

**Problem 15.15** Among 400 students, 150 are in math, 120 are in bio and 50 are math-bio duals. What are the chances a random student is in: (a) math or bio (b) bio and not math (c) neither math nor bio?

(a)  $|Math \cup Bio| = |Math| + |Bio| - |Math \cap Bio|.$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Math \cup Bio|) &= P(|Math|) + P(|Bio|) - P(|Math \cap Bio|) \\ &= \frac{150}{400} + \frac{120}{400} - \frac{50}{400} \\ &= \frac{11}{20} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $|Math^c \cap Bio - Math| = |Bio - Bio \cap Math|$ , since biology is a subset of not math.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Math^c \cap Bio|) &= P(|Bio - Bio \cap Math|) \\ &= \frac{70}{400} \\ &= \frac{7}{40} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $|Math \cup Bio|^c = \Omega - |Math \cup Bio|.$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Math \cup Bio|^c) &= P(\Omega) - P(|Math \cup Bio|) \\ &= 1 - \frac{11}{20} \\ &= \frac{9}{20} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 16.55** (Clinical tests). Chances are 80% that an untreated person gets acne during a month's observation. Chances are 40% an acne drug works. If the drug works, 90% of acne cases are suppressed. Patients arrive (one per month), are randomly either given the drug (treated group) or not (control group), and then observed for a month.

- (a) What are the chances the first patient to develop acne is a control patient?
- (b) What are the chances the drug is effective if the first patient to develop acne is a control patient?
- (c) What are the chances the drug is effective if the first patient to develop acne is a treated patient?

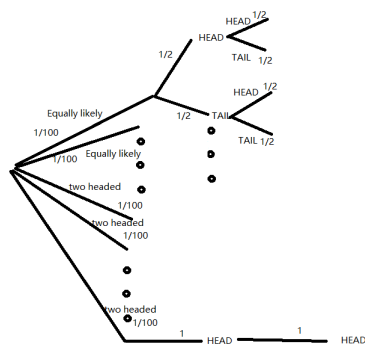
(a).

$$\begin{aligned} P[\text{patient to develop acne} \cap \text{is control group}] &= P[\text{patient to develop acne} | \text{is control group}] P[\text{is control group}]. \\ &= 0.8 * 0.5 = 40\% \end{aligned}$$

(b).

$$P[\text{drug is effective} | \text{first patient is develop group}] =$$

**Problem 16.42.** Five out of 100 coins are two-headed. You randomly pick a coin and flip it “fairly” twice (each side is equally probable). What is the probability to get (a) 2 heads (b) 2 tails (c) matching tosses?



(a). According to the probabability tree, we have  $P(2 \text{ heads}) = \sum_{i=1}^{95} \frac{1}{400} + \sum_{i=96}^{100} \frac{1}{100} = \frac{95}{400} + \frac{5}{100} = \frac{23}{80}$ .

(b). According to the probabability tree, we have  $P(2 \text{ tails}) = \sum_{i=1}^{95} \frac{1}{400} + \sum_{i=96}^{100} 0 = \frac{95}{400} = \frac{19}{80}$ .

(c). According to the probabability tree, we have  $P(2 \text{ tosses match}) = \sum_{i=1}^{95} \frac{2}{400} + \sum_{i=96}^{100} \frac{1}{100} = \frac{90}{400} + \frac{5}{100} = \frac{21}{40}$ .

**Problem 16.81.** You have a fair 5-sided die which can generate one of the numbers  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  with probability  $\frac{1}{5}$  each. You wish to simulate a fair 7-sided die which generates a number in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  with probability  $\frac{1}{7}$  each. Give an algorithm to do so, and prove it.

Toss a coin 2 times,  $\forall (i, j) \in \{1 \dots 5\} \times \{1 \dots 5\}$ , we have  $(1, 1) = 1, (2, 2) = 2, (3, 3) = 3, (4, 4) = 4, (5, 5) = 5, (5, 1) = 6, (5, 2) = 7$ . Other wise, we restart.

Prove: Let  $n$  be an arbitrary number and  $n \in \{1, \dots, 7\}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[n] &= p[n|(1, 1)]P[(1, 1)] + p[n|(1, 2)]P[(1, 2)] + \dots + p[n|(i, j)]P[(i, j)] + P[n|restart]P[restart] \\
 P[n] &= \frac{1}{25}(\text{since there will be only 1 exact match}) + \frac{18}{25}P[n] \\
 \frac{17}{25}P[n] &= \frac{1}{25} \\
 P[n] &= \frac{1}{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 17.35.** You have 100 and bet 1 at a time on roulette. Your goal is to win 50. Compute the probability that you reach your goal before going bankrupt.

I here assume it is exactly the same roulette as the one on the book.

probability of landing on red (probability of winning) =  $\frac{18}{38}$ . There are fifty steps away from winning, thus

$L = 150$ . The formula is  $P(k, l, p) = \frac{p^k - p^l}{p^k - 1}$ .

Thus we have  $P[\text{win}] = P(50, 150, p) = \frac{0.9^{150} - 0.9^{50}}{0.9^{150} - 1} = 2.64 \times 10^{-5}$ .

**Problem 18.82.** You have  $N$  coins in your pocket.  $N$  is unknown and has a Poisson PDF,  $P[N = k] = P[N = k] = \frac{e^{-2}2^k}{k!}$ . You toss all the coins. What is the PDF for the number of H you get?

$P[N = k] = \frac{e^{-2}2^k}{k!}$ . Since the probability of getting head is one half, thus we have

$$P\left[\frac{N}{2} = k\right] = P[N = 2k] = \frac{e^{-2}2^{2k}}{2k!}.$$