

Topic: Elementary set theory and the sample space

In today's problem class we will be reviewing concepts from elementary set theory and we will link them to the concept of a sample space in probability.

- Let A , B and C be three arbitrary events. Using only the operations of union, intersection and complement, write down expressions for the following events:
 - Only A occurs.
 - Both A and B , but not C occurs.
 - All three events occur.
 - At least one of A , B and C occurs.
 - At least two of A , B and C occur.
 - Precisely one of A , B and C occurs.
 - Precisely two of A , B and C occur.
 - None of A , B and C occurs.
 - Not more than two of A , B and C occur.
- A football match contained exactly two penalties. Let $S_i, i = 1, 2$ denote the event that penalty i was scored and $M_i, i = 1, 2$ denote the event that penalty i was missed. We write e.g. $M_1 S_2$ for the outcome that the first penalty was missed and the second penalty scored.
 - Find the set which has as its elements all possible combinations of the outcomes of the two penalties (i.e. what is Ω , the sample space).
 - Let A denote the event that both penalties were missed, B denote the event that both were scored and C denote the event that at least one was scored.
List the elements of $A, B, C, A \cap B, A \cup B, A \cup C, A \cap C, B \cup C$ and $B^c \cap C$.
- Two dice are thrown; let Ω be the sample space of possible outcomes, which correspond to pairs of values (e.g. (2,3), (6,1), (4,4)) indicating the scores on the first and second die respectively. Let A denote the subset of Ω containing outcomes in which the score on the second die is even, B denote the subset of outcomes for which the sum of scores on the two dice is even, and let C denote the subset of outcomes for which at least one of the scores is odd.
Write in terms of A, B and C (using union, intersection and complement) the following events:
 - Both scores are even.
 - The first score is odd and the second score is even.
 - Both scores are odd.
 - The second score is odd.
- Prove that $E \subseteq F$ is equivalent to $E \cup F = F$.
- Can you use the result from question 4 to show that if $E \subseteq F$ then $E \cup G \subseteq F \cup G$?