

## 1 Probability

a. Construct a random variable  $X$  that represents the result of flipping a coin, with head equaling 1 and tail equaling -1.

Therefore,  $P(X=1) = P(X=-1) = 0.5$ .

$$E(X) = 1 \cdot 0.5 + (-1) \cdot 0.5 = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) = 1^2 \cdot 0.5 + (-1)^2 \cdot 0.5 = 1$$

By Chebyshev's inequality,  $P(|X - E(X)| \geq t) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{t^2}$

When  $t = 1$ , the equality holds as  $P(|X - 0| \geq 1) \leq \frac{1}{1^2} = 1$ .

b.

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$(A_1) \xrightarrow{p} (A_2) \xrightarrow{p} \dots \rightarrow A_n$	
$b \xrightarrow{1-p} b$	$b \xrightarrow{1-p} b$
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$1-b \xrightarrow{p} b$	$1-b \xrightarrow{p} b$
	$\dots \quad \underline{P(b)?}$

Let  $S_i$  represents San Francisco receives "b" at  $A_i$ , for  $i \in [1, n]$ .

$$P(S_2) = 1-p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_3) &= P(S_3|S_2) \cdot P(S_2) + P(S_3|\bar{S}_2) \cdot P(\bar{S}_2) \quad \text{By Total Law of Probability} \\ &= (1-p) \cdot (1-p) + p \cdot (1-p) \\ &= 1 - 2p + p^2 + p - p^2 = 1-p. \end{aligned}$$

$$P(S_4) = P(S_4|S_3) \cdot P(S_3) + P(S_4|\bar{S}_3) \cdot P(\bar{S}_3)$$

$$= (1-p) \cdot (1-p) + p \cdot (1-p) = 1-p$$

$\vdots$

$$P(S_n) = P(S_n|S_{n-1}) \cdot P(S_{n-1}) + P(S_n|\bar{S}_{n-1}) \cdot P(\bar{S}_{n-1}) = 1-p$$

Therefore, the probability that San Francisco will receive the right value  $b$  instead of  $1-b$  is  $1-p$ .

c. According to the question, let  $P(A) = P(B) = p$ . [prob of truth].  
 $P(\bar{A}) = P(\bar{B}) = 1-p$  [prob of lies].

Find  $P(A | B \text{ confirms})$

By Baye's Theorem,  $P(A | B \text{ confirms}) = \frac{P(B \text{ confirms} | A)P(A)}{P(B \text{ confirms})}$

Case    Actual    Actual

① A true    B lie  $\Rightarrow$  By what B says, A must be lie X

② A true    B true  $\Rightarrow$  By what B says, A is true  $\checkmark$

③ A lie    B true  $\Rightarrow$  By what B says, A is true X

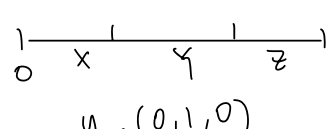
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$$P(B \text{ Confirms} | A) = p$$

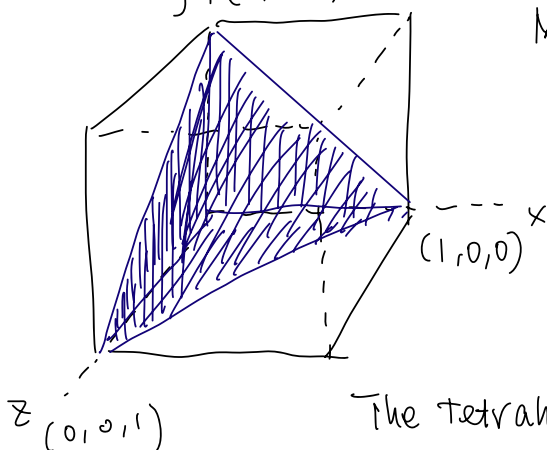
$$\begin{aligned} P(B \text{ confirms}) &= P(B \text{ confirms} | A)P(A) + P(B \text{ confirms} | \bar{A})P(\bar{A}) \\ &= p \cdot p + (1-p)^2 \\ &= 1 - 2p \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(A | B \text{ Confirms}) = \frac{p \cdot p}{1 - 2p} = \frac{p^2}{1 - 2p}$$

Given that B confirms the statement by A is true, the probability of A telling truth equals to  $\frac{p^2}{1 - 2p}$ .

d. 

$X, Y, Z \sim \text{unif}(0, 1)$



Map  $X, Y, Z$  into a 3-D space.

Since we want  $X + Y + Z \leq 1$ ,

when  $X = 0$ ,  $Y + Z \leq 1$

$Y = 0$ ,  $X + Z \leq 1$

$Z = 0$ ,  $X + Y \leq 1$ , where we

get a tetrahedron inside the cube.

The tetrahedron formed the maximum likelihood for  $X + Y + Z$ . Therefore,

$$P(X + Y + Z \leq 1) = \frac{P(\text{area of tetrahedron})}{P(\text{area of cube})} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{1 \times 1 \times 1} = \frac{1}{6}$$