

## 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.

1. 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:
  - (a) Only  $A$  occurs.
  - (b) Both  $A$  and  $B$ , but not  $C$  occurs.
  - (c) All three events occur.
  - (d) At least one of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occurs.
  - (e) At least two of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occur.
  - (f) Precisely one of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occurs.
  - (g) Precisely two of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occur.
  - (h) None of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occurs.
  - (i) Not more than two of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  occur.
  
2. 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.  $M_1S_2$  for the outcome that the first penalty was missed and the second penalty scored.
  - (a) Find the set which has as its elements all possible combinations of the outcomes of the two penalties (i.e. what is  $\Omega$ , the sample space).
  - (b) 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  $B^c \cap C$ .
  
3. Two dice are thrown; let  $\Omega$  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  $\Omega$  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:
  - (a) Both scores are even.
  - (b) The first score is odd and the second score is even.
  - (c) Both scores are odd.
  - (d) The second score is odd.
  
4. Prove that  $E \subseteq F$  is equivalent to  $E \cup F = F$ .
  
5. Can you use the result from Question 4 to show that if  $E \subseteq F$  then  $E \cup G \subseteq F \cup G$ ?