

**ECE 317**  
**Chapter 1**  
**Homework Solutions**

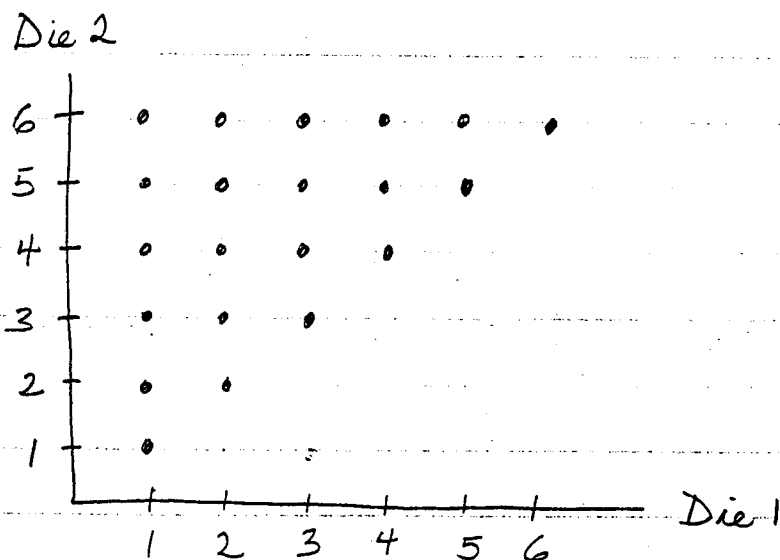
1.2.2) Sketch a sample space to represent possible outcomes of roll of two indistinguishable dice.

From ex 1.2.1, p. 6,

$$S_2 = \{11, 12, \dots, 16, 22, \dots, 26, 33, \dots, 66\}$$

(Don't have a 21 because it is indistinguishable from 12)

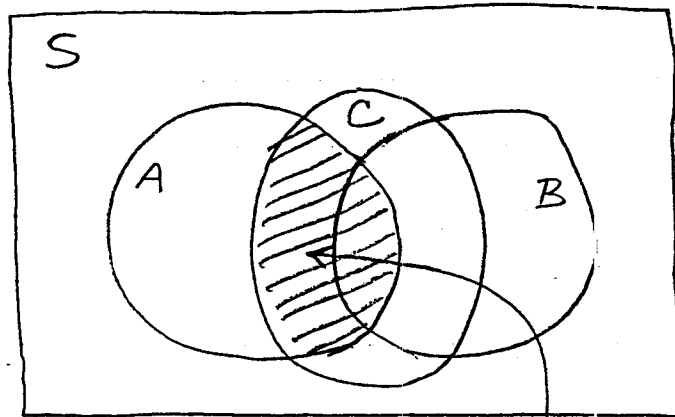
( $S_2$  contains  $6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 21$  elements)



1.2.5) Given only that  $(A \cap B) \subset C$ ,  
fill in the blanks: (one letter per blank)

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = \_\_\_ \cap \_\_\_$$

Venn Diagram:



$A \cap (B \cup C)$

$$= A \cap C$$

From the diagram,

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = \boxed{A \cap C}$$

## 1.2.6) Prove Problem 1.2.5

Given  $(A \cap B) \subset C$

Must prove that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = A \cap C$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

from distributive property.

Given  $(A \cap B) \subset C \leftarrow$  Take intersection  
of both sides with A.

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{A \cap (A \cap B)}_{= A \cap B} \subset A \cap C$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B \subset A \cap C$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) = A \cap C$$

Substituting:

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = A \cap C$$

$\therefore$

1.2.7) Given only that  $B \subset C$ ,  
fill in the blanks: (one letter per blank)

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = \_ \cup (\_ \cap \_)$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$$

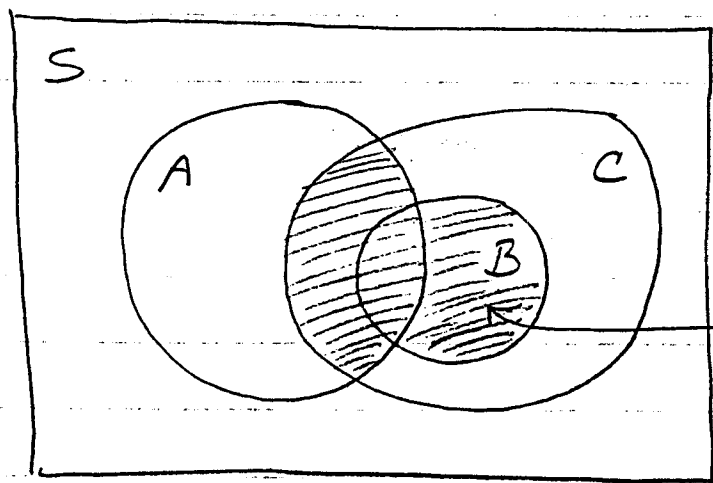
from distributive property  
 $B \cap C = B$ , because  $B \subset C$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup B$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \cap C = B \cup (A \cap C)$$

