

EC ENGR 131A
Probability and Statistics
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Exam 1 - Version 3

Maximum score is 100 points. You have 110 minutes
to complete the exam. Please show your work.
Good luck!

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Problem	Score	Possible
1	20	20
2	15	15
3	20	20
4	10 + 15	25
5	20	20
Total	100	100

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~~1/4 2/4 1/4~~

1. Suppose X has the following PMF. Show all your work.

$$X = \begin{cases} -2, & \text{with probability } 1/6, \\ -1, & \text{with probability } 2/6, \\ 1, & \text{with probability } 2/6, \\ 2, & \text{with probability } 1/6. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(a) Compute $E[X]$. (10 points)

(b) Compute $Var(X)$. (10 points)

a) $E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot P(X=x_i) = -2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + (-1) \cdot \frac{2}{6} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \boxed{0} \checkmark$

b) $Var(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \cdot P(X=x_i) = (-2)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{2}{6} + (1)^2 \cdot \frac{2}{6} + (2)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$

$$= \frac{4}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \boxed{2} \checkmark$$

(20)

2. There are two identical boxes B_1 and B_2 . B_1 contains 4 red balls and 6 blue balls; and B_2 contains 2 red balls and 8 blue balls. A box is selected at random, and then we pick up a ball from the selected box. What is the probability that the chosen ball is red? (15 points)

$$B_1 \rightarrow \{RRRRBBBBBB\}$$

$$B_2 \rightarrow \{RRBBBBBBBB\}$$

A box is selected at Random. Sum of all Disjoint Pairs in sample space

$$\text{Let } P_{B_1} = P(B_1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since there are only 2 Boxes, $P(B_1) + P(B_2) = 1$

Since Identical $P(B_1) = P(B_2) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$P(R|B_1) = \frac{4}{4+6} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(R|B_2) = \frac{2}{2+8} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore P(R) = P(R|B_2)P(B_2) + P(R|B_1)P(B_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{10} \quad \checkmark$$

(15)

3. A biased coin with probability of tossing a heads being $\frac{3}{5}$, is tossed 4 times.

- (a) List all outcomes in the sample space S. (4 points) 4
 (b) What is the probability of getting exactly 2 heads? (8 points) 8
 (c) What is the probability of getting at least 2 heads? (8 points) 8

You may leave your answer as a fraction/sum of fractions.

$$P(H) = \frac{3}{5} \therefore P(T) = 1 - P(H) = \frac{2}{5}$$

a) Tossed 4 Times : Outcomes : ~~HHHH, HHHH, HHHH, HHHH~~

(H,H,H,H), (H,H,H,T), (H,H,T,H), (H,H,T,T),
 (H,T,H,H), (H,T,H,T), (H,T,T,H), (H,T,T,T),
 (T,H,H,H), (T,H,H,T), (T,H,T,H), (T,H,T,T),
 (T,T,H,H), (T,T,H,T), (T,T,T,H), (T,T,T,T)

4 tosses

$$|S| = 2^4 = 16$$

H/T

b) From counting, 2 heads the event: 2 heads, happens 6 times

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(2 \text{ heads}) &= P(HHTD) + P(HTHD) + P(HTTH) \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \\ &= \frac{3^2 2^2}{5^4} \cdot 6 \text{ possible ways} = \frac{216}{625} = P(2 \text{ heads}) \end{aligned}$$

