Assignment 4

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1 Problem

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Let S be a sample space and two mutually exclusive events A and B be such that $A + B = S$. If $P(\cdot)$ denotes the probability of the event, the maximum value of $P(A)P(B)$ is

2 Solution

Given that A and B are mutually exclusive events.

$$\Pr(A + B) = 1 \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\Pr(A) + \Pr(B) = 1 \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$\Pr(A)\Pr(B) = \Pr(A) - (\Pr(A))^2 \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \left(\Pr(A) - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \tag{2.0.5}$$

When $\Pr(A) = \Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}$, $\Pr(A)\Pr(B) = \frac{1}{4}$. Therefore, maximum value of $\Pr(A)\Pr(B)$ is $\frac{1}{4}$.