

Problems: 1. Suppose 4 married couples are arranged to be seated in a row in randomly selected order. What is the probability that no couple is together (i.e. wife & husband are seated together) ?

Sol<sup>n</sup>.  $E \rightarrow$  no married couple is together.

$E^c \rightarrow$  at least one couple is together

$A_i \rightarrow i^{\text{th}}$  couple sits together  $i=1, 2, 3, 4$

$$E^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i$$

$$P(A_i) = \frac{2 \times 7!}{8!}, \quad i=1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$P(A_i \cap A_j) = \frac{2^2 \times 6!}{8!}, \quad i < j$$

$$P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) = \frac{2^3 \times 5!}{8!}, \quad i < j < k$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^4 A_i\right) = \frac{2^4 \times 4!}{8!}$$

$$P(E^c) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i\right) = \sum P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^4 A_i\right)$$

$$= \frac{23}{35} \quad (*) \quad E^c.$$

$$P(E) = \frac{12}{35} \approx 0.34$$

2. Three players A, B, C, throw <sup>a fair</sup> dice  
in order ABC, ABC, ... What is the  
prob that

(i) A is the second player to get a six  
for the first time?

(ii) A is the last player . . . . .

(iii) A is the first . . . . .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: A gets a throw on  $(3r+1)^{\text{th}}$  trial

$r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If he is second,  
then he will throw on  $(3r+1)^{\text{th}}$  trial,  $r = 1, 2, \dots$   
On  $(r+1)$  trials that A gets to throw, he  
does not get 6 on  $r$  trials & 6 on  $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$   
trial.  $\rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r \cdot \frac{1}{6}$

B may get at least one six in his  $r$  trials  
with prob.  $\left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r \right\}$

C will not any six in his  $r$  trials w.p.  $\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r$

$P(\text{A gets 6 after } \underbrace{B}_C \text{ but before } \underbrace{C}_B)$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{2r} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$P(\text{A is second to get a 6 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time})$

$$= 2 \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{2r} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r \right\} \frac{1}{6} = \frac{300}{1001} \approx 0.2997$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & P(\text{A is last to get a six for the first time}) \\
 = & \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r \left\{1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^r\right\}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{305}{1001} \\
 & \approx 0.3047
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii)} \quad & P(\text{A is the first to get a six for the 1st time}) \\
 = & \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \dots \\
 = & \frac{36}{91} \approx \frac{396}{1001} \approx 0.40
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider all families with two children and assume that boys and girls are equally likely. (i) If a family is chosen at random and is found to have a boy, what is the prob that the other one is also a boy?

(ii) If a child is chosen at random from these families and is found to be a boy, what is the prob that the other child in the family is also a boy?



Sol<sup>n</sup>  $b \rightarrow$  boy,  $g \rightarrow$  girl

$$(i) \Omega = \{(b, b), (b, g), (g, b), (g, g)\}$$

$A \rightarrow$  family has a boy

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{4}, \quad B \rightarrow \text{second child is also a boy}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(B|A) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$(ii) \Omega^* = \{b_b, b_g, g_b, g_g\}$$

$$A \rightarrow \text{child is a boy}, \quad P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$B \rightarrow$  child has a brother

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(B|A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

4.. 2 kinds of tubes  $\rightarrow$  electronic gadget  
If one of each kind is defective, it will not function

$$P(\text{first kind is def}) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{second kind is def}) = 0.2$$

It is known that two tubes are defective.

What is the prob that tube is still working?

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $A \rightarrow$  Two tubes are defective

$$P(A) = (0.1)^2 + (0.2)^2 + 2(0.1)(0.2) \\ = 0.09$$

$B \rightarrow$  gadget is still working

$$P(A \cap B) = (0.1)^2 + (0.2)^2 = 0.05$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{5}{9}.$$

5. Suppose all circuits in a machine are either from brand A or B.

% of defective circuits from A is 5%.

% . . . . . B is 1%.

We inspect randomly two circuits.

If the first is found to be defective, what is the prob<sup>ty</sup> that the second is also defective?

$D_1 \rightarrow$  first one is defective

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_1) &= P(D_1|A)P(A) + P(D_1|B)P(B) \\ &= \frac{5}{100} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{1}{2} = 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

$D_2 \rightarrow$  second one is defective

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_1 \cap D_2) &= P(D_1 \cap D_2|A)P(A) \\ &\quad + P(D_1 \cap D_2|B)P(B) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{100}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{13}{(100)^2}$$

$$P(D_2 | D_1) = \frac{13}{300} > P(D_1) = \frac{3}{100}$$

$G_1 \rightarrow$  first is good

$G_2 \rightarrow$  second is good

$$P(G_1) = \frac{95}{100} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{99}{100} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{97}{100} = 0.97$$

$$P(G_2 \cap G_1) = \left(\frac{95}{100}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(G_2 | G_1) = 0.9704 \neq 0.97$$