

**(1) Problem 15.39(q)**

Give the probability space for each of these “experiments.”

Each pair from {Adam, Barb, Charlie, Doris} randomly decides whether or not to be friends.

A for Adam, B for Barb, C for Charlie, D for Doris

$$\Omega = \{AB, AC, AB, BC, BD, CD\}$$

## **(2) Problem 16.4**

Two worlds have 1 million birds each. World 1 has 100 black ravens and the rest are other birds. World 2 has 1000 black ravens, 1 white raven and the rest are other birds. You enter a randomly picked world.

(a) What are the chances that all ravens are black in your world?

$$P(\text{all ravens black}) = P(\text{World 1}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) You see a random bird and it's a black raven. Now, what are the chances that all ravens are black in your world?

(In this case, observing a black raven decreases your belief that "all ravens are black." See also Problem 3.55)

$$\begin{aligned} &P[\text{all black raven} | \text{random black raven}] \\ &= \frac{P(\text{all black raven} \cap \text{random black raven})}{P(\text{random black raven})} \\ &= \frac{(1/2) * \frac{100}{1 \text{ million}}}{(1/2) * \frac{100}{1 \text{ million}} + (1/2) * \frac{1000}{1 \text{ million}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{11} \end{aligned}$$

**(3) Problem 16.37**

Five out of 100 coins are two-headed. You randomly pick a coin and flip it “fairly” twice (each side is equally probable). What is the probability to get

(a) 2 heads

$$(5/100) + (95/100) * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = 28.75\%$$

(b) 2 tails

$$(95/100) * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = 23.75\%$$

(c) matching tosses?

$$P(\text{matching tosses}) = P(2 \text{ head or } 2 \text{ tails}) = 23.75\% + 28.75\% = 52.5\%$$

#### **(4) Problem 16.40**

Baniaz has two kids. What are the chances both are girls in each of the situations below.

(a) Baniaz confirms that one of her children is a girl.

$$P[\{GG\}|\{GG,GB,BG\}] = \frac{P[\{GG\} \cap \{GG,GB,BG\}]}{P[\{GG,GB,BG\}]} = \frac{1/4}{1/4+1/4+1/4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(b) Baniaz confirms one of her children is a girl named Leilitoon (a rare name, assuming names are randomly picked).

Assume the probability of name Leilitoon is  $X$

$$\frac{(1/4)X^2 + (1/4)X(1-X) + (1/4)X(1-X)}{(1/4)X^2 + (1/4)X(1-X) + (1/4)X(1-X) + (1/4)X + (1/4)X} = \frac{2X - X^2}{4X - X^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(c) Baniaz confirms one of her children is a girl who was born on a Sunday.

The probability of Sunday is  $1/7$

The  $X$  in part b should be  $1/7$

$$P(\text{Sunday}) = \frac{2 * 1/7 - (1/7)^2}{4 * (1/7) - (1/7)^2} = \frac{13}{27}$$

**(5) Problem 17.9**

On a standard  $8 \times 8$  chessboard (alternating black and white squares), label the rows and columns  $1, \dots, 8$ . You pick a square at random. Are these events independent.

Definition of independent:  $P[A|B] = P[A]$

(a)  $A = \{\text{white square}\}; B = \{\text{black square}\}.$

$$P(\text{white}|\text{black}) = 0$$

$$P(\text{white}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\text{white}|\text{black}) \neq P(\text{white})$$

Not independent

(b)  $A = \{\text{even row}\}; B = \{\text{even column}\}.$

$$P(\text{even row}|\text{even col}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$P(\text{even row}|\text{even col}) = P(\text{even row})$$

Independent

(c)  $A = \{\text{white square}\}; B = \{\text{even column}\}.$

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$$P(\text{white}|\text{even col}) = P(\text{white})$$

Independent

**(6) Problem 17.28**

You toss a 100-sided die (die faces are 1, . . . , 100) 5 times. Compute the probability to roll some number more than once

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\text{roll number more than once}) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{not repeated values for 5 times}) \\ &= 1 - (99/100)^4(98/100)^3(97/100)^2(96/100)^1 \\ &= 9.65 \% \end{aligned}$$