

Homework 2 Due October 22, 2021

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Problem 2.1

A die is rolled twice. What is the probability that the sum of the faces is greater than 5 (event E), given that

a) the first outcome was a 3?

$$m(\omega) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad E - \text{first outcome was } 3 \rightarrow \omega = 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad P(F) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

b) the first outcome was greater than 4?

$$m(\omega) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad E - \text{first outcome was greater than } 4 \rightarrow 5 \text{ or } 6 \rightarrow \omega = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad P(F) = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

c) the first outcome was 1?

$$m(\omega) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad E - \text{first outcome was } 1 \rightarrow \omega = 5, 6 \quad P(F) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

d) the first outcome was less than 5?

$$m(\omega) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad E - \text{first outcome was less than } 5 \rightarrow 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 4 \rightarrow \omega = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad P(F) = \frac{7}{12}$$

Problem 2.2

There are two urns. In urn I there are 5 white balls and 6 black balls, in urn II there are 4 white balls and 3 black balls. 2 balls from urn I are picked at random and transferred in urn II . Then, two balls are chosen at random from urn II .

What is the probability that both balls are black?

$$F - \text{Both balls are black} \quad P(F) = \frac{3}{11} \cdot \frac{20}{72} + \frac{3}{11} \cdot \frac{12}{72} + \frac{2}{11} \cdot \frac{6}{72} = \frac{60 + 36 + 36 + 12}{792} = \frac{144}{792} = \frac{2}{11}$$

What is the probability that balls of the same color were transferred from I to urn II if balls chosen from urn II are of different color? $P(\text{both balls are white from urn } I) \times P(\text{balls are different color from urn } II)$

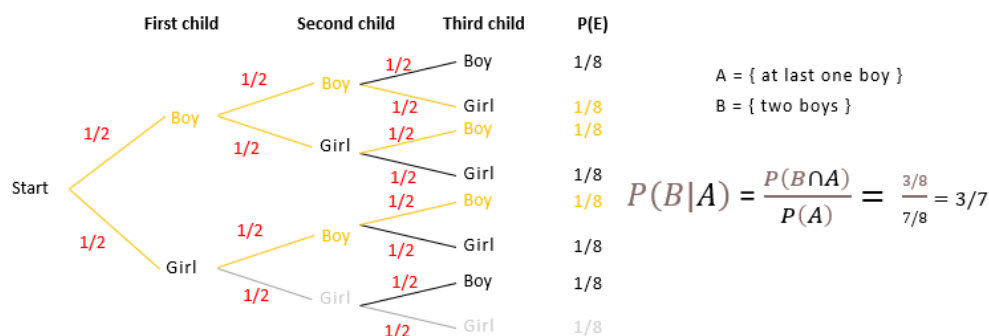
$P(\text{both balls are black from urn } I) \times P(\text{balls are different color from urn } II)$ $\times 2$ (as we can choose $W - B$ or $B - W$ balls priority)

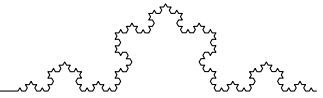
$$F - \text{balls are chosen from urn 2}, P(F) = \frac{6}{11} \rightarrow P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{8/33}{7/8} = 4/9$$

Problem 2.3

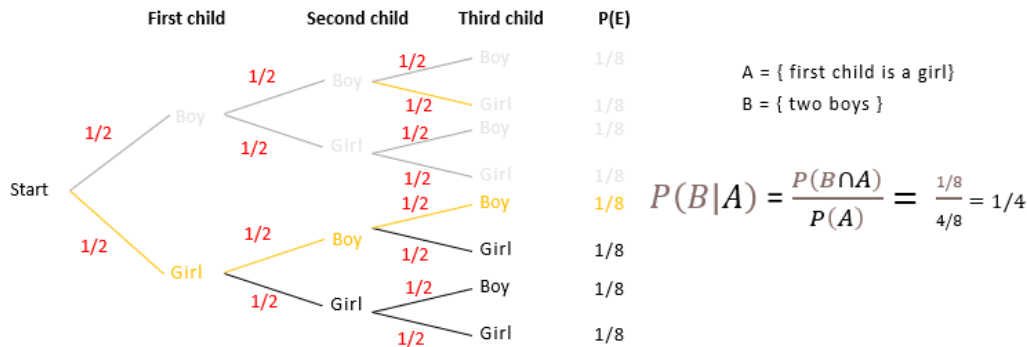
What is the probability that a family of three children has

a) two boys given that it has at least one boy?

