

Lec 01 :

An experiment involves randomness and results in an outcome.

Ex : Experiment : Flip 2 coins

Outcome possibilities:

HH, HT, TH, TT

Exactly one outcome occurs.

Ex : Roll 1 die

Outcome possibilities are : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Def : A sample space is the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment.

Ex :

1 coin flip : $S = \{H, T\}$

2 coin flips : $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

3 coin flips $S = \{HHH, HHT, \dots, TTT\}$

n coin flips $|S| = 2^n$

Ex: Roll 2 dice

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1,1), (1,2), \dots, (1,6) \\ (2,1), \dots, (2,6) \\ \vdots \\ (6,1), \dots, (6,6) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$|S| = 36$$

Def: An event is any subset of the sample space.

Ex: Flip 2 coins

Some events:

$$E = \{HH, TT\} = \text{"both flips are the same"}$$

$$E = \{HT, TH, TT\} = \text{"at least one Tail"}$$

$$E = \{HH, HT\} = \text{"1st flip is Heads"}$$

If $E = \phi$ (empty set)

then E is called the null event.

If $E = S$ (entire sample space)

then E is called the sure event.

We say that an event occurred
(or happened) if the outcome
of the experiment lies in the event.

For an event $E \subseteq S$,

$P(E)$ will be a probability

Review :

unions

intersections

complements

Venn diagrams

De Morgan's law

disjoint

Set theory



Notation: The intersection of sets A, B is usually denoted $A \cap B$.

In probability (re. ECE 109) we use the abbreviated notation.

AB to mean $A \cap B$.

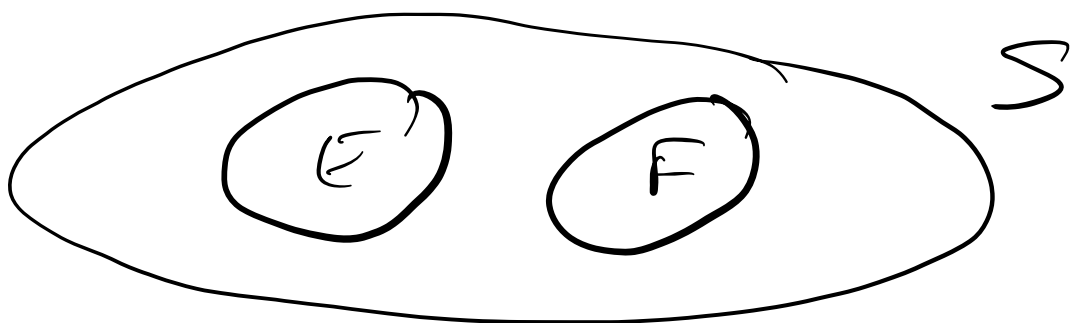
Union is $A \cup B$.