from commutative property

Venn Diagram:



$$(A \cup B) \cap C = B \cup (A \cap C)$$

1.2.11) Given  $S = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq 10\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  
 $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ ,  $C = \{3, 4, 7, 9, 10\}$

- Determine  $(A \cap C) \cup B$

$$A \cap C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap C) \cup B = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

- Determine  $(A \cup C)^c \cap B$

$$A \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$$

$$(A \cup C)^c = \{6, 8\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cup C)^c \cap B = \{6, 8\}$$

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1.2.12

1.2.12) How many subsets of  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  exist?  
List them.

$S$  contains 3 mutually exclusive elements.

$\Rightarrow$  There are  $2^3 = 8$  subsets of  $S$ .

They are

$S$ ,  
 $\emptyset$ ,  
 $\{1\}$ ,  
 $\{2\}$ ,  
 $\{3\}$ ,  
 $\{1, 2\}$ ,  
 $\{1, 3\}$ ,  
and  $\{2, 3\}$

1.3.2) Given  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2, 3\} \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $B = \{3, 4, 5\} \in \mathcal{A}$   
 where  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra.

Determine  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$\mathcal{A}$  must include  $S$ ,  $S^c = \emptyset$ ,

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}, \quad B = \{3, 4, 5\},$$

$$A^c = \{4, 5\}, \quad B^c = \{1, 2\},$$

and all unions and intersections of these:

$$A \cup B = S \text{ (already included)}$$

$$A \cap B = \{3\}$$

$$A \cup B^c = A \text{ (already included)}$$

$$A \cap B^c = B^c \quad "$$

$$A^c \cup B = B \quad "$$

$$A^c \cap B = A^c \quad "$$

$$A^c \cup B^c = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$$

$$A^c \cap B^c = \emptyset \text{ (already included)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \{S, \emptyset, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \\ \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2\}, \\ \{3\}, \{1, 2, 4, 5\}\}$$



1.3.5) Given  $P(i) = \frac{1}{5}$  in problem 1.3.2, determine the probability assignment for  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Note:  $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}$  are mutually exclusive events.

$$\Rightarrow P(\{1, 2, 3\}) = P(1) + P(2) + P(3) \\ = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } P(\{3, 4, 5\}) = \frac{3}{5}, \quad P(\{4, 5\}) = \frac{2}{5},$$

$$P(\{1, 2\}) = \frac{2}{5}, \quad P(\{3\}) = \frac{1}{5},$$

$$P(\{1, 2, 4, 5\}) = \frac{4}{5}$$

Recall from 1.3.2,

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \emptyset, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2, 4, 5\} \right\}$$

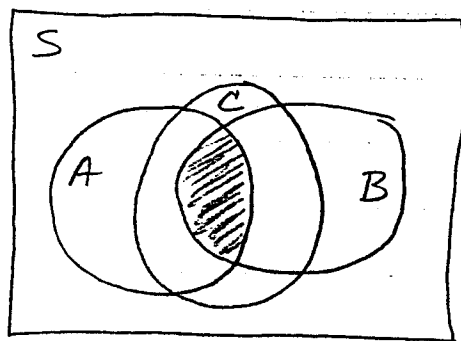
$$\Rightarrow P = \left\{ 1, 0, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\}$$

Note: my order is different from book's.

