

Homework 1

Due at the beginning of class on Monday, Feb 4

Instructions: Point values for each problem are listed. Write your solutions neatly or type them up. Typed solutions will also be accepted via Sakai.

1. Let $n \geq 2$ and A_1, \dots, A_n be sets in some universe S . In this problem we will give a proof by induction of the identity

$$\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c.$$

- (a) (5 points) State and prove the base case for an inductive proof, meaning that the identity is true when $n = 2$.
 - (b) (5 points) State and prove the inductive step, where one shows that the identity is true for general $n > 2$, assuming it is true for $n - 1$.
2. Give sample spaces that model the outcomes for the following experiments. You may use a regular expression or other formalisms that you find convenient. (2 points each)
 - (a) Rolling 3 dice.
 - (b) Rolling a die until an even result comes up, or the die is rolled three times.
 - (c) Tossing a pair of coins until they both come up tails.
 - (d) Draw 2 balls from an urn which contains 6 balls, each with a distinct label from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.
 - (e) Draw 1 ball from the same urn, then replace it and draw a ball again.
 3. For each of the sample space, describe the events (as sets) $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$, when A and B are as follows. (2 points each)
 - (a) $A =$ “5 is rolled exactly twice” and $B =$ “dice values add to an odd number”.
 - (b) $A =$ “1 comes up exactly twice” and $B =$ “3 comes up exactly twice”.
 - (c) $A =$ “both coins come up heads at the same time at some point” and $B =$ “both coins come up tails at the same time at some point”
 - (d) $A =$ “1 is drawn at least once” and $B =$ “1 is drawn twice”.
 - (e) $A =$ “1 is drawn at least once” and $B =$ “1 is drawn twice”.