $p \models q$ . Then,  $p$  and  $\sim q$  are mutually exclusive (inconsistent), and  $p \vee \sim q \models \top$ . So by axioms (2) and (3), and the previous theorem [ $\Pr(\sim p) = 1 - \Pr(p)$ ]:

$$1 = \Pr(p \vee \sim q) = \Pr(p) + \Pr(\sim q) = \Pr(p) + 1 - \Pr(q)$$

So,  $1 = \Pr(p) + 1 - \Pr(q)$ , and  $0 = \Pr(p) - \Pr(q)$ .  $\therefore \Pr(p) = \Pr(q)$ .  $\square$

## Axiomatic Treatment of Probability Calculus III

- Here are two more axiomatic proofs:

**Theorem.** If  $p \models \perp$ , then  $\Pr(p) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $p \models \perp$ . Then,  $\sim p \models \top$ , and, by (2),  $\Pr(\sim p) = 1$ . Then, by the above theorem,  $\Pr(\sim p) = 1 - \Pr(p) = 1$ , and  $\Pr(p) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem.** If  $p \models q$ , then  $\Pr(p) \leq \Pr(q)$ .

*Proof.* First, note the following two Boolean equivalences:

$$p \models (p \& q) \vee (p \& \sim q)$$

$$q \models (p \& q) \vee (\sim p \& q)$$

Thus, by our theorem above, we must have the following two identities:

$$\Pr(p) = \Pr[(p \& q) \vee (p \& \sim q)]$$

$$\Pr(q) = \Pr[(p \& q) \vee (\sim p \& q)]$$

By axiom (3), this yields the following two identities:

$$\Pr(p) = \Pr(p \ \& \ q) + \Pr(p \ \& \ \sim q)$$

$$\Pr(q) = \Pr(p \ \& \ q) + \Pr(\sim p \ \& \ q)$$

Now, assume  $p \models q$ . Then,  $p \ \& \ \sim q \models \perp$ . Hence, by our theorem above,  $\Pr(p \ \& \ \sim q) = 0$ . And, under these circumstances, we must have:

$$\Pr(p) = \Pr(p \ \& \ q)$$

$$\Pr(q) = \Pr(p \ \& \ q) + \Pr(\sim p \ \& \ q)$$

That is to say, we must have the following:

$$\Pr(q) = \Pr(p) + \Pr(\sim p \ \& \ q)$$

But, by axiom (1),  $\Pr(\sim p \ \& \ q) \geq 0$ . So, by algebra,  $\Pr(q) \geq \Pr(p)$ .  $\square$

- This gives us an alternative way to prove  $p \models q \implies \Pr(p) = \Pr(q)$ . We just apply the previous theorem, in both directions (plus algebra).
- You should now be able to prove that  $\Pr(p) \in [0, 1]$ , for all  $p$ .