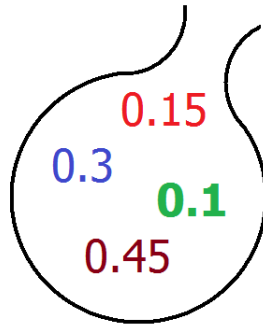
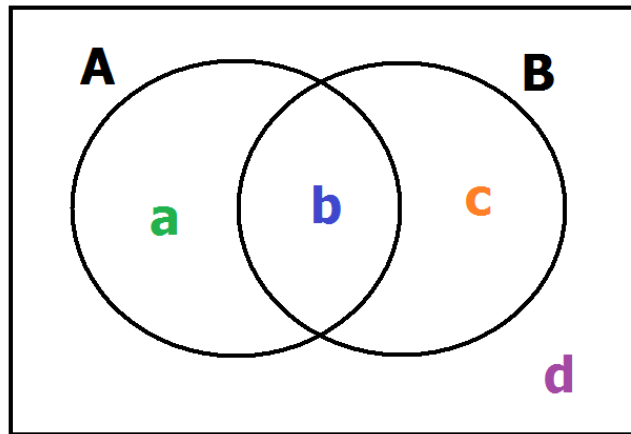


## MSV 27: Random Independence

You are given four numbers below in a bag that add to 1.



The numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are probabilities in the Venn diagram below, where  $a + b + c + d = 1$ .



If we swap the numbers in the bag for  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  at random, what is the probability that the events A and B are independent?

Hint: show A and B are independent if and only if  $ac = bd$ .

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