

1.5. An experiment consists of tossing two dice.

- Find the sample space  $S$ .
- Find the event  $A$  that the sum of the dots on the dice equals 7.
- Find the event  $B$  that the sum of the dots on the dice is greater than 10.
- Find the event  $C$  that the sum of the dots on the dice is greater than 12.

(a) For this experiment, the sample space  $S$  consists of 36 points (Fig. 1-3):

$$S = \{(i, j): i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

where  $i$  represents the number of dots appearing on one die and  $j$  represents the number of dots appearing on the other die.

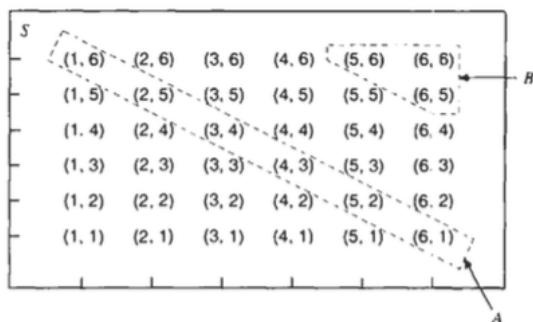
(b) The event  $A$  consists of 6 points (see Fig. 1-3):

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

(c) The event  $B$  consists of 3 points (see Fig. 1-3):

$$B = \{(5, 6), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

(d) The event  $C$  is an impossible event, that is,  $C = \emptyset$ .



1.30. The sample space  $S$  of a random experiment is given by

$$S = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

with probabilities  $P(a) = 0.2$ ,  $P(b) = 0.3$ ,  $P(c) = 0.4$ , and  $P(d) = 0.1$ . Let  $A$  denote the event  $\{a, b\}$ , and  $B$  the event  $\{b, c, d\}$ . Determine the following probabilities: (a)  $P(A)$ ; (b)  $P(B)$ ; (c)  $P(\bar{A})$ ; (d)  $P(A \cup B)$ ; and (e)  $P(A \cap B)$ .

Using Eq. (1.36), we obtain

- $P(A) = P(a) + P(b) = 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5$
- $P(B) = P(b) + P(c) + P(d) = 0.3 + 0.4 + 0.1 = 0.8$
- $\bar{A} = \{c, d\}$ ;  $P(\bar{A}) = P(c) + P(d) = 0.4 + 0.1 = 0.5$
- $A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d\} = S$ ;  $P(A \cup B) = P(S) = 1$
- $A \cap B = \{b\}$ ;  $P(A \cap B) = P(b) = 0.3$

1.39. Show that if  $P(A|B) > P(A)$ , then  $P(B|A) > P(B)$ .

If  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} > P(A)$ , then  $P(A \cap B) > P(A)P(B)$ . Thus,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} > \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(A)} = P(B) \quad \text{or} \quad P(B|A) > P(B)$$

- 1.11. Consider the switching networks shown in Fig. 1-5. Let  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  denote the events that the switches  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ , and  $s_3$  are closed, respectively. Let  $A_{ab}$  denote the event that there is a closed path between terminals  $a$  and  $b$ . Express  $A_{ab}$  in terms of  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  for each of the networks shown.

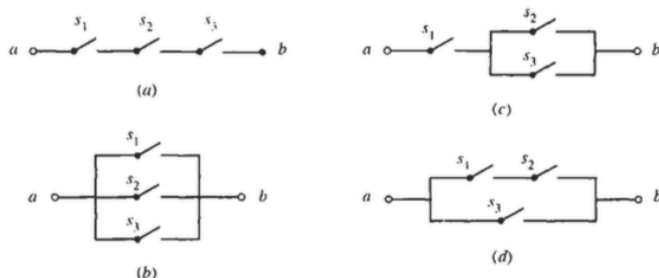


Fig. 1-5

- (a) From Fig. 1-5(a), we see that there is a closed path between  $a$  and  $b$  only if all switches  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ , and  $s_3$  are closed. Thus,

$$A_{ab} = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3$$

- (b) From Fig. 1-5(b), we see that there is a closed path between  $a$  and  $b$  if at least one switch is closed. Thus,

$$A_{ab} = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$$

- (c) From Fig. 1-5(c), we see that there is a closed path between  $a$  and  $b$  if  $s_1$  and either  $s_2$  or  $s_3$  are closed. Thus,

$$A_{ab} = A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3)$$

Using the distributive law (1.12), we have

$$A_{ab} = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap A_3)$$

which indicates that there is a closed path between  $a$  and  $b$  if  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  or  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  are closed.

