

# **MATH-505A: Homework # 3**

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## Exercise # 1.7

(1)

**Given:** Two roads  $r1_{AB}$ ,  $r2_{AB}$  connecting points A and B and  $s1_{BC}$ ,  $s2_{BC}$  connecting B and C. Let  $p(AB)$  denote the probability that path between A  $\rightarrow$  B is open and let  $p(AB^c)$  denote the probability that there is no open road b/w A and B. Alternatively  $p(AB)$  denotes that road(s) between A and B are open. **To find:**  $Y = P(AB|AC^c)$ .

Y is equal to the probability that road between A and B is open AND still the path between A and C is closed  $\implies$  Path between B and C is closed AND between A and B is open

$p(AB) = \text{Path b/w A,B is open} = 1 - \text{Path b/w A,B is closed} = 1 - p * p$

Thus

$$p(AB) = 1 - p^2 \quad (1)$$

Also,

$$p(AB) = p(BC) \quad (2)$$

$p(AC^c) = 1 - \text{Probability A,C is open} = 1 - \text{Probability AB is open AND BC is open}$ . Thus,

$$p(AC^c) = 1 - p(AB)p(BC) = 1 - (1 - p^2)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$p(AB \cap AC^c) = p(AC^c|AB)p(AB) = p(BC^c)p(AB) = p^2(1 - p^2) \quad (4)$$

$$p(AB|AC^c) = \frac{P(AB \cap AC^c)}{p(AC^c)} = \frac{p(AC^c|AB)p(AB)}{p(AC^c)} = \frac{p^2(1 - p^2)}{1 - (1 - p^2)^2} \quad (5)$$

**Part 2:** Additional direct road from A to C. Find  $p(AB|AC^c)$ :

$p(AC^c|AB) = \text{Probability that A,C is closed given A,B are open} = \text{Probability A,C(direct) are closed AND B,C are closed}$

$$p(AC^c|AB) = p * p(BC^c)p(AB) \quad (6)$$

where the extra p in 6 as compared to 4 is because the direct path A,C should be blocked too.

$$p(AC^c) = 1 - (1 - p^2)^2(1 - p) \quad (7)$$

where the extra  $(1 - p)$  factor in 7 as compared to 3 accounts for the fact that direct path AC is open.

Thus, for part 2:

$$p(AB|AC^c) = \frac{p^3(1 - p^2)}{1 - (1 - p^2)^2(1 - p)} \quad (8)$$

(2)

$$p(2K \cap 1A) = \frac{\binom{4}{2} * \binom{4}{1} * \binom{52-4-4}{10}}{\binom{52}{13}} = \frac{24 * 44! * 13!}{10! * 52!} = 1.357 * 10^{-9} \quad (9)$$

$$p(1A|2K) = \frac{p(1A \cap 2K)}{p(2K)}$$

$$p(2K) = \frac{\binom{4}{2} * \binom{52-4}{11}}{\binom{52}{13}} \quad (10)$$

**Exercise # 1.8**

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