

MATH 327: Problem Set #2

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Problem 1

A box contains three marbles one red, one green, and one blue. Consider an experiment that consists of taking one marble from the box, then replacing it in the box and drawing a second marble from the box. Describe the sample space. Repeat for the case in which the second marble is drawn without first replacing the first marble.

Solution

Problem 3

Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$, $E = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, $F = \{7, 4, 6\}$, $G = \{1, 4\}$. Find

- (a) EF
asdfa
- (b) $E \cup FG$
- (c) EG^c
- (d) $EF^c \cup G$
- (e) $E^c(F \cup G)$
- (f) $EG \cup FG$

Problem 7

Find simple expressions for the events

- (a) $E \cup E^c$
- (b) EE^c
- (c) $(E \cup F)(E \cup F^c)$
- (d) $(E \cup F)(E^c \cup F)(E \cup F^c)$
- (e) $(E \cup F)(F \cup G)$

Problem 9

For the following Venn diagram, describe in terms of E, F, and G the events denoted in the diagram by the Roman numerals I through VII.

Problem 12

If $P(E) = .9$ and $P(F) = .9$, show that $P(EF) \geq .8$. In general, prove Bonferroni's inequality, namely that

$$P(EF) \geq P(E) + P(F) - 1$$

Problem 15

Calculate $\binom{9}{3}, \binom{9}{6}, \binom{7}{2}, \binom{7}{3}, \binom{10}{7}$.

Problem 21

There is a 60 percent chance that the event A will occur. If A does not occur, then there is a 10 percent chance that B will occur.

- (a) What is the probability that at least one of the events A or B occurs?
- (b) If A is the event that the democratic candidate wins the presidential election in 2012 and B is the event that there is a 6.2 or higher earthquake in Los Angeles sometime in 2013, what would you take as the probability that both A and B occur? What assumption are you making?

Problem 25

Fifty-two percent of the students at a certain college are females. Five percent of the students in this college are majoring in computer science. Two percent of the students are women majoring in computer science. If a student is selected at random, find the conditional probability that

- (a) this student is female, given that the student is majoring in computer science;
- (b) this student is majoring in computer science, given that the student is female.

Problem 34

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer found in males. As an indicator of whether a male has prostate cancer, doctors often perform a test that measures the level of the PSA protein (prostate specific antigen) that is produced only by the prostate gland. Although higher PSA levels are indicative of cancer, the test is notoriously unreliable. Indeed, the probability that a noncancerous man will have an elevated PSA level is approximately .135, with this probability increasing to approximately .268 if the man does have cancer. If, based on other factors, a physician is 70 percent certain that a male has prostate cancer, what is the conditional probability that he has the cancer given that

- (a) the test indicates an elevated PSA level
- (b) the test does not indicate an elevated PSA level?

Repeat the preceding, this time assuming that the physician initially believes there is a 30 percent chance the man has prostate cancer.

Problem 41

A parallel system functions whenever at least one of its components works. Consider a parallel system of n components, and suppose that each component independently works with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. Find the conditional probability that component 1 works, given that the system is functioning.

Problem 42

A certain organism possesses a pair of each of 5 different genes (which we will designate by the first 5 letters of the English alphabet). Each gene appears in 2 forms (which we designate by lowercase and capital letters). The capital letter will be assumed to be the dominant gene in the sense that if an organism possesses the gene pair xX , then it will outwardly have the appearance of the X gene. For instance, if X stands for brown eyes and x for blue eyes, then an individual having either gene pair XX or xX will have brown eyes, whereas one having gene pair xx will be blue-eyed. The characteristic appearance of an organism is called its phenotype, whereas its genetic constitution is called its genotype. (Thus 2 organisms with respective genotypes aA , bB , cc , dD , ee and AA , BB , cc , DD , ee would have different genotypes but the same phenotype.) In a mating between 2 organisms each one contributes, at random, one of its gene pairs of each type. The 5 contributions of an organism (one of each of the 5 types) are assumed to be independent and are also independent of the contributions of its mate. In a mating between organisms having genotypes aA , bB , cC , dD , eE , and aa , bB , cc , Dd , ee , what is the probability that the progeny will (1) phenotypically, (2) genotypically resemble

- (a) the first parent
- (b) the second parent
- (c) either parent
- (d) neither parent

Problem 47

Let A , B , C be events such that $P(A) = .2$, $P(B) = .3$, $P(C) = .4$. Find the probability that at least one of the events A and B occurs if

- (a) A and B are mutually exclusive;
- (b) A and B are independent.

Find the probability that all of the events A , B , C occur if

- (c) A , B , C are independent;
- (d) A , B , C are mutually exclusive.

Problem 48

Two percent of woman of age 45 who participate in routine screening have breast cancer. Ninety percent of those with breast cancer have positive mammographies. Ten percent of the women who do not have breast cancer will also have positive mammographies. Given a woman has a positive mammography, what is the probability she has breast cancer?