- (d) From Fig. 1-5(d), we see that there is a closed path between  $a$  and  $b$  if either  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are closed or  $s_3$  is closed. Thus

$$A_{ab} = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup A_3$$

- 1.51. Two numbers are chosen at random from among the numbers 1 to 10 without replacement. Find the probability that the second number chosen is 5.

Let  $A_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$  denote the event that the first number chosen is  $i$ . Let  $B$  be the event that the second number chosen is 5. Then by Eq. (1.44),

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

Now  $P(A_i) = \frac{1}{10}$ .  $P(B|A_i)$  is the probability that the second number chosen is 5, given that the first is  $i$ . If  $i = 5$ , then  $P(B|A_i) = 0$ . If  $i \neq 5$ , then  $P(B|A_i) = \frac{1}{9}$ . Hence,

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(B|A_i)P(A_i) = 9\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = \frac{1}{10}$$

2.7. Show that

$$(a) \quad P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(X = a) + F_X(b) - F_X(a) \quad (2.64)$$

$$(b) \quad P(a < X < b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) - P(X = b) \quad (2.65)$$

$$(c) \quad P(a \leq X < b) = P(X = a) + F_X(b) - F_X(a) - P(X = b) \quad (2.66)$$

(a) Using Eqs. (1.23) and (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq X \leq b) &= P[(X = a) \cup (a < X \leq b)] \\ &= P(X = a) + P(a < X \leq b) \\ &= P(X = a) + F_X(b) - F_X(a) \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(a < X \leq b) &= P[(a < X < b) \cup (X = b)] \\ &= P(a < X < b) + P(X = b) \end{aligned}$$

Again using Eq. (2.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P(a < X < b) &= P(a < X \leq b) - P(X = b) \\ &= F_X(b) - F_X(a) - P(X = b) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq X \leq b) &= P[(a \leq X < b) \cup (X = b)] \\ &= P(a \leq X < b) + P(X = b) \end{aligned}$$

Using Eq. (2.64), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq X < b) &= P(a \leq X \leq b) - P(X = b) \\ &= P(X = a) + F_X(b) - F_X(a) - P(X = b) \end{aligned}$$

2.8. Let  $X$  be the r.v. defined in Prob. 2.3.

(a) Sketch the cdf  $F_X(x)$  of  $X$  and specify the type of  $X$ .

(b) Find (i)  $P(X \leq 1)$ , (ii)  $P(1 < X \leq 2)$ , (iii)  $P(X > 1)$ , and (iv)  $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$ .

(a) From the result of Prob. 2.3 and Eq. (2.18), we have

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{3}{4} & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

which is sketched in Fig. 2-11. The r.v.  $X$  is a discrete r.v.

(b) (i) We see that

$$P(X \leq 1) = F_X(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

(ii) By Eq. (2.10),

$$P(1 < X \leq 2) = F_X(2) - F_X(1) = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

(iii) By Eq. (2.11),

$$P(X > 1) = 1 - F_X(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(iv) By Eq. (2.64),

$$P(1 \leq X \leq 2) = P(X = 1) + F_X(2) - F_X(1) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

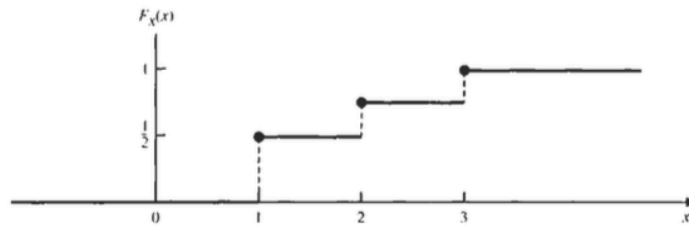


Fig. 2-11

**2.16.** Let  $X$  be a binomial r.v. with parameters  $(n, p)$ .

(a) Show that  $p_X(x)$  given by Eq. (2.36) satisfies Eq. (2.17).

(b) Find  $P(X > 1)$  if  $n = 6$  and  $p = 0.1$ .

(a) Recall that the binomial expansion formula is given by

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

Thus, by Eq. (2.36),

$$\sum_{k=0}^n p_X(k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (p + 1 - p)^n = 1^n = 1$$

(b) Now

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 1) &= 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) \\ &= 1 - \binom{6}{0} (0.1)^0 (0.9)^6 - \binom{6}{1} (0.1)^1 (0.9)^5 \\ &= 1 - (0.9)^6 - 6(0.1)(0.9)^5 \approx 0.114 \end{aligned}$$

**2.17.** Let  $X$  be a Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda$ .

(a) Show that  $p_X(x)$  given by Eq. (2.40) satisfies Eq. (2.17).

