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Question: A die is thrown. Describe the following events:

- (i) AA: A number less than 7.
- (ii) BB: A number greater than 7.

Also, find the following $A \cup B$, $A \cap B$

Solution:

- 1) **Total Number of Possible Outcomes:** The sample space of rolling a fair six-sided die is:

$$S = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad (1)$$

This means there are 6 possible outcomes when a die is rolled.

- 2) **Probability of Events:**

$$P(A) = P(X < 7) = 1 \quad (\text{since all outcomes are less than 7}) \quad (2)$$

$$P(B) = P(X > 7) = 0 \quad (\text{since no outcomes are greater than 7}) \quad (3)$$

Here, event A is a certain event because it includes all possible outcomes of the die roll. Event B is an impossible event since there are no outcomes greater than 6 on a standard die.

Boolean Algebra Derivations:

The Boolean algebra derivations provided are:

$$A + A' = 1 \quad (\text{Law of Complementarity}), \quad (4)$$

$$AB + A'B = B \quad (\text{Distributive Law}), \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(AB) + P(A'B) = P(B) \quad (\text{Probability of the above}), \quad (6)$$

$$B + B' = 1 \quad (\text{Law of Complementarity}), \quad (7)$$

$$AB + AB' = A \quad (\text{Distributive Law}), \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(AB) + P(AB') = P(A) \quad (\text{Probability of the above}), \quad (9)$$

$$A + B = AB + AB' + A'B \quad (\text{Expansion of Union}), \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A + B) = P(AB) + P(AB') + P(A'B) \quad (\text{Probability of the above}). \quad (11)$$

Step 1: Find $A \cup B$ (Union of A and B)

Using the expansion of the union:

$$A + B = AB + AB' + A'B$$

Taking probabilities on both sides:

$$P(A + B) = P(AB) + P(AB') + P(A'B)$$

From the problem:

$$P(A) = 1, \quad P(B) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad P(AB) = 0 \quad (\text{since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are mutually exclusive}).$$

$$P(AB') = P(A) - P(AB) = 1 - 0 = 1,$$

$$P(A'B) = P(B) - P(AB) = 0 - 0 = 0.$$

Substituting these values:

$$P(A + B) = 0 + 1 + 0 = 1$$

Thus:

$$A \cup B = 1$$

Step 2: Find $A \cap B$ (Intersection of A and B)

The intersection $A \cap B$ is the event where both A and B occur simultaneously. From the problem:

$$A : A \text{ number less than } 7, \quad B : A \text{ number greater than } 7.$$

Since no number can be both less than 7 and greater than 7 at the same time, $A \cap B$ is an impossible event. Therefore:

$$P(AB) = 0$$

Thus:

$$A \cap B = 0$$

Final Results:

$$A \cup B = 1 \quad (\text{The union of } A \text{ and } B \text{ is certain because } A \text{ is certain}),$$

$$A \cap B = 0 \quad (\text{The intersection of } A \text{ and } B \text{ is impossible because } A \text{ and } B \text{ are mutually exclusive}).$$

3) Probability Mass Function (PMF):

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

The PMF describes the probability distribution of the outcomes of the die roll. Each outcome from 1 to 6 has an equal probability of $\frac{1}{6}$.

4) Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF):

$$F_X(k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k < 1 \\ \frac{k}{6}, & 1 \leq k \leq 6 \\ 1, & k > 6 \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

The CDF gives the probability that the die roll will result in a value less than or equal to k . It increases linearly from 0 to 1 as k increases from 1 to 6.

5) **Monte Carlo Simulation:** We approximate probabilities by simulating a large number of die rolls and computing relative frequencies. This method is useful for verifying theoretical probabilities and understanding the behavior of random variables through empirical data.

6) **Additional Insights:**

- The events A and B are mutually exclusive because they cannot occur simultaneously. This is evident from the fact that $P(AB) = 0$.
- The probability of the union of two mutually exclusive events is the sum of their individual probabilities, as shown by $P(A + B) = P(A) + P(B)$.
- The PMF and CDF are fundamental tools in probability theory for describing the distribution of discrete random variables.

