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Probability, Homework #1.

I / Sample space - Events:

1/ Denote the color red, blue, green by the letter R, B, G respectively.

Case 1: Replace the 1st marble in the box after taking it out.

Then each marble can be either R, B or G.

$\Rightarrow$  Sample space:  $\Omega_1 = \{(RR), (RB), (RG), (BR), (BB), (BG), (GR), (GB), (GG)\}$ .

Case 2: No replacement.

Then the 1st marble can be either R, B or G while the 2nd is different from the 1st.

$\Rightarrow$  Sample space:  $\Omega_2 = \{(RB), (RG), (BR), (BG), (GR), (GB)\}$ .

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a) Each student can either be M or F, here the order of the group is not important.

Sample space:  $\Omega_1 = \{(M, M, M, M), (M, M, M, F), (M, M, F, F), (M, F, F, F), (F, F, F, F)\}$ .

b) The number of females selected is an integer between 0 and 4.

Sample space:  $\Omega_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

5/  $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\} = (0, \infty)$ .

a)  $A^c = \{x \in \Omega : x \geq 72.5\} = [72.5, \infty)$

b)  $B^c = \{x \in \Omega : x \leq 52.5\} = (0, 52.5]$

c)  $AB = \{x \in \Omega : 52.5 < x < 72.5\} = (52.5, 72.5)$ .

d)  $A \cup B = \{x \in \Omega : x > 52.5 \text{ or } x < 72.5\} = \Omega$ .

6/ Let  $O = \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $E = \{2, 4, 6\}$ . Then the sample space is:

$\Omega = \left\{ \{x_k\}_{k=1}^n \subset \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in O \forall k = \overline{1, n-1} \text{ and } x_n \in E \right\}$

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a)  $S = \{1, 01, 001, 0001, \dots, 0000\dots\}$ .

Here 1 represents head and 0 represents tail.

Each element  $000\dots 01$  ( $n-1$  zeroes) of  $S$  represents a game that ends after  $n$  flips.

The  $000\dots$  element represents a game where all flips land on tail (thus no one wins).

b)  $A = \{x \in S : x \text{ has } k \text{ zeroes and one } 1, k \geq 0, k \bmod 3 = 0\} = \{1, 0001, 0000001, \dots\}$

$B = \{x \in S : x \text{ has } k \text{ zeroes and one } 1, k \geq 0, k \bmod 3 = 1\} = \{01, 00001, 00000001, \dots\}$

$(A \cup B)^c = \{x \in S : x \text{ has } k \text{ zeroes and one } 1, k \geq 0, k \bmod 3 = 2\} \cup \{x \in S : x \text{ has no } 1\}$

$= \{001, 000001, 0000000001, \dots, 0000\dots\}$ .

## II/Axiom of Probability:

5/ Consider the following events:

$U$  = a U.S driver is using a seat belt.

$N$  = a Northeastern driver is using a seat belt.

$M$  = a Midwestern driver is using a seat belt.

$S$  = a Southern driver is using a seat belt.

$W$  = a Western driver is using a seat belt.

$$a) P(U) = \frac{858}{858+228} \approx 0.7901.$$

b) He would have been pleased with the survey results, since the probability is higher than the expectation, i.e.  $P(U) \approx 0.7901 > 0.78$ .

$$c) \text{ For Northeast: } P(N) = \frac{148}{148+52} = 0.74.$$

$$\text{For Midwest: } P(M) = \frac{162}{162+54} = 0.75.$$

$$\text{For Southern: } P(S) = \frac{296}{296+74} = 0.8$$

$$\text{For Western: } P(W) = \frac{252}{252+48} = 0.84.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The West region has the highest seat belt usage.

$$d) \text{ Northeast proportion: } \frac{148+52}{858+228} \times 100\% \approx 18.4162\%$$

$$\text{Midwest proportion: } \frac{162+54}{858+228} \times 100\% \approx 19.8895\%$$

$$\text{Southern proportion: } \frac{296+74}{858+228} \times 100\% \approx 34.07\%$$

$$\text{Western proportion: } \frac{252+48}{858+228} \times 100\% \approx 27.6243\%$$

$\Rightarrow$  South and West region had the 1st and 2nd most drivers selected, respectively.