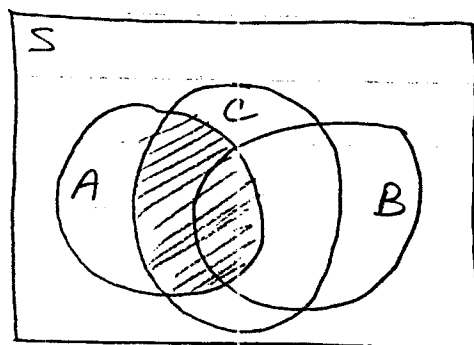
1.3.8) Given  $(A \cap B) \subset C$

Determine and prove whether  
 $P(A \cap B) \leq, =, \text{ or } \geq P(A \cap C)$

Venn diagrams are helpful:



$A \cap B$



$A \cap C$

We can see from diagrams that  $(A \cap B) \subset (A \cap C)$ , but this does not constitute a proof.

To prove: Given,  $(A \cap B) \subset C$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{A \cap (A \cap B)} \subset A \cap C \quad (\text{from ex. 1.2.5})$$

$$= (A \cap A) \cap B \quad (\text{associative property})$$

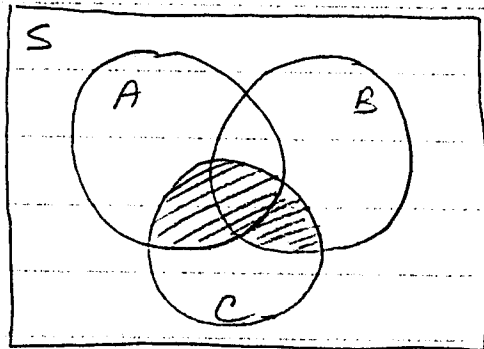
$$= A \cap B \quad (A \cap A = A)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B) \subset (A \cap C)$$

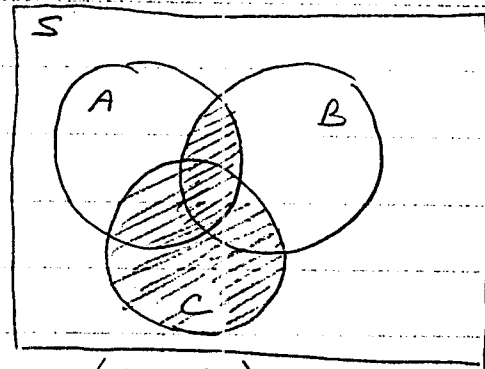
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(A \cap B) \leq P(A \cap C)}$$

1.3.10) Fill in the blank and prove  
 $P[(A \cup B) \cap C] \leq, =, \geq P[(A \cap B) \cup C]$

Venn diagrams:



$(A \cup B) \cap C$



$(A \cap B) \cup C$

Note:  $(A \cup B) \cap C \subset (A \cap B) \cup C$

Proof:

$(A \cup B) \cap C \subset C$  (intersection property, p. 9)

$C \subset (A \cap B) \cup C$  (union property, p. 8)

$\Rightarrow (A \cup B) \cap C \subset (A \cap B) \cup C$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{P[(A \cup B) \cap C] \leq P[(A \cap B) \cup C]}$

1.4.2) Given three tossings of a die,  
 $A_i = \{\text{outcome} \leq 2 \text{ on } i\text{th toss}\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_3) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\swarrow$  either 1 or 2  
 $\nwarrow$  out of 6 possible

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cup A_2) &= P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \\ &= P(A_1) + P(A_2) - \underbrace{P(A_1)P(A_2)}_{\substack{\text{because } A_1 \text{ and } A_2 \\ \text{are statistically} \\ \text{independent}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}} = \boxed{0.556} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) &= P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \\ &\quad - P(A_1 \cap A_3) - P(A_2 \cap A_3) + P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{19}{27}} = \boxed{0.704} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{outcomes} > 2 \text{ on all three tosses})$$

$$= 1 - P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{19}{27} = \boxed{\frac{8}{27}} = \boxed{0.296}$$

1.4.4) A die is tossed until two successive tosses yield the same outcome.

Need to determine  $P_i$  = probability of stopping on  $i$ th toss.

{stopping on  $i$ th toss} =

$$\{(toss\ 2 \neq toss\ 1) \cap (toss\ 3 \neq toss\ 2) \cap \dots \\ \dots \cap (toss\ i-1 \neq toss\ i-2) \cap (toss\ i = toss\ i-1)\}$$

these events are all statistically independent.

$$\Rightarrow P_i = P(toss\ 2 \neq toss\ 1) P(toss\ 3 \neq toss\ 2) \dots \\ = \dots P(toss\ i-1 \neq toss\ i-2) P(toss\ i = toss\ i-1)$$

$$\text{Note: } \left. \begin{array}{l} P(toss\ j = toss\ k) = \frac{1}{6} \\ \text{and } P(toss\ j \neq toss\ k) = \frac{5}{6} \end{array} \right\} \text{ for } j \neq k$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = \underbrace{\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)\dots\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}_{i-2 \text{ terms}} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$P_i = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{i-2} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