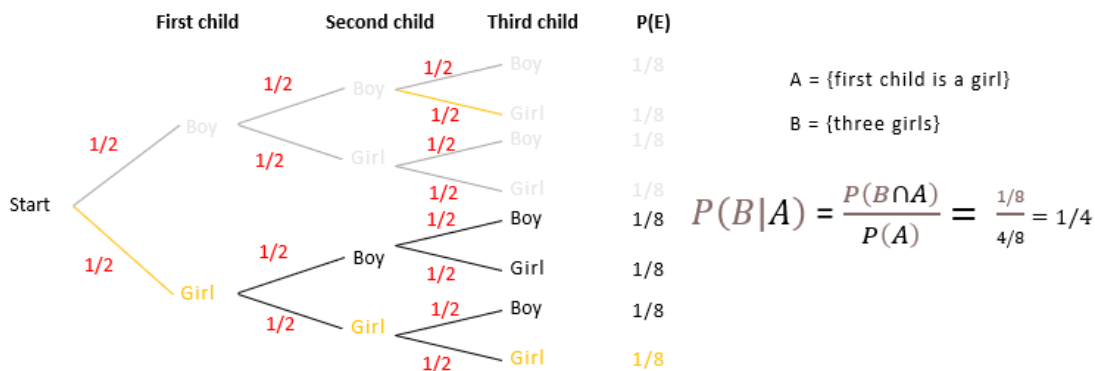




b) two boys given that the first child is a girl?



c) three girls, given that the first child is a girl?

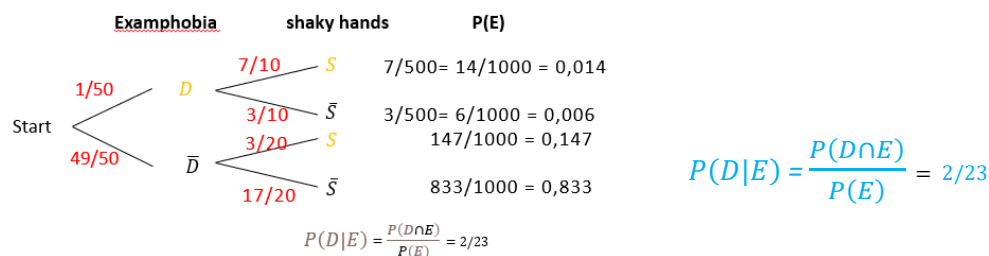


Problem 2.4

Examphobia is a rare disease in which the victim has the delusion that he or she is being subjected to an intense mathematical examination. A person selected uniformly at random has examphobia with probability $1/50$. A person with examphobia has shaky hands with probability $7/10$. A person without examphobia has shaky hands with probability $3/20$.

What is the probability that a person selected uniformly at random has examphobia, given that he or she has shaky hands?

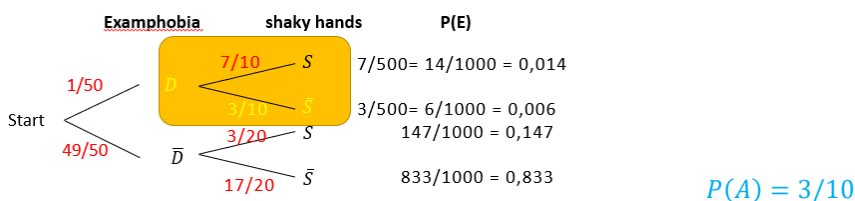
Let D = "you have the disease", and let E = "you have shaky hands"

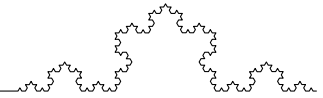


What is probability that a person doesn't have shaky hands given that he or she has examphobia?

