

Sundry  
w/ friends

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# 1) Probability Potpourri

a)  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$

Show  $P[A \setminus B] \geq P[A] - P[B]$

↑ set of elements in  
A but not in B

$$P[A \setminus B] = P[A \cap \bar{B}]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$P[A \cap \bar{B}] = P[A] - P[A \cap B]$$

Since the intersection of A & B  $\subseteq$  B  
 $P[A \cap B]$  is at most  $P[B]$

$$\therefore P[A] - P[A \cap B] \geq P[A] - P[B]$$

b) Prove D is independent of C

$$P[D | C] = P[D | \bar{C}]$$

$$P[D] = P[D | C] \cdot P[C] + P[D | \bar{C}] \cdot P[\bar{C}]$$

$$= P[D | \bar{C}] \cdot (P[\bar{C}] + P[C])$$

$$P[C] = 1 - P[\bar{C}]$$

$$= P[D] = P[D | C] \cdot 1$$

$\therefore$  D is independent of C

c) Counterexample

$P[A]$  = fair coin lands on heads

$P[B]$  = fair coin tails

$\Downarrow$

$$P[A \cap B] = 0$$

$$P[A | B] = 0$$

However, since it is a fair coin,  
 $P[A] = 0.5$ .

$P[B | A] = 0$ , but by the same logic,  
 $P[B] = 0.5$ .

Since  $P[A | B] \neq P[A]$  and  $P[B | A] \neq P[B]$   
A and B are not independent just b/c they are disjoint.

## 2) Independent Complements

$\Omega$  - sample space

$A, B \in \Omega$  - two independent events

a)  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  must be independent

$$\bar{A} = 1 - P[A]$$

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

$$\bar{B} = 1 - P[B]$$

$$P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = P[\bar{A}]P[\bar{B}]$$

$$= 1 - P[A] \cdot 1 - P[B]$$

$\Downarrow$

$$1 - P[B] - P[A] + P[A] * P[B]$$

LHS:

$$P[\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}]$$

$$1 - P[\overline{\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}}]$$

$$1 - P[A \cup B] \quad \text{principle of inclusion/exclusion}$$

$$1 - (P[A] + P[B]) + P[A \cap B] \quad \text{b/c independent}$$

$$P[A]P[B]$$

$\therefore \bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are independent

b)  $A$  and  $\bar{B}$  must be independent

$$P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P[A] \cdot P[\bar{B}]$$

$$= P[A] \cdot (1 - P[B])$$

$$= P[A] - P[A]P[B]$$

$$= P[A] - P[A \cap B]$$

$\uparrow$  the part of  $A$  that does not contain  $B$

$$= P[A \cap \bar{B}]$$

$\therefore A$  and  $\bar{B}$  are independent

c)  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  must be independent

$$P(A \cap \bar{A}) = P[A] \cdot P[\bar{A}]$$

$$= P[A] \cdot (1 - P[A])$$

$$= P[A] - P[A]P[A]$$

$$= P[A] - P[A \cap A] \quad \therefore A \text{ and } \bar{A} \text{ are dependent}$$

d) Counterexample:

Let's say for flipping a fair coin,  $P(A) = \text{heads}$  and  $P(B) = \text{tails}$ .

$P(A \cap A) = \frac{1}{2}$ , but  $P(A) \cdot P(A) = \frac{1}{4}$ ;  $\frac{1}{4} \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , so  $A \neq B$  if they are independent.

### 3) Monty Hall's Revenge

- a)  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  i - prize door  $\rightarrow n$   
 $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{1}{n} \times \dots \times 1 \right\}$  winning if you j - door choosable  $\rightarrow n$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n-1}$  k - door Carol opens  $\rightarrow n-1$  if  $j=i$   
 $\rightarrow n-2$  if  $j \neq i$

$$\Omega = \{n \cdot n \cdot n-1\}$$

$$= \{n \cdot n \cdot n-2\}$$

P.S: probability winning if switch  
 switch if  $i \neq j$

$$P[i \neq j] = \frac{n-1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \text{ probability that } i=j$$

$$P[\text{switching}] = \frac{1}{n-2} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} n-1 & -1 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{door Carol chose} & \text{door you just chose} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{prob winning if we switch} = \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n-2} \right)$$

$$\text{prob not switching} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n-2} > \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

prob winning if switch
prob. not switching

b) 10 doors  
 reveal 8 doors  
 2 doors left

$$\text{Switch} = \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} n-(n-2) \\ n-n+2 \\ \hookrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{not Switch} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{n}$$

switching
not switching

$\hookrightarrow$  switching will increase odds

- c)  $k < n-1$  cars  
 $n-k$  goats  $\rightarrow n > 2$  doors

$$\frac{k}{n} \cdot \frac{k-1}{n-1-j} + \left( \frac{k}{n-1-j} \cdot \frac{n-k}{n} \right) > \frac{k}{n}$$

$\downarrow$  car on first pick
 $\downarrow$  car on 2nd given car on 1st
 $\downarrow$  car on second given goat on first
 $\downarrow$   $n-k$  goats from  $n$  doors
- probability not switching

$k-1$   
 $\uparrow$  we already picked 1 car out of  $k$  cars

$n-1-j \rightarrow n$  doors minus  $j$  doors revealed + previous door

- ∴  $k$  should be small → the fewer the amount of cars, the bigger the advantage of switching.
- $j$  should be large → the more goats are revealed, the better the chances are for switching.

