

EE464: HOMEWORK NO 2 SOLUTIONS

Problem 1. Solution

$$P[\{a, c\}] = P[\{a\}] + P[\{c\}] = 5/8$$

$$P[\{b, c\}] = P[\{b\}] + P[\{c\}] = 7/8$$

$$P[\{a, b, c\}] = P[S] = 1 = P[\{a\}] + P[\{b\}] + P[\{c\}]$$

$$\implies P[\{a\}] = 1/8, P[\{b\}] = 3/8, P[\{c\}] = 4/8$$

Problem 2. Solution

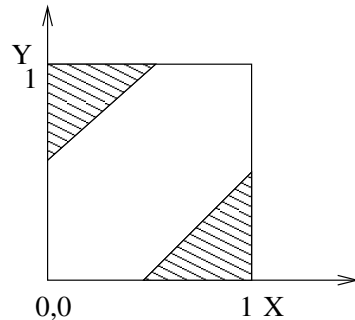
Let 1st pt is x and second pt is y .

The sample space is shown in the figure below.

The condition we are interested in is $|x - y| > 1/2$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1/2 > (x - y) > 1/2$$

This gives us 2 equations $(x - y) > 1/2$ and $(x - y) < -1/2$



This is shaded area in the figure.

$$P\{|x - y| > 1/2\} = \frac{\text{shaded area}}{\text{total area}} = 1/4.$$

Problem 3. Solution

The order in which 4 toppings are selected does not matter. So we have sampling *without ordering*.

If the toppings *may not be repeated*, then we can have

$$\binom{15}{4} = 1365 \text{ possible deluxe pizzas.}$$

If the toppings may be repeated, then we have sampling *with replacement and without ordering*. The number of such arrangements is

$$\binom{14+4}{4} = 3060 \text{ possible deluxe pizzas.}$$

Problem 4. Solution

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

Problem 5. Solution

a) By law of total probability,

$$\begin{aligned} P[Y = 0] &= P[Y = 0 | X = 0]P[X = 0] + P[Y = 0 | X = 1]P[X = 1] \\ &+ P[Y = 0 | X = 2]P[X = 2] \\ &= (1 - \epsilon)(1/2) + 0(1/4) + \epsilon(1/4) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{4} \end{aligned}$$

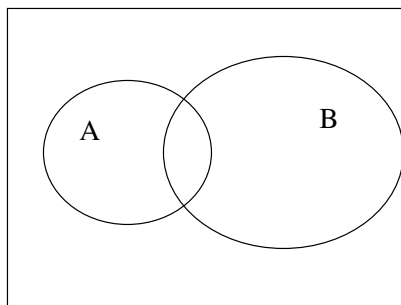
Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} P[Y = 1] &= \epsilon\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (1 - \epsilon)\frac{1}{4} + 0\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{4} \\ P[Y = 2] &= 0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (\epsilon)\frac{1}{4} + (1 - \epsilon)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

b) Using Bayes Rule,

$$\begin{aligned} P[X = 0 | Y = 1] &= \frac{P[Y=1 | X=0]P[X=0]}{P[Y=1]} = \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{4}} = \frac{2\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \\ P[X = 1 | Y = 1] &= \frac{P[Y=1 | X=1]P[X=1]}{P[Y=1]} = \frac{(1-\epsilon)\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{4}} = \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \\ P[X = 2 | Y = 1] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6. Solution



Venn diagram

$$P\{A \cup B\} = P\{A\} + P\{B\} - P\{A \cap B\} = x + y - z$$

From the venn diagram we can see that

$$\text{a) } P\{A^c \cup B^c\} = P\{(A \cap B)^c\} = 1 - P\{A \cap B\} = 1 - z$$

$$\text{b) } P\{A \cap B^c\} = P\{A\} - P\{A \cap B\} = x - z$$

$$\text{c) } P\{A^c \cup B\} = 1 - P\{A \cap B^c\} = 1 - (x - z)$$

$$\text{d) } P\{A^c \cap B^c\} = P\{(A \cup B)^c\} = 1 - P\{A \cup B\} = 1 - x - y + z$$

Problem 7. Solution

P(2Redballs)

a) Without replacement

$$P(2R) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{9}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{27}{220} = 0.1227$$

b) With replacement

There are 3 possible sequences

1. RRR^c

2. RR^cR

3. R^cRR

In case 1 there are $3 \times 3 \times 9$ ways. Similarly, for 2 and 3.

