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## 6.1 Probability Rules and Conditional Probability

### 6.1.1 Relations from Set Theory

- The **Union** of two events A and B ( $A \cup B$ ) is the set consisting of all outcomes that are either in A, in B, or in both events
- The **Intersection** of two events A and B ( $A \cap B$ ) is the set of all outcomes in both A and in B
- The **Complement** of an event A denoted by  $\bar{A}$ ,  $A^c$ , is the set of all outcomes that are not contained in A
- The **Empty Event** or the **Null Set**  $\emptyset$ 
  - $\emptyset = \bar{S}$
  - $P(\emptyset) = 0$
  - $P(S) = 1$

### 6.1.2 De Morgan's Laws

Union and intersection interchange under complementation

- $A \cup B = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$
- $A \cap B = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$

More Generally Defined as :

- $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k = \bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_k$
- $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k = \bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2 \cup \dots \cup \bar{A}_k$

### 6.1.3 Rules for Unions of Events : Addition Law of Probability of the Sum Rule

#### 6.1.3.1 Mutually Exclusive Events

- The Probability of either event happening is the sum of their individual probabilities
- $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_k)$