

Central Question in LM: $p(w_1w_2\dots w_m | C)=?$

- What is C? We usually ignore C (=“context”) since it depends on the application, but it’s important to consider it when applying a LM
 - Refinement 1: $p(w_1w_2\dots w_m | C) \approx p(w_1w_2\dots w_m)$
- What random variables are involved? What is the event space?
 - What event does “ $w_1w_2\dots w_m$ ” represent? What is the sample space?
 - $p(w_1w_2\dots w_m) = p(X=w_1w_2\dots w_m)$ vs. $p(X_1=w_1, X_2=w_2, \dots, X_m=w_m)$?

$X=?$



$X_1=?$

$X_2=?$

$X_m=?$

