

## Probability, homework 2, due September 20th.

From *A first course in probability*, ninth edition, by Sheldon Ross.

**Exercise 1.** Two dice are thrown. Let  $E$  be the event that the sum of the dice is odd, let  $F$  be the event that at least one of the dice lands on 1, and let  $G$  be the event that the sum is 5. Describe the events  $EF$ ,  $E \cup F$ ,  $FG$ ,  $EF^c$ , and  $EFG$ .

**Exercise 2.** In an experiment, die is rolled continually until a 6 appears, at which point the experiment stops. What is the sample space of the experiment? Let  $E_n$  denote the event that  $n$  rolls are necessary to complete the experiment. What points in the sample space are contained in  $E_n$ ? What is

$$(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n)^c ?$$

**Exercise 3.** A hospital administrator codes incoming patients suffering gunshot wounds according to whether they have insurance (coding 1 if they do and 0 if they do not) and according to their condition, which is rated as good (g), fair (f), or serious (s). Consider an experiment that consists of the coding of such a patient.

- (i) Give the sample space of this experiment.
- (ii) Let  $A$  be the event that the patient is in serious condition. Specify the outcomes in  $A$ .
- (iii) Let  $B$  be the event that the patient is uninsured. Specify the outcomes in  $B$ .
- (iv) Give all the outcomes in the event  $B^c \cup A$ .

**Exercise 4.** Prove that

$$(\cup_1^{\infty} E_i) F = \cup_1^{\infty} E_i F.$$

**Exercise 5.** Let  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$  be three events. Find expressions for the events so that, of  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$ ,

- (i) only  $E$  occurs;
- (ii) both  $E$  and  $G$ , but not  $F$ , occur;
- (iii) at least one of the events occurs;
- (iv) at least two of the events occur;
- (v) all three events occur.

**Exercise 6.** Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive events for which  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0.3$  and  $\mathbb{P}(B) = 0.5$ . What is the probability that

- (i) either  $A$  or  $B$  occurs?
- (ii)  $A$  occurs but  $B$  does not?
- (iii) both  $A$  and  $B$  occur?

**Exercise 7.** If  $N$  people, including  $A$  and  $B$ , are randomly arranged in a line, what is the probability that  $A$  and  $B$  are next to each other? What is the probability that  $A$  and  $B$  are next to each other if the people were arranged in a circle?

**Exercise 8.** An urn contains  $n$  red and  $m$  blue balls. They are withdrawn one at a time until a total of  $r$  ( $r \leq n$ ) red balls have been withdrawn. Find the probability that a total of  $k$  balls are withdrawn.