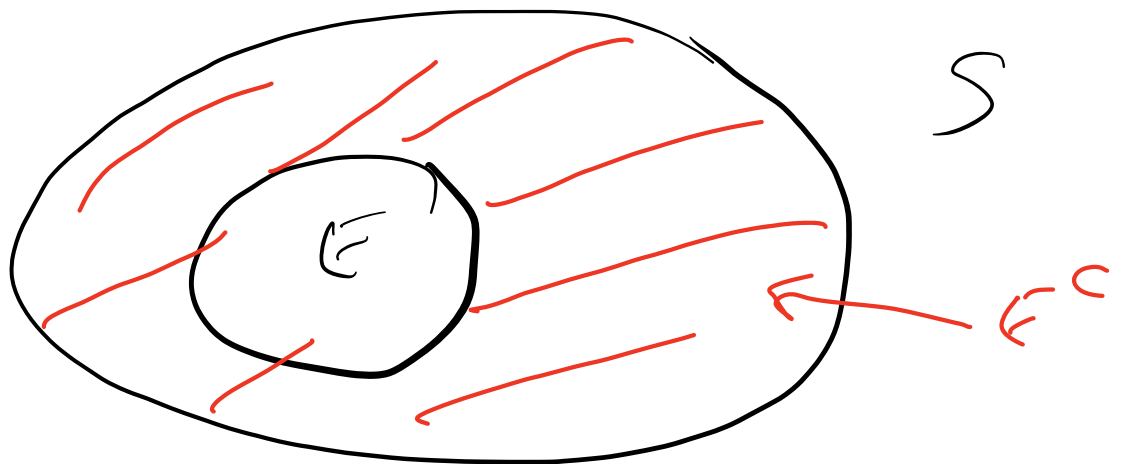
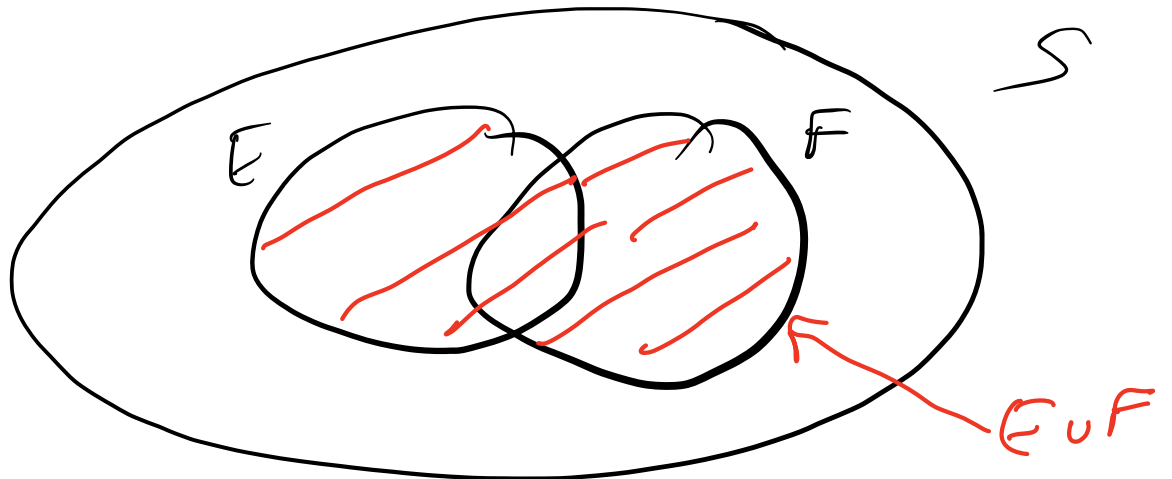
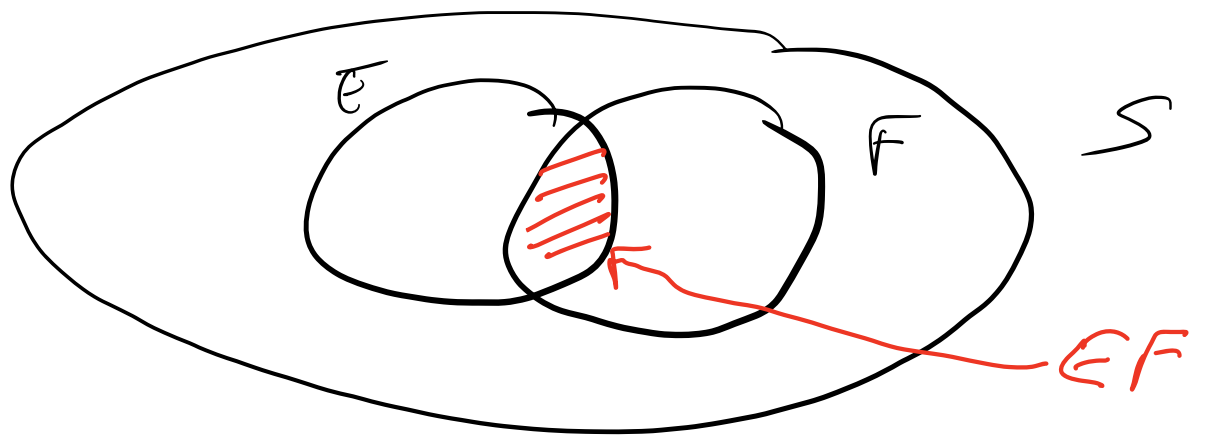
The complement of events E is

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

Other notation: $S - E$
 $S \setminus E$

Def: Sets E and F are disjoint if $EF = \emptyset$.





Ex: Flip 2 coins

$$E = \{HH, HT\}$$

$$F = \{TT, HT\}$$

we get:

$$EF = \{HT\}$$

$$E \cup F = \{HH, TT, HT\}$$
$$= \{TH\}^c$$

$$E^c = \{TT, TH\}$$

Which of these events below occurred if the experiment's outcome is TT?

E No

E^c Yes

F ;

F^c ,

$E \cup F$

EF

$(EF)^c$

$(E \cup F)^c$