

1. For each of the following experiments, state the sample space and any three events.

(a) A coin is flipped until heads appears, and the number of flips is recorded.

$$S = \{H, TH, TTH, \dots, T^n H, \dots\} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{N}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

events:  $\{H\}$        $\{T^6 H\}$        $\{49\}$   
 first heads occurs on a even numbered flip =  $\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$   
 $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$

(b) A real number is selected between 0 and 1.

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\} = (0, 1)$$

↑ interval notation

event:  $\{0.1\}$        $\{0.2\}$   
 $\{x \mid \frac{1}{e} < x < \frac{1}{\pi}\}$        $(0, \frac{1}{2})$   
 $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$   
 ↑ rational

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be some events in a sample space. Draw Venn diagrams to illustrate each of the following events:

$$(A \cap B)'$$

$$A' \cup B'$$

How do your diagrams illustrate one of De Morgan's Laws?

3. Write down probability Axiom 3. Let  $A_i = \emptyset$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Explain why this implies  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

4. The **Complement Rule** says that for any event  $A$ ,  $P(A) = 1 - P(A')$ . (This can be proved using Axiom 3.) Show how the Complement Rule implies that  $P(A) \leq 1$  for any event  $A$ .

5. If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, Axiom 3 implies that  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are *not* disjoint, what is the relationship between  $P(A \cup B)$ ,  $P(A \cap B)$ ,  $P(A)$ , and  $P(B)$ ?

6. Generalize your answer from #5 above to three sets. That is, what can you say about  $P(A \cup B \cup C)$ ?