

Partial solution to HW 4 and HW 5

HW4

Q6

The idea of disjoint union will be helpful to us. Given an set $A \in \mathbb{R}$, we may assume that $P(X \in A) \geq P(Y \in A)$. (Otherwise, replace X with Y in the following proof). The RHS can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 1 - P(X = Y) \\ &= [P(X \in A) + P(X \in A^c)] - [P(X = Y, Y \in A) + P(X = Y, Y \in A^c)] \\ &= [P(X \in A) + P(X \in A^c)] - [P(X = Y, Y \in A) + P(X = Y, X \in A^c)] \\ &\geq P(X \in A) - P(Y \in A) + P(X \in A^c) - P(X \in A^c, X = Y) \\ &= LHS + P(X \in A^c, X \neq Y) \\ &\geq LHS \end{aligned}$$

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Another way of doing it, is to consider the LHS

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= P(X \in A) - P(Y \in A) \\ &= P(X \neq Y, X \in A) - P(X \neq Y, Y \in A) \\ &\leq P(X \neq Y) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

HW5

Q3

λ is the average 2. Therefore, the probability of scoring exactly 6 in one game is

$$p = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^6}{6!}$$

The problem ask for the probability that 'at least' one game scoring exactly 6 Field goals, which has the probability $1 - (1 - p)^{150}$

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Check the note for recitation on Google drive.