

3) • Classical method: Suppose that a random experiment has a finite number of equally likely outcomes.

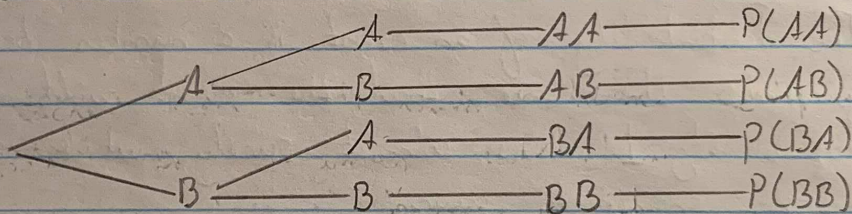
Let $n(S)$ be the number of total outcomes (i.e. size of sample space S) and $n(A)$ be the number of outcomes corresponding to event A . Then,

$$P(A) = n(A)/n(S)$$

- Accurate method, but requires strong prior information.
- A basic rule that will be used in this lecture.

Computing Probabilities

Tree Diagrams: Data 1 Data 2 Outcome Probability



Pascal Squares:

	$P(\text{Data 2})$	$P(A)$	$P(B)$
$P(\text{Data 1}) \setminus$			
$P(A)$	$P(AA)$	$P(AB)$	
$P(B)$	$P(BA)$	$P(BB)$	

* Example 1 \rightarrow Suppose you toss two coins. What is the probability that you get at least one tail?

- Random experiment: Toss two coins.
- Sample space: $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$
- Event: $A = \{\text{get at least one tail}\} = \{HT, TH, TT\}$

$$P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{4}$$