

- Let  $S$  be a sample space of a random experiment. Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be three events. What is the event that only  $A$  occurs? What is the event that at least two of  $A, B, C$  occur? What is the event that both  $A, B$ , but not  $C$  occur? What is the event of at most one of the  $A, B, C$  occurs?
- Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be a sequence of events. Then prove that

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

- Let  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  be four events such that  $P(A) = 0.6, P(B) = 0.5, P(C) = 0.4, P(A \cap B) = 0.3, P(A \cap C) = 0.2, P(B \cap C) = 0.2, P(A \cap B \cap C) = 0.1, P(B \cap D) = P(C \cap D) = 0, P(A \cap D) = 0.1$ , and  $P(D) = 0.2$ . Find
  - $P(A \cup B \cup C)$  and  $P(A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c)$ . (Ans: 0.9 and 0.1)
  - $P((A \cup B) \cap C)$  and  $P(A \cup (B \cap C))$ . (Ans: 0.3 and 0.7)
  - $P((A^c \cup B^c) \cap C^c)$  and  $P((A^c \cap B^c) \cup C^c)$ . (Ans: 0.4 and 0.7)
  - $P(D \cap B \cap C)$  and  $P(A \cap C \cap D)$ . (Ans: 0 and 0)
  - $P(A \cup B \cup D)$  and  $P(A \cup B \cup C \cup D)$ . (Ans: 0.9 and 1.0)
  - $P((A \cap B) \cup (C \cap D))$ . (Ans: 0.3)
- Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and let  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ . Show that  $P(A \cap B) - P(A)P(B) = P(A)P(B^c) - P(A \cap B^c) = P(A^c)P(B) - P(A^c \cap B) = P((A \cup B)^c) - P(A^c)P(B^c)$
- Suppose that  $n(\geq 3)$  persons  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  are made to stand in a row at random. Find the probability that there are exactly  $r$  persons between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ ; here  $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-2\}$ . (Ans:  $2(n-r-1)/(n(n-1))$ .)
- A class consisting of four graduate and twelve undergraduate students is divided into four groups of four. What is the probability that each group includes a graduate student? [Ans:  $(2 \times 3 \times 4^3)/(15 \times 14 \times 13)$ ]
- Find the probability that among three random digits there appear exactly two different digits. (Ans: 0.27)
- Let  $S = (0, 1)$  and  $P(I) = \text{length of } I$ , where  $I$  is an interval in  $S$ . Let  $A = (0, 1/2), B = (1/4, 1)$  and  $C = (1/4, 11)$ . Show that  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$ , but  $P(A \cap B) \neq P(A)P(B)$ .
- Consider two independent fair coin tosses, in which all four possible outcomes are equally likely. Let  $H_1 = \{1 \text{st toss is a head}\}, H_2 = \{2\text{nd toss is a head}\}, D = \{\text{the two tosses have different results}\}$ . Find  $P(H_1), P(H_2), P(H_1 \cap H_2), P(H_1|D), P(H_2|D)$ , and  $P(H_1 \cap H_2|D)$   
(Ans:  $P(H_1) = 0.5, P(H_2) = 0.5, P(H_1 \cap H_2) = 0.25, P(H_1|D) = 0.5, P(H_2|D) = 0.5, P(H_1 \cap H_2|D) = 0$ ) (Note: Independent does not imply conditionally independent.)

10. There are two coins, a blue and a red one. We choose one of the two at random, each being chosen with probability  $1/2$ , and proceed with two independent tosses. The coins are biased. With the blue coin, the probability of heads in any given toss is  $0.99$ , whereas for the red coin it is  $0.01$ . Let  $D$  be the event that the blue coin was selected. Let  $H_i, i = 1, 2$ , be the event that the  $i$ th toss resulted in head. Find  $P(H_1), P(H_2), P(H_1 \cap H_2), P(H_1|D), P(H_2|D)$ , and  $P(H_1 \cap H_2|D)$ .  
(Ans:  $P(H_1) = 0.5, P(H_2) = 0.5, P(H_1 \cap H_2) = 0.4901, P(H_1|D) = 0.99, P(H_2|D) = 0.99$  and  $P(H_1 \cap H_2|D) = 0.9801$ .) (Note: Conditional independence does not imply independence.)
11. A student is taking a course and at the end of each week, she can be either up-to-date or she may have fallen behind. If she is up-to-date in a given week, the probability that she will be up-to-date in the next week is  $0.8$ . If she is behind in a week, the that she will be up-to-date in the next week is  $0.4$ . She is up-to-date when she starts the class. Find the that she is up-to-date after three weeks. (Ans:  $0.668$ .)
12. (The Monty Hall problem) Suppose you're on a game show, and you're given the choice of three doors: Behind one door is a car; behind the others are goats. You pick a door, say No. 1, and the host, who knows what's behind the doors, opens another door, which has a goat. He then asks to you, "Do you want to pick the other closed door  $r$ " What should be your answer? (Ans: Yes, as the probability of winning the car is  $\frac{2}{3}$  if I pick the other closed door.)
13. A laboratory blood test is  $95\%$  effective in detecting a certain disease when it is, in fact, present. However, the test also yields a "false positive" result for  $1\%$  of the healthy persons tested. If  $0.5\%$  of the population actually has the disease, what is the probability a person has the disease given his test result is positive? (Ans:  $95/294$ )
14. An individual uses the following gambling system. He bets Re. 1. If he wins, he quits. If he loses, he makes the same bet a second time only time he bets Rs. 2, and then regardless the result of the second match he quits the game. Assuming that he has a probability  $0.5$  to win each bet, find the probability that he goes home a winner. (Ans:  $3/4$ )