

Problem 1 [25 points (8,8,9)]: Conditional Probability

We are given 5 cards. 3 of the cards are black and they are numbered 1; 2; 3. The other two cards are red and they are numbered 1; 2.

We pick 2 random cards.

- i. What is the probability that both cards are red?

$$P(2 \text{ reds}) = C(2, 2) / C(5, 2) = 1/10$$

- ii. What is the probability that both cards are red, if we know that at least one of them is red?

Possibilities are = 12, 13, 23, 12, 11, 12, 21, 22, 31, 32

$$P(2 \text{ reds} | 1 \text{ red}) = P(1 \text{ red} | 2 \text{ reds}) * P(2 \text{ reds}) / (P(1 \text{ red} | 2 \text{ reds}) * P(2 \text{ reds}) + P(1 \text{ red} | \text{at least one is not red}) * P(\text{at least one is not red}))$$

$$P(2 \text{ reds}) = 1/10$$

$$P(\text{at least one is not red}) = 9/10$$

$$P(1 \text{ red} | 2 \text{ reds}) = 1$$

$$P(1 \text{ red} | \text{at least one is not red}) = 6/9 = 2/3$$

$$P(2 \text{ reds} | 1 \text{ red}) = 1 * 1/10 / (1 * 1/10 + 2/3 * 9/10) = 1/7$$

- iii. What is the probability that both cards are red, if we know that one of them is red card number 1?

Similar to problem 2 above.

Possibilities are = 12, 13, 23, 12, 11, 12, 21, 22, 31, 32

$$P(2 \text{ reds} | 1 \text{ red}(\#1)) = P(1 \text{ red}(\#1) | 2 \text{ reds}) * P(2 \text{ reds}) / (P(1 \text{ red}(\#1) | 2 \text{ reds}) * P(2 \text{ reds}) + P(1 \text{ red}(\#1) | \text{at least one is not red}) * P(\text{at least one is not red}))$$

$$P(2 \text{ reds}) = 1/10$$

$$P(\text{at least one is not red}) = 9/10$$

$$P(1 \text{ red}(\#1) | 2 \text{ reds}) = 1$$

$$P(1 \text{ red}(\#1) | \text{at least one is not red}) = 3/9 = 1/3$$

$$P(2 \text{ reds} | 1 \text{ red}(\#1)) = 1 * 1/10 / (1 * 1/10 + 1/3 * 9/10) = 1/4$$

Problem 2 [25 pts (10,15)]: At the carnival!

At a carnival, you are trying to throw 4 balls into 4 colored pots. The pots are colored red, blue, green, and pink. You will throw each of the 4 balls one at a time into these pots. However, you must play this game blindfolded. The game pays out as follows

- \$1 for each ball in the red pot
- \$2 for each ball in the blue pot
- \$3 for each ball in the green pot
- \$4 for each ball in the pink pot

How many points do you expect to score:

- Assuming every ball lands in some hole with equal probability?  
 $P(\text{red}) = P(\text{blue}) = P(\text{green}) = P(\text{pink}) = 1/4$   
Let  $x$  to be expected points.  
 $E[x] = 1/4 * 1 + 1/4 * 2 + 1/4 * 3 + 1/4 * 4 = \$2.5$
- Assuming every ball has a 1 in 3 chance of not landing in any pot (and thus giving you no payout) but is otherwise equally likely to land in any pot?  
 $E[x]' = \$2.5 * (1 - 1/3) = \$1.67$

Problem 3 [25 pts (5 pts each)]: Probability

Let  $W(x)$  be the number of 1's in the binary representation of  $x$ . For example,  $W(5) = W(00101_2) = 2$  because there are 2 1's in the binary representation of 5. This is sometimes called the weight of the binary number. A deck of 32 cards has numbers 0 to  $31_{10}$  written in 5-bit binary ( $00000_2 \dots 11111_2$ ).