#### 4) Cliques in Random Graphs

a)

$$\frac{n(n-1)/2}{2} \quad \text{total \# possible edges} \quad \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

b) total edges:  $2^{k(k-1)/2}$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{2^{k(k-1)/2}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{either on/off} \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{ chance} \end{array}$

c) condition

1) share 0 edges

2) share 1 vertex

for a graph w/ lower amount of edges, it has higher likelihood of being connected than a graph w/ higher amount of edges.

d)  $\binom{n}{k}$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} \leq n^k$$

$$\frac{n \cdot n-1 \cdot n-2 \cdot \dots \cdot n-k+1}{k!} \leq n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n \text{ (k times)}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  the numerator on the left is a product of decreasing terms, which is already going to be smaller than  $n^k$ , which can be expressed as the product of  $n$   $k$ -times.

e)  $A_i$  - specific  $k$ -clique exists

$\binom{n}{k}$  - how many indiv.  $k$ -cliques exist

$$\binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k(k-1)/2}} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  using union bound:  
our  $n$  depends on  
how many  $k$ -cliques we  
can even form

$$\binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k(k-1)/2}} \leq n^k \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k(k-1)/2}} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$n^{4\log_2 n + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{4\log_2 n + 1((4\log_2 n + 1) - 1)/2}} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n \text{ (} 4\log_2 n + 1 \text{ times)} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{4\log_2 n + 1((4\log_2 n + 1) - 1)/2}} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$\uparrow$  since this is smaller than  $n$ , the product of LHS  $< \frac{1}{n}$

5) Symmetric Marbles  
- 4 red & 4 blue marbles

Rachel:  $R > B$  Tie:  $B = R$

Brooke:  $B > R$

a)  $A_1$  - first marble is red  
 $A_2$  - second marble is red } No, they are not independent b/c we are drawing w/o replacement. Thus,  $A_2$  is dependent on the outcome of  $A_1$ .

b) Probability Rachel wins

$| \Omega | = \binom{8}{4}$  choose 4 balls out of 8 to be red

how many of these does Rachel win in

$$\begin{aligned} 3R + 1B &\Rightarrow \left( \frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \right) 4 \\ \text{or} \\ 4R + 0B &\Rightarrow \frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \uparrow 4 \text{ possible} \\ \text{reorderings} \end{array} \right\} \begin{aligned} &= \frac{96}{1680} \cdot 4 = \frac{2}{35} \cdot 4 = \frac{8}{35} \\ &= \frac{24}{1680} = \frac{3}{210} = \frac{1}{70} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{35} + \frac{1}{70}}{\binom{8}{4}} = \boxed{\frac{\frac{17}{70}}{\binom{8}{4}}}$$

c)  $P[RRRR] : \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{3}{7} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{3}{210} = \boxed{\frac{1}{70}}$

$\uparrow$   $4/8 = 1/2$  chance of grabbing 1st red marble  
 $\uparrow$   $3/7$  red marbles / total marbles  
 $\uparrow$   $1/3$  red marbles  
 $\uparrow$   $2/6$  red marbles

if Rachel wins, all marbles are red = 100%

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{All red} \mid \text{Rachel Wins}) &= \frac{P(R \cap W)}{P[W]} = \frac{P[W \mid R] \cdot P[R]}{P[W]} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \left[ \frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \right]}{\frac{\frac{17}{70}}{\binom{8}{4}}} = \boxed{\frac{\frac{1}{70} \cdot \binom{8}{4}}{\frac{17}{70}}} \end{aligned}$$



8 red marbles  
4 blue marbles

d) probability 3rd marble is red?

Disc 9A : symmetry : probability  
of picking first marble + it being red  
is the same as third  $\rightarrow \frac{8}{12} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

e)  $K=0 - 0$      $K=2 - \frac{3}{4}$      $K=4 \rightarrow 1$   
 $K=1 - \frac{1}{4}$      $K=3 - \frac{3}{4}$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{\frac{K}{4}}$$

f)  $P(\text{Rachel Wins} \mid \text{Third marble is red})$

$\hookrightarrow$  complement of Rachel winning

3B + 1R

$$\frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{9} = \frac{24}{990} = \frac{4}{165}$$

$\uparrow$  11 balls,  
12-1 red ball

$$1 - \frac{4}{165} = \frac{161}{165}$$

$$P[\text{Rachel Wins} \mid \text{Third marble}] = \frac{161}{165}$$

b) socks

$$a) |\Omega| = 2n!$$

↑  $2n!$  length

$$P[W \in \Omega] = \frac{1}{2n!}$$

$$b) P[A_i] = (2n-1)! \cdot 2$$

we have  $2n!$  socks, consider -1 sock  
then you have either right/left (represented  
as  $\cdot 2$ )

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{2(2n-1)!}{2n!} = \frac{2(2n-1)!}{2n \cdot (2n-1)!} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{divide over} \\ \text{sample space} \end{array} \right\} \therefore P[A_i] = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$c) P[A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_k]$$

$$\therefore \frac{(2n-k)! \cdot 2^k}{2n!}$$

↑ for each of the  $k$   
socks, either L or R, so 2 choices  
each  $\rightarrow 2^k$

$$d) |A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1}$$

using inclusion/exclusion:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n A_i - \sum (A_i \cap A_j) + \sum (A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sum (A_i \cap A_j \cap A_n \cap A_b) \dots + \sum (A_i \cap A_2 \dots A_n)$$

$$= \frac{\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{2^{1+2i} (2n - (1+2i))!}{2n!} - \frac{(2^{(2+2i)}) (2n - (2+2i))}{2n!} \right) + \frac{2^n (2n-n)!}{2n}}{2n!}$$

e) complement of d

$$1 - \frac{\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{2^{1+2i} (2n - (1+2i))!}{2n!} - \frac{(2^{(2+2i)}) (2n - (2+2i))}{2n!} \right) + \frac{2^n (2n-n)!}{2n}}{2n!}$$