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Experiments and Events:

Def: An experiment is a process whose outcome is not known in advance with certainty.

Sample Space: Collection of *all* possible outcomes of an experiment. S or Ω. Each outcome is an element of the sample space $s \in S$.

Operations:

Union: $x \in S : A \cup B = \{x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$A \cup A = A$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$A \cup S = S$$

$$A \subset B \Rightarrow A \cup B = B$$

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=n} A_i$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \to \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$$

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C) = A \cup B \cup C$$

Intersections: $A \cap B = \{x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} = AB$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

$$A \cap A = A$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$A \cap S = A$$

$$A \subset B \Rightarrow A \cap B$$

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$$

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C) = A \cap B \cap C$$

Complements: $A^c = \{x \in S : x \notin A\}$

$$(A^c)^c = A$$

$$\emptyset^c = S$$

$$S^c = \emptyset$$

$$A \cup A^c = S$$

$$A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

Dijoint Events:

A and B are *disjoint* or *mutually exclusive* if A and B have no outcomes in common. This happens only if $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Def: A collection $A_1, \dots, A_n$ is a collection of disjoint evens if and only if $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \forall i, j, i \neq j$

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i\right)^c = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i^c$$

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

$x \in (A \cap B)^c$
$\Rightarrow x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$
$\Rightarrow x \in A^c$ and $x \in B^c$
$\Rightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c$

Probabilities:

Functions over S that measure the likelihood of events.

$$\forall A : Pr(A) \geq 0$$

$$Pr(S) = 1$$

For every *infinite sequence* of *disjoint* events $A_1, A_2, \dots (A_i \in S)$:
$Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(A_i)$
$Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n \cup \dots)$
$= Pr(A_1) + Pr(A_2) + \dots + Pr(A_n) + \dots$

$$Pr(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i + \bigcup_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \emptyset) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(A_i)$$