c) Also from counting, the event at least 2 heads, happens 11 times

$$\therefore P = \frac{11}{16}$$

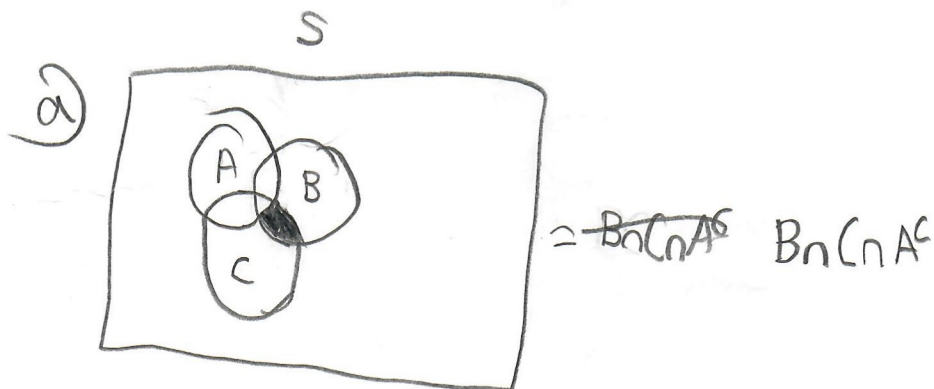
$$P(\text{at least 2 heads}) = P(HHTD) \cdot 6 + P(HHHH) \cdot 4 + P(HHHH)$$

$$= \frac{3^2 2^2}{5^4} \cdot 6 + \frac{3^3 2^1}{5^4} \cdot 4 + \frac{3^4 2^0}{5^4} \cdot 1$$

$$= \frac{216 + 54 + 81}{5^4} = \frac{351}{625}$$

4. Answer the following. Show all your work.

- (a) For 3 events A, B, and C defined on the sample space S, draw the Venn diagram and find the expression for "B and C occur, but A does not". Use only complements, intersections, and unions. (10 points) 10
- (b) Suppose $P(A)$ is $4/10$, $P(B)$ is $5/10$, and $P(A \cup B) = 6/10$. Compute $P(A \cap B)$, $P(A|B)$, and $P(B|A)$. (15 points)



b)

$$P(A) = \frac{4}{10}, \quad P(B) = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$P(A \cup B) = \frac{6}{10} = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = \frac{4}{10} + \frac{5}{10} - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\therefore P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{10} + \frac{5}{10} - \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{10} \checkmark$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{3}{10}}{\frac{5}{10}} = \frac{3}{5} \checkmark$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{3}{10}}{\frac{4}{10}} = \frac{3}{4} \checkmark$$

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$$\binom{k}{c} = \frac{k!}{c!(k-c)!}$$

$$\frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{24}{2 \cdot 2} = 6$$

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$$\binom{k}{c} = \leftarrow \boxed{6} \rightarrow \text{to account for order}$$

5. Suppose you are taking a test with 12 multiple choice questions where each question can be answered by one of 7 different choices.

- (a) In how many ways can you answer this test? (4 points) 4
- (b) What is the probability that you answer 5 of the questions correctly? (8 points) 8
- (c) What is the probability that you answer 10 of the questions correctly? (8 points) 8

You may leave answers as fractions and unexpanded binomial coefficients.

reps correct

a) 12 mcq, 7 choices

of ways to answer test = 7^{12}

b) We need exactly 5/12, with 7 choices.

$$P = \frac{\# \text{ ways to get exactly } 5/12}{\# \text{ ways to answer test}}$$

ways to get exactly 5/12 =

number of ways to get the first 5 correct & other 7 wrong

$$= (7-1)^{12-5} \cdot \binom{12}{5} = 6^7 \binom{12}{5}$$

c) Similarly, $P = \frac{(7-1)^{12-10} \cdot \binom{12}{10}}{7^{12}}$

$$P = \frac{6^2}{7^{12}} \cdot \binom{12}{10}$$

6

Smaller example 2 sample space
4 mcq = 4 mcq
3 choices = 3 choices
 $P(2 \text{ correct}) = c \text{ correct}$
for all nets =
 $3^4 = n^k$

to answer c/k

... $1/n$
... $1/n$
... $(n-1)/n$
... $(n-1)/n$
1 2 3 4 5 6

this means Unordered

ways to get first c correct & next $k-c$ wrong

$$\frac{1!}{n!} \cdot 1^c \cdot (n-1)^{k-c}$$

* Showing possible ways to get diff combinations of c correct

ways to arrange 5 different questions as correct.