

# Probability Homework 1

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## Problem 1

We want to know the Probability of sum 5.

The first we should do is to create the sample space for the problem.

We stop throwing only if the sum of two dices is 5 or 7 it means that if we draw the decision tree for this problem it will stop in some position (when sum 5 or 7 happens) or it will continue infinitely.

So the sample space is:

$$\Omega = \{(1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3), (1, 6), (6, 1), (5, 2), (2, 5)\}$$

We know that the sample space will happen because if we throw dices infinite times, the Probability of not showing sum 5 or 7 is that every time the sum happens something else and then the Probability is  $\liminf \frac{1}{n}$  and is zero.

So the Probability of the sample space we wrote is 1. So we can limit or whole problem's sample space to  $\Omega$  (Because the 3 conditions for a Probability sample space that is in book is correct for this  $\Omega$  so we can accept it).

Now that we have chosen our limited sample space, for answering to problem we can easily count Probability of showing sum 5, that is 4.

And our  $\Omega$  had 10 members so the final Probability is  $\frac{4}{10}$ .

## Problem 2

I claim that the Probability is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The proof is:

First thing we should notice is that the three pieces can form a triangle if and only if the triangle inequalities hold:

"The sum of the lengths of any two pieces must be greater than the length of the third piece."

We can write a decision tree and calculate the Probability at each point. But the efficient way is to use a geometry theorem that says:

"If we have an Equilateral triangle, the distance of each point in the triangle to the triangle's sides is equal to height of the triangle"

Because when we cut our first position (suppose  $n$ ) on the piece of wood, the first side of triangle we want to make will be shown and the sum of two other sides is  $1 - n$ .

So we can simulate the problem by choosing a point in an Equilateral triangle with height 1 (wood height) and use the geometry theorem said earlier.

So we create an Equilateral triangle with height 1 and mark its sides' middle points and connect them.

Based on another geometry theorem 4 equal triangles will be created.

If we pay attention to these triangles we see that each point we choose in middle triangle, it matches the condition we wanted to create a triangle with piece of wood (other 3 triangles don't satisfy the condition) and if we suppose that the point has distances  $a, b, c$  to sides, as the sum of  $a, b, c$  is 1 (based on earlier theorem) and it satisfies the condition we wanted so we can choose the  $a, b, c$  as our desired points on the piece of wood and create a triangle with it.

So our sample space is  $\Omega = \{4 \text{ triangles with equal area}\}$ , and we have the answer only if we choose a point in the middle triangle and because all triangles have equal area that is 1 out of 4, so the final Probability is  $\frac{1}{4}$  as claimed.

### Problem 3

For this problem we use the theorem that says  $\Pr[A] = 1 - \Pr[A']$ . And for calculate Probability that none of S divides 3, we calculate Probability that each S does divide 3, and then use the theorem to calculate the Probability that each S doesn't divide 3, and because we want all these situations happen together, we multiply all Probabilities .

We set  $\Pr[S_n] = \{S_n \text{ divides } 3\}$ .

So base on the theorem  $\Pr[S'_n] = 1 - \Pr[S_n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 - \Pr[S_1] &= 1 - \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor}{n} \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \Pr[S_2] &= 1 - \frac{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \rfloor}{n-1} \\ \Rightarrow \dots \\ \Rightarrow \dots \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \Pr[S_n] &= 1 - 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

If we continue the calculation we can find each  $\Pr[S'_n]$  and for final answer we multiply them together.

### Problem 4

The last passenger wouldn't able to sit on his own sit if and only if it is not empty. It means that someone else has already sitten there. So we try to simulate the conditions by using a desicion tree.

For first passenger there is two conditions:

- 1- sits on his own sit with Probability  $\frac{1}{200}$ .
- 2- sits on someone else's sit with Probability  $\frac{199}{200}$ .

If the first condition happens, all passengers will sit on their own sit as well as the last one.

But if the second condition happens, and suppose the first passenger sits on jth sit then all 2 to j-1th passengers will sit on their own sit and the jth passengers again has two situations:

- 1- Sit on first sit with Probability  $\frac{1}{200-(j-1)}$ .
- 2 Sit on another sit.

Just like before if the first situation happens the last passenger will sit on his own sit and if not the desicion tree continues.

If we continue this method and sum Probablities(because there is "or" between situations) then we get to  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the final answer.

It means the last passenger has  $\frac{1}{2}$  to sit on his own sit.

## Problem 5

Like we have in context of the question, we set  $A_m$  as area with distance between  $mr_0$  and  $(m-1)r_0$ .

Therefore we have:

$$A_m = \{\text{points with } (m-1)r_0 < d < mr_0\}$$

Now we try to calculate each  $A_m$ :

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \{\text{points with } 0 < d < r_0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \{\text{points with } r_0 < d < 2r_0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots$$

Because we had a relationship between Probablities in context of question therefore we can set  $\Pr[A_1] = \alpha$  and write other Probablities base on  $\alpha$ .

so we have:

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \alpha, A_2 = \frac{\alpha}{2}, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 + A_2 + \dots = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now we are going to calculate the Probability of square:

The square will be inside a circle with radius  $2r_0$  (call it  $S_2$ ).

And also there is a circle with radius  $r_0$  in the square(call it  $S_1$ ).

If we pay attention we see that these  $S_1, S_2$  are  $A_1, A_2$  that we calculated earlier.

So base on these explanations if a shot wants to be inside the square it is inside the  $S_1$  'or' inside the area between  $S_1$  and the square.

As we calculated  $S_1$  before (it is eqaul to  $\alpha$ ) So for calculating the Probability of shooting in square, all we need to do is calculating Probablity of area between the  $S_1$  and the square itself(by subtracting areas) and then sum it

with  $\alpha$ .

After calculating every area( $S_1, S_2$ , the square) the subtracted area is:  $\frac{4-\pi}{3\pi}$

So the Probability that shot be inside area between  $S_1$  and the square is:

$$\frac{1}{4} * \frac{4-\pi}{3\pi}$$

Therefore the final Probability is:  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} * \frac{4-\pi}{3\pi}$