A = person doesn't have shaky hands given that he or she has examphobia

Let D = "you have the disease", and let E = "you have shaky hands"





Problem 2.5

Find the probability that in a poker hand (5 cards) you will have

a) royal flush (ten, jack, queen, king ace in one suit)

There are four possible suits for the ace → Thus, there are 4 possible royal flushes:

royal flushes = $4C1 = 4$ → Dividing by the number of possible hands gives the probability:

$$P(\text{royal flush}) = 4$$

$$P(\text{a royal flush}) = \frac{4}{2598960} = 1.539 \cdot 10^{-6} = \text{or 1 in 649,740}$$

b) straight flush (five cards in a sequence in a single suit, but no royal flush)

There are 9 possibilities. If we order the 5 – card hand from highest number to lowest, the first card may be one of the following: king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5.

After the first card, whose suit we may choose in 4 ways, the remaining cards are completely determined:

$$\# \text{ straight flushes} = 9 \cdot C_1^4 = 9 \cdot 4 = 36$$

Subtracting the number of royal flushes and dividing by the number of possible hands gives the probability:

$$P(\text{straight – flush}) = \frac{36}{2598960} = 1.385 \cdot 10^{-5} = \text{or 1 in } 72,193 \frac{1}{3}$$

c) flush (five cards in a single suit, but not a straight or royal flush)

If we pick the suit first, we have $C_1^4 = 4$ choices. For that suit, there are 13 cards from which we choose 5. Thus, we have $C_5^{13} = 1287$ choices.

$$\# \text{ flushes (not straight)} = C_1^4 \cdot (C_5^{13} - 10) = 4 \cdot 1277 = 5108$$

$$P(\text{flush not straight or royal flush}) = \frac{5108}{2598960} = 1.965 \cdot 10^{-3} = \text{or 1 in 508.8.}$$

d) one pair?

One – pair is two cards showing the same numbers and another three cards all showing different numbers.

a) If we order the 5 – card hand with the pair first, we have C_1^{13} choices for the number showing on the pair. r . The pair will have two out of four suits.

Thus, we have $4C2 = 6$ ways to choose the suit

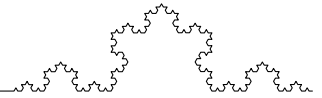
$$\# 1 - \text{pair} = C_1^{13} \cdot C_2^4 \cdot C_3^{12} \cdot C_1^4 \cdot C_1^4 \cdot C_1^4 = 13 \cdot 6 \cdot 220 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 1,098,240$$

$$P(1 - \text{pair}) = \frac{4}{2598960} = 4.226 \cdot 10^{-1} = \text{or 1 in 2.37}$$

Problem 2.6

Each of the four engines of an airplane are functioning correctly on a given flight with probability of 0.99, and the engines function independently of each other. Assume that the plane can make a safe landing if at least two of its engines are functioning properly. What is the probability that the engines will allow a safe landing?

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 4 \text{ (four engines) and } p = 0.99 \rightarrow P(2 \leq x \leq 4) = 1 - P(0 \leq x \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - 0.00000397 = 0.99999603. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.7****BONUS PROBLEM.**

Two cowboys A and B decide to solve a dispute with a duel. Cowboy A hits his target $1/3$ of the time. Cowboy B hits the target $2/3$ of the time. It is decided that A will take the first shot, cowboy B will take the second shot (if still alive). This will continue until there is only one left alive. Also, a cowboy can not shoot two times in a row. What are cowboy A chances of winning the duel?

Let p be the probability that A wins. With probability $1/3$ he wins on his first shot. With probability $2/3$ he misses. When B hits in his first shot, A has lost. When B misses, A again has a chance of p . It follows that

$$p = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot p$$

$$\text{This implies } p = \frac{3}{7}$$