1.4.7) Given Box A contains 8 white, 2 green balls  
Box B " 5 white, 5 green balls  
Box C " 6 white, 4 green balls  
and  $P(A) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(C) = \frac{1}{4}$

- Need  $P(C|W)$  (may use Bayes' theorem)

$$\text{Note: } P(W|A) = \frac{8}{10}, P(G|A) = \frac{2}{10}$$

$$P(W|B) = \frac{5}{10}, P(G|B) = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$P(W|C) = \frac{6}{10}, P(G|C) = \frac{4}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(W) &= P(W|A)P(A) + P(W|B)P(B) + P(W|C)P(C) \\ &= \left(\frac{8}{10}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{10}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{6}{10}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{Bayes'}) : \boxed{P(C|W)} = \frac{P(W|C)P(C)}{P(W)} = \frac{\left(\frac{6}{10}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}} = \boxed{0.25}$$

- Are C and W statistically independent?

Yes, because  $P(C) = P(C|W) = \frac{1}{4}$

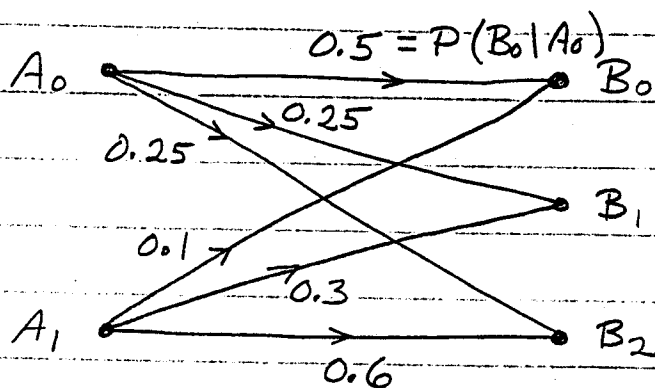
- Need  $P(G)$

$$\boxed{P(G)} = 1 - P(W) = 1 - \frac{3}{5} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} = \boxed{0.4}$$

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1.4.9  
p.1

1.4.9)



Given :

$$P(A_0) = 0.6$$

$$P(A_1) = 0.4$$

- Determine best choice for A given  $B_0, B_1, B_2$ :

Total probability of  $B_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_0) &= P(B_0|A_0)P(A_0) + P(B_0|A_1)P(A_1) \\ &= (0.5)(0.6) + (0.1)(0.4) = 0.34 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A_0|B_0) = \frac{P(B_0|A_0)P(A_0)}{P(B_0)} = \frac{(0.5)(0.6)}{(0.34)} = 0.882$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1|B_0) = 1 - P(A_0|B_0) = 1 - 0.882 = 0.118$$

$\Rightarrow$  Best choice given  $B_0$  is  $A_0$ .

Total probability of  $B_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_1) &= P(B_1|A_0)P(A_0) + P(B_1|A_1)P(A_1) \\ &= (0.25)(0.6) + (0.3)(0.4) = 0.27 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A_0|B_1) = \frac{P(B_1|A_0)P(A_0)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{(0.25)(0.6)}{(0.27)} = 0.556$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1|B_1) = 1 - P(A_0|B_1) = 1 - 0.556 = 0.444$$

$\Rightarrow$  Best choice given  $B_1$  is  $A_0$ .

1.4.9) Total probability of  $B_2$  :

Cont.)  $P(B_2) = 1 - P(B_0) - P(B_1)$

$$= 1 - 0.34 - 0.27 = 0.39$$

$$P(A_0|B_2) = \frac{P(B_2|A_0)P(A_0)}{P(B_2)} = \frac{(0.25)(0.6)}{(0.39)} = 0.385$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1|B_2) = 1 - P(A_0|B_2) = 1 - 0.385 = 0.615$$

$\Rightarrow$  Best choice given  $B_2$  is  $A_1$ .

