

M362K: January 22nd, 2024.

Reading assignments: Section 1.1. "Odds"

Section 1.2. Interpretation

Problem. We toss a coin 3 times and observe the sequence of heads (H) and tails (T) that appears.

Write down the appropriate outcome space Ω for this "experiment".

$$\rightarrow: \Omega = \{H, T\}^3 = \{H, T\} \times \{H, T\} \times \{H, T\} = \\ = \{(H, H, H), \\ (H, H, T), (H, T, H), (T, H, H), \\ (H, T, T), (T, H, T), (T, T, H), \\ (T, T, T)\}$$

□

Let A be the event that two or more heads appear consecutively. Write down the event A as a set of elementary outcomes from Ω .

$$\rightarrow: A = \{HHH, HHT, THH\}$$

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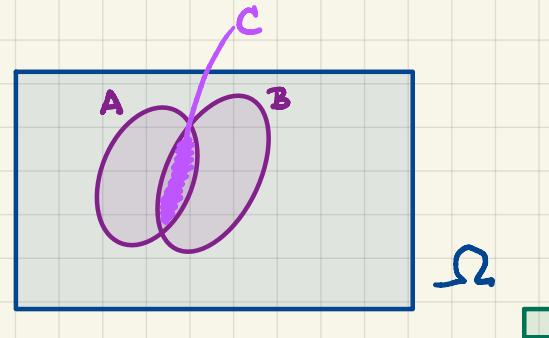
Let B be the event that all tosses are the same. Write down B in terms of elementary outcomes.

$$\rightarrow: B = \{HHH, TTT\}$$

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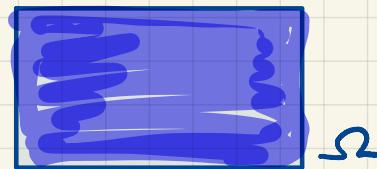
Let C denote the event that only heads appear. Express C in terms of A and B.

$$\rightarrow: C = A \cap B = AB$$



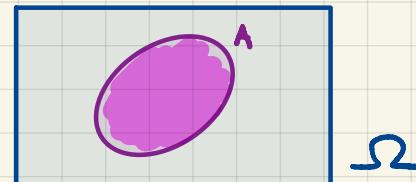
Section 1.3. Distributions

Outcome space ... Ω

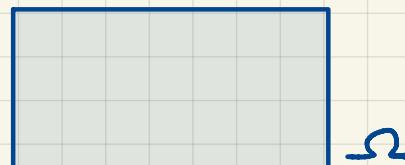


event

... E, F
A, B, C

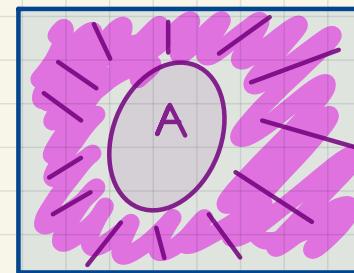


impossible event \emptyset



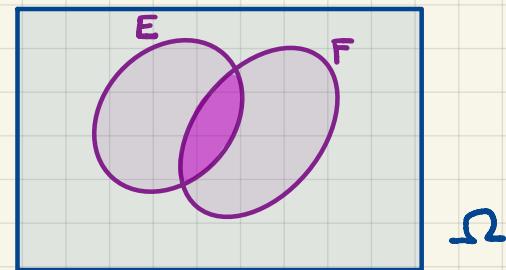
not A, opposite of A,
complement of A

A^c



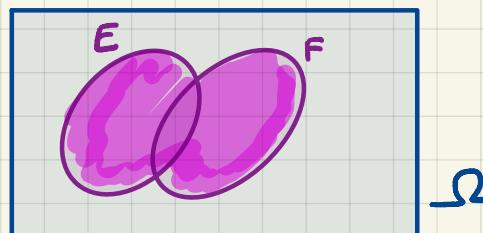
both E and F

$E \cap F = EF$



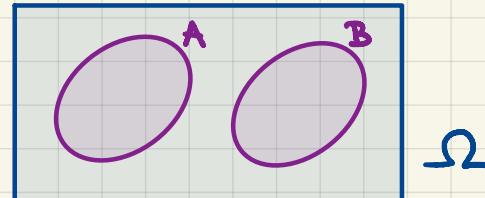
either E or F or both

$E \cup F$



A and B are mutually exclusive
A and B are disjoint

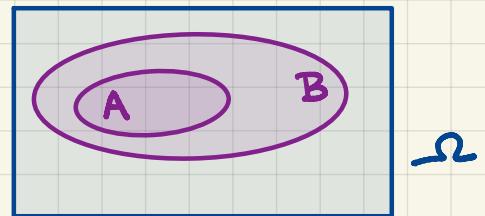
$A \cap B = \emptyset$



If A, then B
or
A subset of B

$A \subseteq B$

$A \subset B$ (strict)



Example. Consider a roll of a regular die w/ faces numbered $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Let $A = \{\text{the result is an even number}\} = \{2, 4, 6\}$

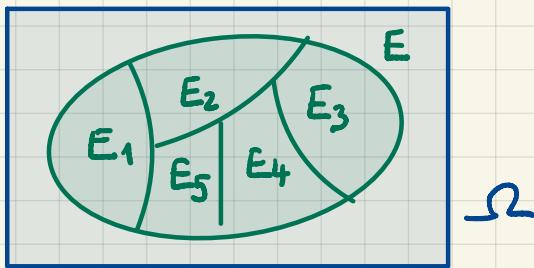
$B = \{\text{the result is a prime number}\} = \{2, 3, 5\}$

$C = \{\text{the result is not prime or composite}\} = \{1\}$

$A \cap B = \{2\}$ not mutually exclusive

$A \cap C = \emptyset$ mutually exclusive

Partitions.



We say that E is partitioned into n events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n if

(i) $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n$

(ii) E_1, \dots, E_n are mutually exclusive