- What is the probability that the weight of a randomly chosen card is exactly 3?  
 $P(W=3) = C(5, 3) / 2^5 = 10 / 32 = 5/16$
- What is the probability that the weight of the card is 3 and the number on the card is odd, i.e.,  $P(W = 3 \text{ and Odd})$ ?  
Number is odd only if the low bit is 1. If known the low bit is 1, the other two choices are chosen from the rest of 4 slots  
 $C(4, 2) = 6$   
 $P(W = 3 \text{ and Odd}) = 6 / 32 = 3/16$

3. Calculate  $P(\text{Odd} | W = 3)$ , the probability that the card represents an odd number given that the weight of the number is 3.

$$P(\text{Odd} | W = 3) = P(W = 3 | \text{Odd}) * P(\text{Odd}) / (P(W = 3 | \text{Odd}) * P(\text{Odd}) + P(W = 3 | \text{Even}) * P(\text{Even}))$$

$$P(\text{Odd}) = 1/2$$

$$P(\text{Even}) = 1/2$$

Given odd number (16), there are  $C(4, 2) = 6$  ways to have the weight equals 3.

$$P(W = 3 | \text{Odd}) = 6 / 16 = 3 / 8$$

Given even number (16), there are  $C(4, 3) = 4$  ways to have the weight equals 3.

$$P(W = 3 | \text{Even}) = 4 / 16 = 1 / 4$$

$$P(\text{Odd} | W=3) = 3/8 * 1/2 / (3/8 * 1/2 + 1/4 * 1/2) = \frac{3}{5} \text{ or } P(W=3 \text{ and Odd})/P(W=3) = 3/5$$

4. You are now dealt 3 random cards. What is the expected value for the total weight of your three-card hand?

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{Total weight of three cards}] &= 1 * C(5, 1)/32 + 2 * C(5, 2)/32 + 3 * C(5, 3)/32 + 4 * C(5, 4)/32 + 5 * C(5, 5) / 32 \\ &= 5/32 + 20/32 + 30/32 + 20/32 + 5/32 = 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

5. What is the probability that the total weight of the three cards you were dealt is equal to 13? You may leave your answer as a simple expression.

Only two outcome will satisfy this condition  $\{5, 5, 3\}$  and  $\{5, 4, 4\}$

Since each card is distinct,  $\{5, 5, 3\}$  is eliminated. Only events falls in  $\{5, 4, 4\}$  will produce a weight of 13.

$$P(W = 5) = 1/32$$

$$P(W = 4) = C(5, 4) * 1 / 32 = 5/32$$

Orders don't matter, but without replacement, the probability of three cards were dealt is equal to 13 is:

$$P(W = 13(3 \text{ cards})) = 1 / 32 * 5 / 31 * 4 / 30$$

#### Problem 4 [25 pts (5,10,10)]: Medical Testing and Bayes

A certain virus is spreading rapidly through the population and doctors have come up with a new but imperfect test to determine if a patient is infected.

- 20 percent of the population is already infected with the virus.  $P(\text{infected}) = 0.2$
- 90 percent of infected patients test positive.  $P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) = 0.9$
- 50 percent of healthy uninfected patients also test positive.  $P(\text{TP} | \text{uninfected}) = 0.5$

For this section, express your answer as a simple fraction or number.

$$P(\text{infected}) = 0.2$$

$$P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) = 0.9$$

$$P(\text{TP} | \text{uninfected}) = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{uninfected}) = 1 - P(\text{infected}) = 0.8$$

1. What is the probability that a random person tests positive?

$$P(\text{TP}) = P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) * P(\text{infected}) + P(\text{TP} | \text{uninfected}) * P(\text{uninfected}) = 0.58$$

2. What is the probability that a random person who tests positive actually has the virus?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{infected} | \text{TP}) &= P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) * P(\text{infected}) / (P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) * P(\text{infected}) + \\ &P(\text{TP} | \text{uninfected}) * P(\text{uninfected})) \\ &= 0.9 * 0.2 / (0.9 * 0.2 + 0.5 * 0.8) = 0.31 \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose an independent second test is performed on a patient that previously tested positive. This time, the test result is negative. Now what is the probability that the patient is infected with the virus?

$$P(\text{TN}) = 1 - P(\text{TP}) = 0.42$$

$$P(\text{TN} | \text{infected}) = 1 - P(\text{TP} | \text{infected}) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{TN} | \text{uninfected}) = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{infected} | \text{TN}) &= P(\text{TN} | \text{infected}) * P(\text{infected}) / (P(\text{TN} | \text{infected}) * P(\text{infected}) + \\ &P(\text{TN} | \text{uninfected}) * P(\text{uninfected})) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.2 / (0.1 * 0.2 + 0.5 * 0.8) = 0.0498 \end{aligned}$$