- Determine the probability of error,  $P(e)$ :  
 $P(e) = 1 - P(C)$ , where  $P(C)$  = probability of being correct.

$$P(C) = P(C|B_0)P(B_0) + P(C|B_1)P(B_1) + P(C|B_2)P(B_2)$$

Note: if we use the above decision rules,

then  $P(C|B_0) = P(A_0|B_0)$

$P(C|B_1) = P(A_0|B_1)$

and  $P(C|B_2) = P(A_1|B_1)$

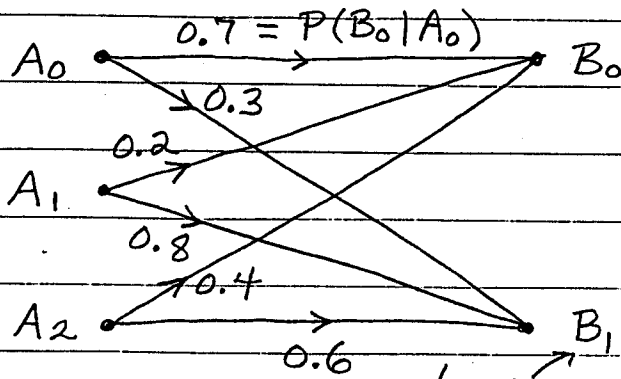
$$\Rightarrow P(C) = P(A_0|B_0)P(B_0) + P(A_0|B_1)P(B_1) + P(A_1|B_2)P(B_2)$$

$$= (0.882)(0.34) + (0.556)(0.27) + (0.615)(0.39) \\ = 0.300 + 0.150 + 0.240 = 0.69$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(e)} = 1 - P(C) = 1 - 0.69 = \boxed{0.31}$$



1.4.10)



Given:

$$P(A_0) = 0.5$$

$$P(A_1) = 0.4$$

$$P(A_2) = 0.1$$

(This is "B<sub>2</sub>" in Fig. P1.4.10)

Need to determine best choice for A  
given B<sub>0</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>.

Total probability of B<sub>0</sub>:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_0) &= P(B_0|A_0)P(A_0) + P(B_0|A_1)P(A_1) + P(B_0|A_2)P(A_2) \\ &= (0.7)(0.5) + (0.2)(0.4) + (0.4)(0.1) = 0.47 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A_0|B_0) = \frac{P(B_0|A_0)P(A_0)}{P(B_0)} = \frac{(0.7)(0.5)}{0.47} \cong 0.745$$

$$P(A_1|B_0) = \frac{P(B_0|A_1)P(A_1)}{P(B_0)} = \frac{(0.2)(0.4)}{0.47} \cong 0.170$$

$$P(A_2|B_0) = \frac{P(B_0|A_2)P(A_2)}{P(B_0)} = \frac{(0.4)(0.1)}{0.47} \cong 0.085$$

Note: could compute  $P(A_2|B_0)$  instead  
in this way:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_2|B_0) &= 1 - P(A_0|B_0) - P(A_1|B_0) \\ &= 1 - 0.745 - 0.170 = 0.085 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Best choice given B<sub>0</sub> is A<sub>0</sub>.

Total probability of B<sub>1</sub>:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_1) &= P(B_1|A_0)P(A_0) + P(B_1|A_1)P(A_1) + P(B_1|A_2)P(A_2) \\ &= (0.3)(0.5) + (0.8)(0.4) + (0.6)(0.1) = 0.53 \end{aligned}$$

1.4.10) Note: it is easier to compute  $P(B_1)$  as  
Cont.)  $P(B_1) = 1 - P(B_0) = 1 - 0.47 = 0.53$

$$P(A_0|B_1) = \frac{P(B_1|A_0)P(A_0)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{(0.3)(0.5)}{0.53} \approx 0.283$$

$$P(A_1|B_1) = \frac{P(B_1|A_1)P(A_1)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{(0.8)(0.4)}{0.53} \approx 0.604$$

$$P(A_2|B_1) = \frac{P(B_1|A_2)P(A_2)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{(0.6)(0.1)}{0.53} = 0.113$$

Or, an easier method:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_2|B_1) &= 1 - P(A_0|B_1) - P(A_1|B_1) \\ &= 1 - 0.283 - 0.604 = 0.113 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Best choice given  $B_1$  is  $A_1$ .

Need to determine probability of error:  
 $P(e) = 1 - P(C)$ , where  $P(C)$  = probability  
of being correct.

