

Classical or Mathematical Probability

Introduction to Probability

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- $P(A) + P(\text{not } A) = 1$.

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