(b) Find  $P(X > 2)$  with  $\lambda = 4$ .

(a) By Eq. (2.40),

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

(b) With  $\lambda = 4$ , we have

$$p_X(k) = e^{-4} \frac{4^k}{k!}$$

and

$$P(X \leq 2) = \sum_{k=0}^2 p_X(k) = e^{-4} (1 + 4 + 8) \approx 0.238$$

Thus,

$$P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 2) \approx 1 - 0.238 = 0.762$$

**1.52.** Consider the binary communication channel shown in Fig. 1-15. The channel input symbol  $X$  may assume the state 0 or the state 1, and, similarly, the channel output symbol  $Y$  may assume either the state 0 or the state 1. Because of the channel noise, an input 0 may convert to an output 1 and vice versa. The channel is characterized by the channel transition probabilities  $p_0$ ,  $q_0$ ,  $p_1$ , and  $q_1$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= P(y_1 | x_0) & \text{and} & & p_1 &= P(y_0 | x_1) \\ q_0 &= P(y_0 | x_0) & \text{and} & & q_1 &= P(y_1 | x_1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  denote the events  $(X = 0)$  and  $(X = 1)$ , respectively, and  $y_0$  and  $y_1$  denote the events  $(Y = 0)$  and  $(Y = 1)$ , respectively. Note that  $p_0 + q_0 = 1 = p_1 + q_1$ . Let  $P(x_0) = 0.5$ ,  $p_0 = 0.1$ , and  $p_1 = 0.2$ .

- (a) Find  $P(y_0)$  and  $P(y_1)$ .  
 (b) If a 0 was observed at the output, what is the probability that a 0 was the input state?  
 (c) If a 1 was observed at the output, what is the probability that a 1 was the input state?  
 (d) Calculate the probability of error  $P_e$ .

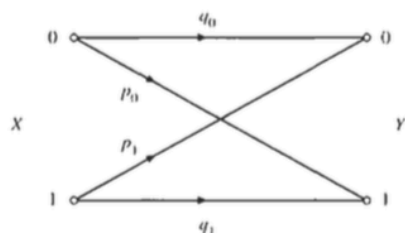


Fig. 1-15

- (a) We note that

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1) &= 1 - P(x_0) = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5 \\ P(y_0 | x_0) &= q_0 = 1 - p_0 = 1 - 0.1 = 0.9 \\ P(y_1 | x_1) &= q_1 = 1 - p_1 = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

Using Eq. (1.44), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_0) &= P(y_0 | x_0)P(x_0) + P(y_0 | x_1)P(x_1) = 0.9(0.5) + 0.2(0.5) = 0.55 \\ P(y_1) &= P(y_1 | x_0)P(x_0) + P(y_1 | x_1)P(x_1) = 0.1(0.5) + 0.8(0.5) = 0.45 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Using Bayes' rule (1.42), we have

$$P(x_0 | y_0) = \frac{P(x_0)P(y_0 | x_0)}{P(y_0)} = \frac{(0.5)(0.9)}{0.55} = 0.818$$

- (c) Similarly,

$$P(x_1 | y_1) = \frac{P(x_1)P(y_1 | x_1)}{P(y_1)} = \frac{(0.5)(0.8)}{0.45} = 0.889$$

- (d) The probability of error is

$$P_e = P(y_1 | x_0)P(x_0) + P(y_0 | x_1)P(x_1) = 0.1(0.5) + 0.2(0.5) = 0.15.$$

1.35. Consider the experiment of tossing a fair coin repeatedly and counting the number of tosses required until the first head appears.

- (a) Find the sample space of the experiment.  
 (b) Find the probability that the first head appears on the  $k$ th toss.  
 (c) Verify that  $P(S) = 1$ .  
 (a) The sample space of this experiment is

$$S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\} = \{e_k: k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

where  $e_k$  is the elementary event that the first head appears on the  $k$ th toss.

- (b) Since a fair coin is tossed, we assume that a head and a tail are equally likely to appear. Then  $P(H) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let

$$P(e_k) = p_k \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Since there are  $2^k$  equally likely ways of tossing a fair coin  $k$  times, only one of which consists of  $(k-1)$  tails following a head we observe that

$$P(e_k) = p_k = \frac{1}{2^k} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (1.79)$$

- (c) Using the power series summation formula, we have

$$P(S) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(e_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 1 \quad (1.80)$$