STAT/MA 41600 In-Class Problem Set #9: September 14, 2015

- 1. Let Alice roll a 6-sided die and let X denote the result of her roll. Let Bob roll a pair of 4-sided dice and let Y denote the sum of the two values on his two dice. Find P(X < Y).
- 2. Suppose that a drawer contains 8 marbles: 2 are red, 2 are blue, 2 are green, and 2 are yellow. The marbles are rolling around in a drawer, so that all possibilities are equally likely when they are drawn. Alice chooses 2 marbles without replacement, and then Bob also chooses 2 marbles without replacement. Let Y denote the number of red marbles that Alice gets, and let X denote the number of red marbles that Bob gets.
- **2a.** Find $p_{X|Y}(0 \mid 0)$, $p_{X|Y}(1 \mid 0)$, and $p_{X|Y}(2 \mid 0)$. Check that these 3 probabilities sum to 1.
- **2b.** Find $p_{X|Y}(0 \mid 1)$ and $p_{X|Y}(1 \mid 1)$. Check that these 2 probabilities sum to 1.
- **3.** Consider 5 fish in a bowl: 3 of them are red, and 1 is green, and 1 is blue. Select the fish one at a time, without replacement, until the bowl is empty.
- Let X = 1 if all of the red fish are selected, before the green fish is selected; and X = 0 otherwise.
- Let Y = 1 if all of the red fish are selected, before the blue fish is selected; and Y = 0 otherwise.
- **3a.** Find the joint probability mass function of X and Y.
- **3b.** Make sure that the four probabilities $p_{X,Y}(0,0)$, $p_{X,Y}(0,1)$, $p_{X,Y}(1,0)$, and $p_{X,Y}(1,1)$ from part 3a have a sum of 1.
- **3c.** Find the probability $p_X(1)$. Find the probability $p_Y(1)$.
- **3d.** Are X and Y independent?
- **4.** Suppose that a person rolls a 6-sided die until the first occurrence of 4 appears, and then the person stops afterwards. Let Y denote the number of rolls that are needed. Let X denote the number of rolls (during this same experiment) on which a value of 3 appears. Find a formula for $p_{X|Y}(x \mid y)$.