Therefore,

$$P\{2R\} = \frac{(3 \times 3 \times 9) \times 3}{12^3} = 0.1406$$

a) Without replacement

$$P(2R, 1W) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{15}{220} = .068$$

b) With replacement,

$$P(2R, 1W) = \frac{(3 \times 3 \times 5) \times 3}{12^3} = 0.078$$

Problem 8. Solution

a) The sample space $S = \{h, th, tth, ttth, tttth, \dots\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P\{1^{st} \text{ head on } k^{th} \text{ toss}\} &= P\{k-1 \text{ successive tails} \cap \text{head on } k^{th} \text{ toss}\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P(\Omega) &= P\{(1^{st} \text{ head on } 1^{st} \text{ toss}) \cup (1^{st} \text{ head on } 2^{st} \text{ toss}) \cup (\dots)\} \\ &= P\{(1^{st} \text{ head on } 1^{st} \text{ toss})\} + P\{(1^{st} \text{ head on } 2^{st} \text{ toss})\} + \dots + P\{(\dots)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } P(k > 4) &= P(k = 5) + P(k = 6) + \dots = \sum_{k=5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2^5} \left(\frac{1}{(1-1/2)}\right) = \frac{1}{2^4} = \\ &0.0625 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } P(k > 10) &= P(k = 11) + P(k = 12) + \dots = \sum_{k=11}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2^{11}} \left(\frac{1}{(1-1/2)}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{10}} = \\ &0.0009766 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{f) } P(B^c) = 1 - P(B) = 1 - 0.0009766 = 0.9990234$$

$$\text{g) } P(A \cap B) = P(B) = 0.0009766$$

$$\text{h) } P(A \cup B) = P(A) = 0.0625$$

Problem 9. Solution

Total # of ways of choosing each objects = N

Total # of ways of choosing k objects = N^k

Now,

of ways choosing k objects from N objects such that no object is chosen more than once is given by

$$N(N-1)(N-2)(N-3)\dots(N-k+1) = \frac{N!}{(N-k)!}$$

Therefore,

$$P(\text{choosing } k \text{ from } N) = \frac{\frac{N!}{(N-k)!}}{N^k}$$

Problem 10. Solution

a) First calculate

$$P\{\text{all persons have birthdates on different dates}\} = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - n + 1)}{365^n} = \frac{365 P_n}{365^n}$$

$P\{\text{at least 2 persons have the same birthdate}\} = 1 - P\{\text{all persons have birthdates on different dates}\}$

$$= 1 - \frac{365 P_n}{365^n}$$

b) for $n=50$, $P = 1 - \frac{365 P_{50}}{365^{50}} = 1 - 0.03 = 0.97$

c) If $n=23$, $P\{\text{persons have different birthdates}\} = 0.493$

therefore $P\{\text{at least 2 persons have the same birthdate}\} = 0.507$

Problem 11. Solution

$$\text{LHS} = P(AB|C) = \frac{P(ABC)}{P(C)} \quad \text{here by } AB \text{ we mean } A \cap B.$$

$$= \frac{P(ABC)}{P(BC)} \frac{P(BC)}{P(C)} = P(A|BC)P(B|C) = \text{RHS}$$

Problem 12. Solution

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = 0.4$$

therefore, $P(A \cap B) = P(B|A)P(A) = 0.4P(A) \dots (1)$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.5 = P(A) + 0.2 - 0.4P(A)$$

$$\therefore 0.6P(A) = 0.3 \Rightarrow P(A) = 0.5$$

Therefore from eq(1),

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.4 * 0.5 = 0.2$$

$$P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B) = 0.2/0.2 = 1$$

Problem 13. Solution

Suppose A and B are independent,

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) = P(\phi) = 0$$

Therefore $A \cap B = \phi \implies$ either $P(A) = 0$ or $P(B) = 0$

Therefore the answer is Yes,

In case if $P(A), P(B) \neq 0$, then they cannot be independent.

Problem 14. Solution

Let R_2 be event that second ball picked is red.

Let R_1 be event that first ball picked is red.

Let B_1 be event that second ball picked is blue.

$P(R_2) = P(R_2|R_1)P(R_1) + P(R_2|B_1)P(B_1)$ by total probability,

$$= \left(\frac{R+C}{R+B+C}\right)\left(\frac{R}{R+B}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{R+B+C}\right)\left(\frac{B}{R+B}\right) = \left(\frac{R(R+C+B)}{(R+B+C)(R+B)}\right) = \frac{R}{R+B}$$

Problem 15. Solution

Let F be event that fair coin is given

Let U be event that unfair coin is given

$P(F) = P(U) = 1/2$ since the choice is made at random.

Let $H2$ be an event that 2 heads are obtained.

$$P(H2|F) = (1/2)(1/2) = 1/4 \text{ and}$$

$$P(H2|U) = (1/3)(1/3) = 1/9$$

By using law of total probability, we get,

$$P(H2) = P(H2|F)P(F) + P(H2|U)P(U) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 13/72$$

Now using Bayes rule,

$$P(F|H2) = \frac{P(H2|F)P(F)}{P(H2)} = \frac{(1/4)(1/2)}{(13/72)} = 0.6923$$

Problem 16. Solution

Let A is the event that the subject has the disease.

B is the event that the test is positive.

$$\text{a) } P(B) = P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c) = (0.98)(0.001) + (0.05)(0.999) = 0.05093$$

$$\text{b) } P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{(0.98)(0.001)}{0.05093} = 0.019$$