

Brief Notes #1

Events and Their Probability

• Definitions

Experiment: a set of conditions under which some variable is observed

Outcome of an experiment: the result of the observation (a sample point)

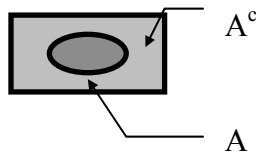
Sample Space, S: collection of all possible outcomes (sample points) of an experiment

Event: a collection of sample points

• Operations with events

1. Complementation

A^c 



2. Intersection

$A \cap B$ 



3. Union

$A \cup B$ 



• Properties of events

1. Mutual Exclusiveness - intersection of events is the null set ($A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, for all $i \neq j$)
2. Collective Exhaustiveness (C.E.) - union of events is sample space ($A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = S$)
3. If the events $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ are both mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive, they form a partition of the sample space, S.

• Probability of events

- Relative frequency f_E and limit of relative frequency F_E of an event E

$$f_E = \frac{n_E}{n}$$

$$F_E = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_E = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_E}{n}$$

- Properties of relative frequency (the same is true for the limit of relative frequency)