

Topic 1. Intro to Probability Theory. Random events. Probability Space.

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1 In-class tasks

- Find unions and intersections of the following events. In which case one event is a subset of the other?
 - $A = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$, $B = \{1, 5\}$
 - $A = \{\text{Ann, Mary, Mike}\}$, $B = \{\text{Tom, Mike, John}\}$
 - $A = \{\text{Moscow, London, Paris}\}$, $B = \{\text{Paris, Berlin, Tokyo}\}$, $C = \{\text{Tokyo, Rome}\}$.
- A survey of the houses in an old residential area found 30% with holes in the roof, 40% with broken windows, and 25% with the both problems.
 - What is the proportion of houses with one or the other (or both) problems?
 - What is the proportion of houses with exactly one of these problems?
 - What is the proportion of houses with none of these problems?
- A box contains 3 marbles: 1 red, 1 green, and 1 blue. Consider an experiment that consists of taking 1 marble from the box and then replacing it in the box and drawing a second marble from the box. Describe the sample space. Repeat when the second marble is drawn without replacing the first marble.
- A fair six-sided dice has 3 faces that are painted blue (B), 2 faces that are red (R) and 1 face that is green (G). We toss the dice twice. List the complete sample space of all possible outcomes.
 - if we are interested in the color facing upward on each of the two tosses.
 - if the outcome of interest is the number of red we observe on the two tosses.
- Consider the experiment of rolling a pair of dice. Suppose that we are interested in the sum of the face values on the dice.
 - How many sample points are there in this random experiment?
 - Describe the following random events using sample points described before:
 $A = \text{"We obtained even value"}$,
 $B = \text{"We obtained a value that is less than 7"}$,
 $C = \text{"We obtained a value of 7"}$,
 - Which of the events are mutually exclusive?
- Consider the experiment of rolling a pair of 4-sided dices. Describe the complete sample space for two scenarios:
 - if we believe that dices are completely identical same, and we do not take any order into account,
 - if dices are visually different, or we somehow distinguish between them.
- Basketball player throw a ball 3 times. Suppose we observe if the player succeeds. Let us use the designation $x_i = \text{'He succeeded when did a throw number } i$, and do the following tasks:
 - Describe sample space for this experiment and say how many sample points are there.
 - Think of four random events that could happen in this experiment and describe them using sample points.