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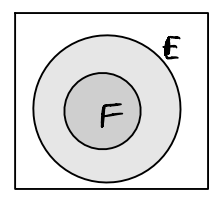
OPERATIONS ON EVENTS

= set operations, interpreted in probability.

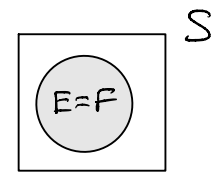
Def Consider events $E, F \subset S$ ← sample space

• $E \subset F$ if $\forall s \in E, s \in F$.
 "E implies F"

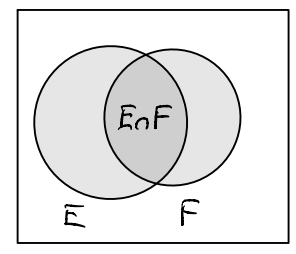
Venn Diagram:



• $E = F$ if $E \subset F$ and $F \subset E$
 Either both E, F occur or both don't.

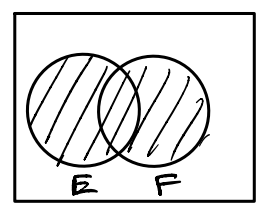


• $E \cap F := \{s \in S : s \in E \text{ and } s \in F\}$
 Intersection "E AND F occur"

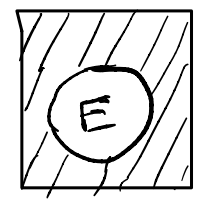


• E, F are mutually exclusive, a.k.a. "disjoint", if $E \cap F = \emptyset$.

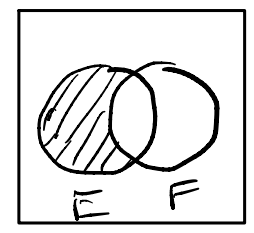
• $E \cup F := \{s \in S : s \in E \text{ or } s \in F\}$
 Union "E OR F occur" (or both)



• $E^c := \{s \in S : s \notin E\}$
 complement "E does NOT occur"



• $E \setminus F := E \cap F^c = \{s \in S : s \in E \text{ and } s \notin F\}$
 difference "E occurs but not F"



Back to examples on p. 1:

1. Flip coin twice. $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = \text{"head once"} \\ F = \text{"tail once"} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{E = F = \{TH, HT\}}$$

2. Record the time of first call $S = [0, 24)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = \text{"after 2pm"} \\ F = \text{"by 3pm"} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{E \cap F = \text{"between 2-3pm"} = (2, 3]}$$

3. Toss 2 dice. $S = \{(i, j) : i, j = 1, \dots, 6\}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = \text{"the sum of the dice} \geq 10" \\ F = \text{"the sum is} \geq 5 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow E \subset F$$

4. Record the sex of children in the family: $S = \{N, B, G, BB, BG, \dots\}$

$$E = \text{"just two boys"} = \{BB\}; \quad F = \text{"just two girls"} = \{GG\}$$

$$E \cap F = \emptyset, \text{ mutually exclusive}$$

$$E \cup F = \{BB, GG\} = \text{"two children of same gender"}$$

Remark For multiple events, notation:

$$E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i = \text{"all } E_i \text{ occur"}$$

$$E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = \text{"at least one } E_i \text{ occurs"}$$

Ex | A student qualifies for financial aid if she passes both English and Finance classes: $Q = E \cap F$

Ara is disqualified = she must have failed either English or Finance or both. $Q^c = E^c \cup F^c$

Generally:

THM (De Morgan's laws) \forall events $E, F \in S$:

$$(a) (E \cap F)^c = E^c \cup F^c$$

$$(b) (E \cup F)^c = E^c \cap F^c$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(E \cap F)^c = E^c \cup F^c$$

More generally:

$$\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

$$\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

Ex | A coffee maker consists of n components.
 CM works \Leftrightarrow all n components work (E_i)

$$\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

CM fails \Leftrightarrow at least one component fails