

Recall: a probability measure on  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $p: \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

(i)  $p(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{U}$

(ii)  $p(\mathcal{U}) = 1$

(iii)  $p\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(A_i)$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ .

### Remarks

$$p(\bar{A}) = 1 - p(A), \text{ since } \mathcal{U} = A \cup \bar{A}$$

$$p(\emptyset) = 0, \text{ since } \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U} \cup \emptyset$$

$$A \subseteq B \Rightarrow p(A) \leq p(B), \text{ since } B = (B - A) \cup A$$

$$p(A \cup B) = p(A) + p(B) - p(A \cap B)$$

$$p(A \cup B \cup C) = p(A) + p(B) + p(C) - p(A \cap B) - p(A \cap C) - p(B \cap C) + p(A \cap B \cap C)$$

etc..

### Examples

Since the probability of an outcome is the ratio of the measure of the (weighted) favourable set to the measure of the (weighted) universe of possibilities,

- Flip coin twice, then

$$\mathcal{U} = \{(h, h), (h, t), (t, h), (t, t)\}$$

and  $p(\geq \text{head}) = 3/4$ .

- Toss 3 dice, then  $p(\text{all even}) = \frac{3^3}{216} = \frac{27}{216}$

and  $p(\text{at least one odd}) = 1 - \frac{27}{216}$

- Pick one card from a pack of 52,

then

$$p(\text{ace or spade}) = \frac{4}{52} + \frac{13}{52} - \frac{1}{52}$$