

# Homework 3

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## Exercise 1

### 1.1

Suppose  $E \searrow F$  ie.  $\mathbb{P}(F|E) \leq \mathbb{P}(F)$  then  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(F \cap E)}{\mathbb{P}(E)} \leq \mathbb{P}(F)$  so  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(F \cap E)}{\mathbb{P}(F)} \leq \mathbb{P}(E)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(E|F) \leq \mathbb{P}(E)$  so  $F \searrow E$ .

### 1.2

This proposition is false : Consider rolling a fair dice and observing the result, E : “Obtain an odd number”, F: “Obtain a 6”, G: “Obtain an even number”.

$\mathbb{P}(E|F) = 0 \leq \mathbb{P}(E)$  so  $F \searrow E$ . Moreover  $\mathbb{P}(G|E) = 0 \leq \mathbb{P}(G)$  so  $E \searrow G$ . But  $\mathbb{P}(G|F) = 1$  and  $\mathbb{P}(G) = \frac{1}{2}$ , the proposition is false.

### 1.3

This proposition is also false : Consider rolling a fair dice and observing the result. Define E: “the dice fall on either 1 or 6”, F: “the dice fall on 1 or 2 or 3” and G: “the dice fall on 1 or 4 or 5”.

$\mathbb{P}(E) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(E|G) = \frac{1}{3}$  so  $G \searrow E$ . Moreover,  $\mathbb{P}(E|F) = \frac{1}{3}$  so  $F \searrow E$ .

But  $\mathbb{P}(E|F \cap G) = 1 \geq \mathbb{P}(E)$  so the proposition is false.

## Exercise 2

### 2.1

Define two events : A: “machine M1 does not work” and B: “machine M2 does not work”.

The probability that no machine work is :  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B|A)\mathbb{P}(A) = 0.4 * 0.01 = 0.004$ .

### 2.2

The probability that at least one machine work is :  $\mathbb{P}(\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0.996$ .

## Exercise 3

Event A happens with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Event B happens with probability  $(\frac{4}{5})^3 = 0.512$ . Finally event C happens with probability  $(\frac{9}{10})^7 = 0.48$ .

B is the most likely to happen. The second most likely to happen is A and the less likely to happen is C.

## Exercise 4

### 4.1

Define the event :  $D_n$  as “the day n is dry”,  $P_n = \mathbb{P}(D_n)$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, D_n \cup \overline{D_n} = \Omega$  with a disjoint union.

Thus  $P_n = \mathbb{P}(D_n|D_{n-1})\mathbb{P}(D_{n-1}) + \mathbb{P}(D_n|\overline{D_{n-1}})\mathbb{P}(\overline{D_{n-1}}) = pP_{n-1} + (1-p)(1-P_{n-1}) = (2p-1)P_{n-1} + (1-p)$

## 4.2

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= P_n - \frac{1}{2} = (2p-1)P_{n-1} + (1-p) - \frac{1}{2} = (2p-1)(P_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} - p \\ &= (2p-1)u_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1) + \frac{1}{2} - p = (2p-1)u_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

## 4.3

As  $u_n = (2p-1)u_{n-1}$ ,  $u$  is a geometric sequence so  $u_n = (2p-1)^n u_0 = \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^n$   
So  $P_n = u_n + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}((2p-1)^n + 1)$

## Exercise 5

### 5.1

Define the Event  $A$ : “a coupon of each type is chosen”. As a coupon of each type is chosen and there is as much coupon chosen than different types of coupon, there exist a bijection between the index of the coupon and the type of the coupon. It means that there is  $n!$  possibilities for choosing a coupon of each type. As there each choose has a probability of  $\prod_{i=1}^n p_i$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = n!(\prod_{i=1}^n p_i)$$

### 5.2

Define  $E_i$ : “no coupons of type  $i$  is chosen”. The Event  $A$ : “a coupon of each type is chosen” =  $\cap_{i=1}^n \overline{E_i}$ .  
So:  $\mathbb{P}(\cup_{i=1}^n E_i) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\cap_{i=1}^n \overline{E_i}) = 1 - n!(\prod_{i=1}^n p_i) = \frac{n^n - n!}{n^n}$  with  $p_i = \frac{1}{n}$

Moreover:  $\mathbb{P}(\cup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k} \mathbb{P}(\cap_{r=1}^k E_{i_r})$  after the inclusion exclusion principle.

$\forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \forall (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}^k | i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k, \mathbb{P}(\cap_{r=1}^k E_{i_r}) = P_{n,k}$  because each coupon can be exchanged with another one, the index type of the coupon does not matter as long as you don't pick  $k$  coupons in the  $n$  available. So  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, P_{n,k} = \frac{(n-k)^n}{n^n}$

And:  $\forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \forall (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}^k, \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k} 1 = \binom{n}{k}$  as each choice of  $k$  integer in  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a good choice for  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$  assigning the lowest to  $i_1$ , the second lower to  $i_2$  and so on till  $i_k$  which is the biggest of the selection.

With those two results:  $\mathbb{P}(\cup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k} \mathbb{P}(\cap_{r=1}^k E_{i_r}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(n-k)^n}{n^n}$

We have obtained that:  $\frac{n^n - n!}{n^n} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(n-k)^n}{n^n}$ . We can simplify multiplying both sides by  $n^n$  and rearranging each term on the good side we obtain:  $n! = n^n - \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{n}{k} (n-k)^n = n^n + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-k)^n$  noticing that  $n^n$  is the term for  $k=0$  of the sum:

$$n! = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-k)^n$$

## Exercise 6

### 6.1

Define  $H_n$ : “No consecutive 3 heads appear in  $n$  tosses of a fair coin”; and  $t_n$ : “the toss  $n$  result in head”. We can decompose:  $H_n = (H_{n-3} \cap \overline{(t_{n-2}, t_{n-1}, t_n)}) \cup (H_{n-2} \cap \overline{(t_{n-1}, t_n)}) \cup (H_{n-1} \cap \overline{t_n})$  Which is a disjoint union.

Moreover  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, \forall j \in \mathbb{N}, j > i: H_i$  is independent of  $t_j$ .

So:  $q_n = \mathbb{P}(H_n) = \mathbb{P}(H_{n-3})\mathbb{P}(\overline{(t_{n-2}, t_{n-1}, t_n)}) + \mathbb{P}(H_{n-2})\mathbb{P}(\overline{(t_{n-1}, t_n)}) + \mathbb{P}(H_{n-1})\mathbb{P}(\overline{t_n})$

We obtain the final formula:

$$q_n = \frac{1}{8}q_{n-3} + \frac{1}{4}q_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2}q_{n-1}$$

## 6.2

$$q_{10} = 0.49$$