

A	B	C
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Def

If sample space for an experiment is a set S with the property that each physical outcome of the experiment corresponds to exactly one element of S . An element of S is called samplepoint.

Ex

Distribution of two balls in three cells

$$\begin{array}{lll} 1 \{ab|-\} & 4 \{a|b|-b\} & 7 \{-|a|b\} \\ 2 \{-|ab|\} & 5 \{a|-b\} & 8 \{b|-\mid a\} \\ 3 \{-|-ab\} & 6 \{b|a|-\} & 9 \{-|b|-\mid a\} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Sample Space } [S]/[\Omega] \\ \text{1 of 9 sample points} \end{array} \right\}$$

A = {1, 2, 3} - one cell is mutually occupied.

B - The first cell is not empty $\Rightarrow \{1, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$

Every cell is occupied \Leftrightarrow impossible event

C - "a" is in the first cell $\Rightarrow \{1, 4, 5\}$

Def

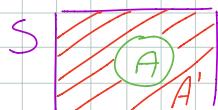
Any subset of a sample space is called an event. The empty set \emptyset is called "the impossible set". S is called the certain event.

Def

The event consisting of all points not contained in event A will be called the complementary event of A and will be denoted $[A']/\Omega$. In particular $S' \Leftrightarrow \emptyset$

Ex

B - The first cell is empty. $\{2, 3, 7, 9\}$

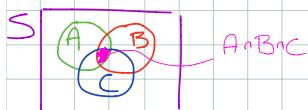


Def

The aggregate of the samplepoints which belong to all the given sets, ABC, will be denoted by $A \cap B \cap C$ and called the intersection or simultaneous realization.

Ex

$$A \cap B = \{1\}$$

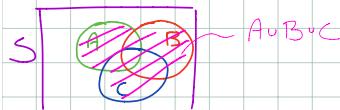


Def

The aggregate of the samplepoints which belong to at least one of the given sets, A B C, will be denoted $A \cup B \cup C$ and called the union.

Ex

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$$

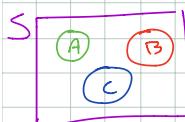


Def

The event A, B, C are mutually exclusive if no two have a point in common.

Ex

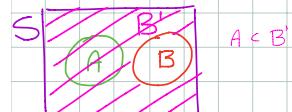
$$B \text{ and } B' \text{ are mutually exclusive } B \cap B' = \emptyset$$



Def

The symbols $A \subset B$ and $B \supset A$ signify that every point of A is contained in B. "A implies B", "B is implied by A".

Ex



Ex - Coin toss, 3 random tosses.

$$S = \{H, HH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

D - Two or more H

E - Just one T.

Def

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{number of ways A can occur}}{\text{Number of ways the experiment can proceed.}}$$

$$P(D) = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{3}{8}$$

Def

$$\text{Relative frequency approximation, } P(A) = \frac{\text{number of times event A occurred}}{\text{Number of times experiment was run}}$$

Axioms of probability

1 Let S denote a sample space. $P(S)=1$

2 $P(A) \geq 0$, for every event A .

3 Let A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots be a finite or infinite collection of mutually exclusive events. Then $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots) = P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$

Theorems

$$P(A') = 1 - P(A)$$

Proof

$$P(A') + P(A) = \{ \text{ax 3} \} = P(A \cup A') = P(S) = \{ \text{ax 1} \} = 1$$

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Proof

$$P(S) = \{ S \cup \emptyset = S \} = P(S \cup \emptyset) = \{ S \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \} + \{ \text{ax 3} \} = P(S) + P(\emptyset)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Proof

$$P(A) + P(B) - \{ \text{ax 3} \} = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') + P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap A') = P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B)$$

$$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$$



Def

Let A and B be events such that $P(B) > 0$. The conditional probability of A given B denoted by $P(A|B)$ is defined by: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

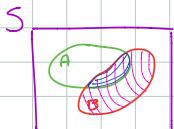
Ex

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$$



The outcome will be in B .

$$P(A|B)$$