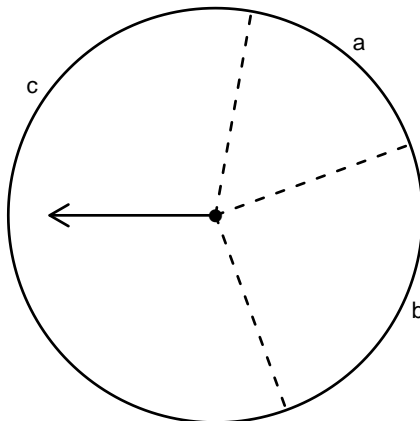


1. List all events associated with this spinner, whether the spinner arrow lands in arc  $a$ ,  $b$ , or  $c$  around the circle? (Remark: In the figure below, the spinner landed in the arc labelled “c.”)



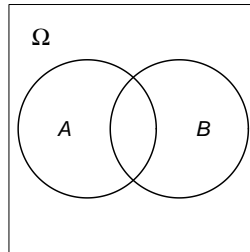
2. For each of the following five measurements, indicate whether it falls on the **nominal**, **ordinal**, **interval**, or **ratio scale**. Make a comment if you feel it is not 100% obvious.
  - The time for a college team to complete the beer-bike race
  - The name of the college you are a member of at Rice
  - A grade on the 1st exam
  - Temperature in degrees Celcius
  - The Richter scale for measuring the severity of an earthquake
3. Demonstrate that the set of all integers  $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is countable.

4. The probability that either events  $A$ ,  $B$ , or both occur is given by

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B), .$$

Suppose we are interested in the probability that exactly *one* of the events  $A$  and  $B$  will occur (i.e., not both).

- (a) Write this event using set theory. Call this new event  $C$ .



- (b) Derive a formula for the event  $C$  using  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$ , and  $P(A \cap B)$ .  
*Hint: Don't just write down (guess) the answer. Instead, recall that*

$$A = AB^c \cup AB \quad \text{and} \quad B = AB \cup A^cB.$$

5. Do there exist events  $A$  and  $B$  satisfying

- (1)  $P(A) = 0.7$
- (2)  $P(B) = 0.6$
- (3)  $P(A \cap B) = 0.2$ ?

Why or why not?

6. When discussing Kolmogorov's Axioms, we try to use as few assumptions as possible. For example, when describing the list of all events,  $\mathcal{F}$ , we say

- (1) if  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then so is  $A^c$ , its complement
- (2) if  $A$  and  $B$  are events in  $\mathcal{F}$ , then so is  $A \cap B$ , their intersection.

Show by using elementary set operations that the event  $A \cup B$  is also in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

*Hint: Draw a Venn Diagram such as in problem 4 and highlight the set  $A^c \cap B^c$ .*

7. You are teaching your niece how to play poker. Rather than using a full deck of 52 cards, you choose only the single digit cards 2 – 9 **and** only spades and hearts. You deal 3 (rather than 5) cards for a poker hand.
- (a) How many equally-likely poker hands are there?
  - (b) For each of the “good hands,” what is the count?

8. Roll a pair of 4-sided dice (as in the homework) and record the results as  $(X, Y)$ . Define the derived random variable

$$V = \max(X, Y).$$

What is the PMF of  $V$ ?

9. Suppose the random variable  $X$  has density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \cdot x & \text{for } 0 < x < 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show  $f(x)$  is a PDF.
- (b) Compute (directly) the first 4 non-central moments. (Do not use the MGF.)
- (c) What are the mean, variance, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis of  $X$ ? (Write down the formulae. Evaluate if you have time.)

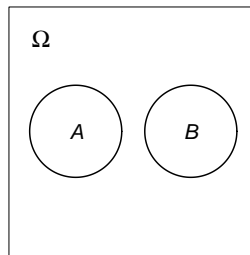
10. Suppose you have been trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and that you

live at the middle of a long, straight hall. We label the hall as the interval  $(-100, 100)$ , i.e., you are at 0. Emergencies occur randomly in the hall. Let the random variable  $X$  measure the distance between you and a random emergency.

- What is the CDF of  $X$ ? That is, what is the probability an emergency occurs at a distance less than or equal to  $x$  from you? Sketch your answer.
- Derive the PDF of  $X$ ; that is, give the precise formula for  $f(x)$ . Sketch it.
- What is the mean of  $X$ , that is, compute  $\mu = E[X]$ ?

11. Consider 2 events  $A$  and  $B$  with special assumptions.

- First, suppose  $A$  and  $B$  look like



What is  $P(A|B) + P(A|B^c)$  for this assumption?

- Next, suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are independent. What is  $P(A|B) + P(A|B^c)$  now?
- Does part (b) contradict part (a)?

12. Suppose events  $A$  and  $B$  are *not* independent and that, in fact, satisfy

$$P(A|B) > P(A).$$

One of the following is true:

- $P(B|A) = P(B)$
- $P(B|A) < P(B)$
- $P(B|A) > P(B)$
- cannot tell, in general.

Find it and show that is it true. *Hint: Use Bayes formula.*

13. A newlywed couple decides they wish to have a family with (at least) 2 boys and girls. They plan to stop when that happens. (For example, if they currently have 5 boys and 1 girl, they will try again until they have a second girl, then stop.) Suppose  $p = 1/2$  for a girl or boy baby.
- (a) What is the probability their family will have exactly 4 children?
  - (b) What is the probability their family will have exactly 5 children?