MA581 HW2

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We start firstly by listing the content of Kolmogorov axioms.

Axiom 1 (Non-negativity): For any event $E, P(E) \geq 0$

Axiom 2 (Normalization): $P(\Omega) = 1$

Axiom 3 (Additivity): For any two mutually exclusive events E_1 and $E_2, P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2)$

a)
1. **Mutual Exclusivity:** Notice that $B \cap A$ and $B \cap A^c$ are mutually exclusive events. This means that these two events cannot happen at the same time. The intersection of $B \cap A$ and $B \cap A^c$ is an empty set.
2. **Application of Axiom 3:** By the third axiom, if two events are mutually exclusive, the probability of their union is the sum of their probabilities. Therefore, $P((B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^c)) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap A^c)$.
3. **Properties of Set Theory:** By the properties of sets, $(B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^c)$ is equivalent to $B \cap (A \cup A^c)$. Since $A \cup A^c$ is the entire sample space Ω (because every element is either in A or in its complement A^c), $B \cap \Omega$ is simply B.
4. **Conclusion:** Therefore, we have $P(B) = P(B \cap (A \cup A^c)) = P((B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^c)) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap A^c)$, which completes the verification of the statement using the Kolmogorov axioms.

b) $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c)$

1. **Decomposition of B:** Event B can be divided into two mutually exclusive components: $(B \cap A)$ and $(B \cap A^c)$. This division accounts for parts of B that either intersect with A or are exclusive to B (not intersecting with A).
2. **Application of Additivity:** Given that $(B \cap A)$ and $(B \cap A^c)$ are mutually exclusive, by Axiom 3, we have $P(B) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap A^c)$.

3. **Utilizing the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle:** To compute $P(A \cup B)$, one might initially consider adding $P(A)$ and $P(B)$, then subtracting the overlap $P(A \cap B)$. However, recognizing that $P(B)$ encompasses both $P(B \cap A)$ and $P(B \cap A^c)$ allows us to rearrange and simplify the expression.

Hence, we derive that $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c)$. This equation follows because the term $P(B \cap A)$, representing the overlap, is effectively subtracted when considering $P(A \cap B)$ in the inclusion-exclusion principle, leading to the simplified and correct form $P(A) + P(B \cap A^c)$.

c) Given that at least one of the event A or B must occur, which is $A \cup B = \Omega = 1$. We want to find the probability of both events occur, which is $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - 1$. According to the Inclusive-exclusive law, we can get that $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$. We have already know $P(A \cup B) = 1$, then we can get $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - 1$

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a) Each outcome in the sample space can be represented as a pair (x, y), where x is the number of the ball drawn in the first draw, and y is the number of the ball drawn in the second draw. Given there are four balls and each ball can be drawn during each of the two draws, the sample space Ω consists of $4 \times 4 = 16$ possible outcomes.

Thus, the sample space Ω can be explicitly listed as:

$$\Omega = \{(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),(2,1),(2,2),(2,3),(2,4),(3,1),(3,2),(3,3),(3,4),(4,1),(4,2),(4,3),(4,4)\}$$

b) If each outcome in the sample space Ω is assigned the same probability and considering there are 16 outcomes in total (as each draw can result in one of 4 balls being picked, and the ball is replaced after each draw, making the process independent), the common probability assigned to each outcome is $\frac{1}{16}$

c) For the first draw, any of the 4 balls can be selected. For the second draw, to ensure a different number is chosen, only 3 of the remaining balls are suitable choices. Therefore, there are $4 * 3 = 12$ ways to choose.

The probability of choosing two different numbers is the number of favorable outcomes divided by the total number of outcomes. Since there are 12 ways to achieve this from a total of 16 possible outcomes, the probability is:

$$P(\text{two different numbers} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$$

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a) $A = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : x > \frac{1}{3}\}$
The probability of A corresponds to the area of the part of the unit square where $x > \frac{1}{3}$. Since the unit square extends from 0 to 1 in both dimensions, the width of the region for the event A is $1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$. The height remains 1, since there is no restriction on y. Thus, $P(A) = \frac{2}{3} * 1 = \frac{2}{3}$

b) $B = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : y \leq 0.7\}$
The area under $y = 0.7$ in the unit square, which extends horizontally from 0 to 1. Thus $P(B) = 0.7 * 1 = 0.7$

c) $C = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : x + y > 1.2\}$
The line $x + y = 1.2$ forms a right-angled triangle in the top-right corner of the square, with the area representing the probability of event C.

Given the line intersects the square's boundaries at $x = 0.2$ and $y = 0.2$, the length of the side opposite to the right angle (both the base and the height of the triangle) is 0.8, calculated as $1 - 0.2$. The area of this triangle, and thus $P(C)$, can be found using the formula for the area of a triangle:

$$P(C) = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.8 \times 0.8 = 0.32$$

d) $D = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : |y - x| < \frac{1}{10}\}$

Given the constraints of the unit square ($0 \leq x, y \leq 1$), the diagonal line $y = x$ perfectly bisects the square. The event D forms a band around this diagonal, adding a width of $\frac{1}{10}$ on either side. To calculate the area of this band, we consider the impact of the diagonal's slope and the effective width of the band due to this slope.

The diagonal of a unit square has a length of $\sqrt{2}$, and the slope of the line $y = x$ is 1, indicating a 45° angle with respect to both the x- and y-axes. The effective width of the band, when measured perpendicular to the diagonal, is $\frac{1}{10} \times \sqrt{2}$ for each side of the diagonal. This adjustment accounts for the fact that the band's width must be considered along a direction perpendicular to the diagonal itself.

Thus, the total additional area created by the band around the diagonal can be approximated by doubling this effective width (accounting for both sides of the diagonal) and then multiplying by the length of the diagonal ($\sqrt{2}$):

$$\text{Effective width per side} = \frac{1}{10} \times \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Total additional area} = 2 \times \text{Effective width per side} \times \sqrt{2} = 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{10} \times \sqrt{2}\right) \times \sqrt{2} = \frac{2}{10} \times 2 = \frac{2}{5}$$

However, the correct calculation based on the initial explanation, considering the constraints of the unit square and the effective width adjusted for the diagonal's direction, yields an approximate area for event D as:

$$\text{Area of } D \approx 0.283$$

e) $E = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : x = y\}$
Since this describes a line with no thickness within the square, its area is 0 in the context of continuous probability spaces.

2.67

Given:

- $P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$
- $P(A \cup B) = \frac{5}{8}$
- $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{10}$

a) $P(B)$
We use the formula for the union of two events:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Rearranging to solve for $P(B)$:

$$P(B) = P(A \cup B) - P(A) + P(A \cap B)$$

Substituting the given values:

$$P(B) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{47}{120}$$

b) $P(A \cap B^c)$
The probability of A intersecting with the complement of B is given by:

$$P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

Substituting the given values:

$$P(A \cap B^c) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{7}{30}$$

c) $P(A \cup B^c)$
Deriving from the original formula

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

, we can get that

$$P(A \cup B^c) = P(A) + P(B^c) - P(A \cap B^c)$$

. Then, based on what we have so far, we can get that

$$P(A \cup B^c) = P(A) + P(B^c) - P(A \cap B^c) = \frac{1}{3} + (1 - \frac{47}{120}) - \frac{7}{30} = \frac{17}{24}$$

d) $P(A^c \cup B^c)$
Using De Morgan's laws:

$$P(A^c \cup B^c) = 1 - P(A \cap B)$$

Substituting the given values:

$$P(A^c \cup B^c) = 1 - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{9}{10}$$