Practice Problem Set 2

- 1. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . For any  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , show that  $P(B \cap A^c) = P(B) P(A \cap B)$ . Use this result to deduce the following.
  - $P(A^c) = 1 P(A)$
  - If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $P(A) \le P(B)$
  - $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \cap B)$
- 2. For events A and B, find formulas for the probabilities of the following events in terms of P(A), P(B), and  $P(A \cap B)$ .
  - either A or B or both occur
  - either A or B but not both occur
  - at least one of A or B occur
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- 3. If  $P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(B^c) = \frac{1}{4}$ , can A and B be disjoint?
- 4. Use induction to prove that

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right) = \sum_{i} P(A_{i}) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_{i} \cup A_{j}) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_{i} \cup A_{j} \cup A_{k}) - \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_{1} \cup A_{2} \cup \cdots A_{n})$$

- 5. Prove the following:
  - If P(B) = 1, then P(A|B) = P(A) for any A.
  - If  $A \subset B$ , then P(B|A) = 1 and  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(B)}$ .
  - If A and B are mutually exclusive, then  $P(A|A \cup B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(A) + P(B)}$ .
  - $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)P(C).$

6. Prove that if P(A) > 0 and P(B) > 0, then:

- If A and B are mutually exclusive, they cannot be independent.
- If A and B are independent, they cannot be mutually exclusive.