

Lecture 1.2, MATH-57091 Probability and Statistics for High-School Teachers.

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Note that for Game 1 it is enough to consider just a total number of heads. For Game 2 we must consider much more complicated sample space.

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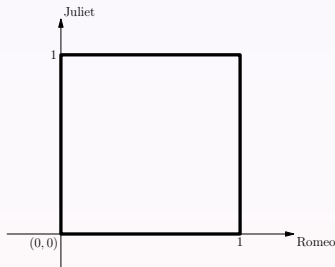
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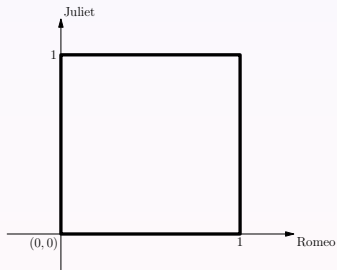
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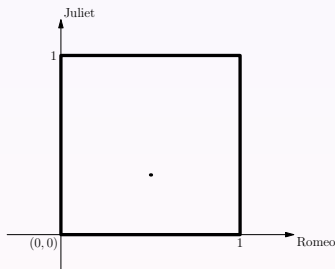
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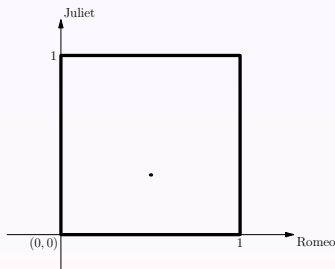
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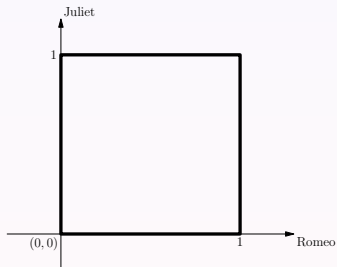


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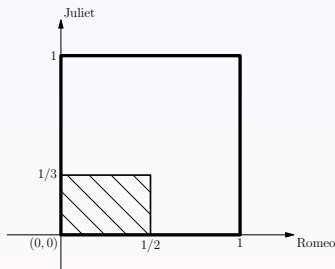
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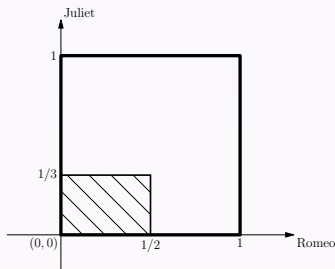
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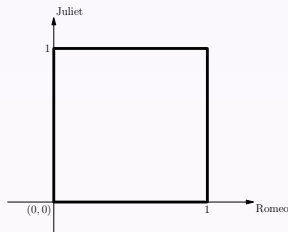


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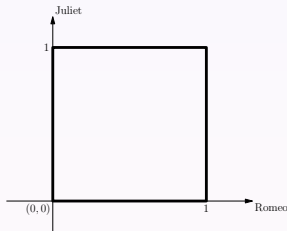
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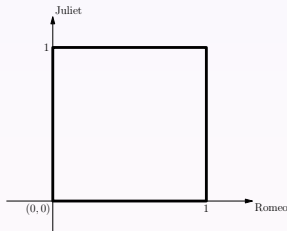
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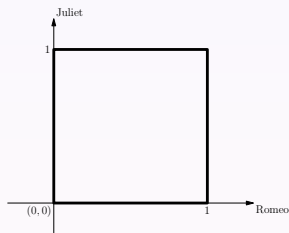
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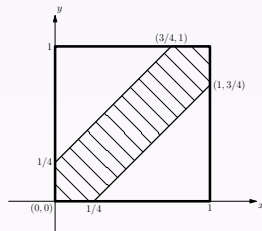


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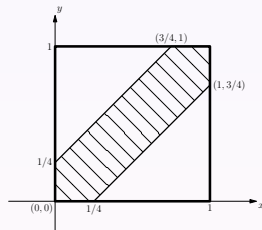


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