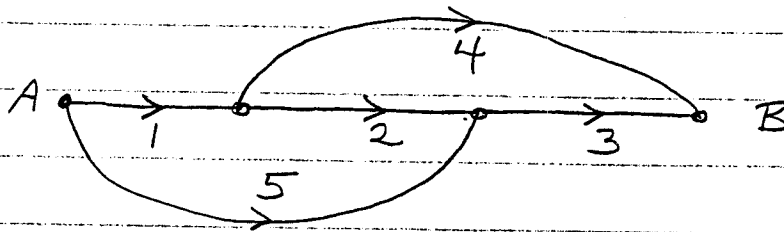
$$P(C) = P(C|B_0)P(B_0) + P(C|B_1)P(B_1)$$

Note: if we use the above decision rules,  
then  $P(C|B_0) = P(A_0|B_0)$   
and  $P(C|B_1) = P(A_1|B_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(C) &= (0.745)(0.47) + (0.604)(0.53) \\ &\approx 0.67 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(e) = 1 - P(C) = 1 - 0.67 = 0.33$$

1.4.15) Determine  $P(\text{comm})$  for this network:



Given  $P_1 = 0.75$ ,  $P_2 = 0.8$ ,  $P_3 = 0.6$ ,  $P_4 = 0.4$ ,  
and  $P_5 = 0.5$

(lines are all statistically independent).

Note: none of the lines are in series or parallel, so we have to analyze the system by considering all possible paths from A to B:

$$P(\text{comm}) = P[(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) \cup (1 \cap 4) \cup (5 \cap 3)]$$

(Also note that these paths are not statistically independent).

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(\text{comm})} = P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) + P(1 \cap 4) + P(5 \cap 3) \\ - P[(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) \cap (1 \cap 4)] - P[(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) \cap (5 \cap 3)] \\ - P[(1 \cap 4) \cap (5 \cap 3)] + P[(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) \cap (1 \cap 4) \\ \cap (5 \cap 3)]$$

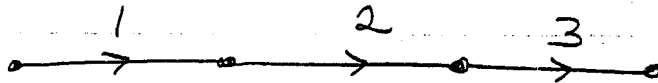
$$= P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) + P(1 \cap 4) + P(5 \cap 3) \\ - P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3 \cap 4) - P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3 \cap 5) \\ - P(1 \cap 3 \cap 4 \cap 5) + P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3 \cap 4 \cap 5)$$

$$= P_1 P_2 P_3 + P_1 P_4 + P_3 P_5 - P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 - P_1 P_2 P_3 P_5 \\ - P_1 P_3 P_4 P_5 + P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5$$

$$= 0.36 + 0.3 + 0.3 - 0.144 - 0.18 - 0.09 + 0.072 = \boxed{0.618}$$

1.4.19) Given 3 statistically independent components with reliabilities  $P_1 = P_2 = P_3$  and  $P(\text{oper}) = 0.9$  for entire system

For components in series:



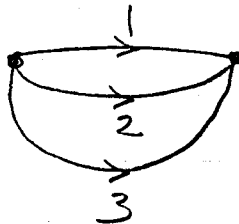
For proper system operation, all three components must operate properly:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(\text{oper}) &= P(1 \cap 2 \cap 3) = P_1 P_2 P_3 \\ &= P_1^3 \quad \leftarrow \text{because of statistical independence.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.9 = P_1^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = \sqrt[3]{0.9} = 0.965}$$

For components in parallel:



At least one component must operate properly.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(\text{oper}) &= P(1 \cup 2 \cup 3) \\ &= 1 - P[(1 \cup 2 \cup 3)^c] \\ &= 1 - P(1^c \cap 2^c \cap 3^c) \\ &= 1 - P(1^c)P(2^c)P(3^c) \quad \leftarrow \text{because of statistical independence} \\ &= 1 - (1 - P_1)(1 - P_2)(1 - P_3) \\ &= 1 - (1 - P_1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$0.9 = 1 - (1 - P_1)^3 \Rightarrow \boxed{P_1 = 1 - \sqrt[3]{1 - 0.9} = 0.536}$$

1.4.29) Given that  $P(A|B) \geq P(A)$ ,  
Determine and prove  
 $P(A^c|B) \leq, =, \geq P(A^c)$

Given  $P(A|B) \geq P(A)$  (and both are nonnegative),  
then  $-P(A|B) \leq -P(A)$

Add 1 to both sides:

$$\underbrace{1 - P(A|B)}_{P(A^c|B)} \leq \underbrace{1 - P(A)}_{P(A^c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(A^c|B) \leq P(A^c)}$$