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Assignment 7

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Download all python codes from

https://github.com/pranav-159/ ai1103_Probability_and_Random_variables/ blob/main/Assignment_7/codes/ experimental_verification_Assignment7.py

1 Problem

gov/stats/2015/statistics-I(1), Q.3(C)

Three points are chosen on the line of unit length. Find the probability that each the 3 line segments have length greater than $\frac{1}{4}$.

2 SOLUTION

Let $X, Y \in \{0, 1\}$ be the random variables which represent the position of two points on the line of unit length.

Conditions which should be satisfied to have three line segments with length greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ are given

Event	Condition
A	$\frac{1}{4} < X < \frac{3}{4}$
В	$\frac{1}{4} < Y < \frac{3}{4}$
С	$\frac{1}{4} < X - Y$
D	$\frac{1}{4} < Y - X$

TABLE 0: Events and their conditions

in the below table.

Then the required event which solves the problem

is ABC+ABD.

$$\Pr(ABC) = \Pr\left(\frac{1}{4} + Y < X, \frac{1}{4} < X, Y < \frac{3}{4}\right) \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$= \sum_{y=\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} P_Y(y) \Pr\left(\frac{1}{4} + y < X, \frac{1}{4} < X < \frac{3}{4}\right) \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$= \int_{y=\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} dy f_Y(y) \Pr\left(\frac{1}{4} + y < X < \frac{3}{4}\right) \quad (2.0.3)$$

As X is distributed uniformly between 0 and 1.

$$\Pr\left(\frac{1}{4} + y < X < \frac{3}{4}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - y & y \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.4)

Using (2.0.4),(2.0.3) can be written as

$$\Pr(ABC) = \int_{y=\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy f_Y(y) \left(\frac{1}{2} - y\right)$$
 (2.0.5)

As y is distributed uniformly between 0 and 1.

$$Pr(ABC) = \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} - y \, dy \qquad (2.0.6)$$
$$= \frac{1}{32} \qquad (2.0.7)$$

Similarly, we can find,

$$Pr(ABD) = \frac{1}{32}$$
 (2.0.8)

As C and D are mutually exclusive events.

$$Pr(ABC + ABD) = Pr(ABC) + Pr(ABD)$$
 (2.0.9)
= $\frac{1}{16}$ (2.0.10)

 \therefore probability that each of the three line segments have length greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ is $\frac{1}{16}$.