

Homework Assignment 11

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1.

a. $Pr[A | W] \text{ or } \frac{Pr[A \cap W]}{Pr[W]} \text{ or } \frac{Pr[A]}{1/11 \times (0/10 + 1/10 \dots)} \text{ or } \frac{1/11}{1/11 \times 55/10} \text{ or } \frac{2}{11}.$

b. It's the same until: $\frac{Pr[A]}{1/11 \times (0/10^k + 1/10^k \dots)} \text{ or } \frac{1}{0/10^k + 1/10^k \dots} \text{ or } \frac{10^k}{\sum_{i=0}^{10} i^k}.$

2.

a. The events are independent because $Pr[A \cap B] = 1/36$ and $Pr[A] \times Pr[B] = 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/36.$

b. The events are independent. $Pr[A \cap C] = 1/36$. There are 6 options that satisfy C , $Pr[C] = 6/36 = 1/6$. So $Pr[A] \times Pr[C] = 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/36.$

c. The events are independent for similar reasons as part b. $Pr[B \cap C] = 1/36$ and $Pr[B] \times Pr[C] = 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/36.$

d. The 3 events are not independent. $Pr[A \cap B \cap C] = 1/36$ because the rolls are 1 and 6, they add to 7. $Pr[A] \times Pr[B] \times Pr[C] = 1/6 \times 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/216.$

e. The events aren't independent because if the max is 2 the min can't be 5. Otherwise 5 would be the max and 2 the min. That means $D \cap E = \emptyset$ or $Pr[D \cap E] = 0$. Both D and E are possible, $Pr[D] \times Pr[E] = 1/12 \times 1/12 = 1/144.$

3. Part a has p probability. Part b has probability $p^2 + 2p(1 - p)(1/2)$ or $p^2 + p(1 - p)$ or $p^2 + p - p^2$ or p . Both strategies have the same probability.

4. Let R be the event of the games working out as they did, W the event that I am slightly worse than my opponent, E the event that my opponent and I are equal, and B the event that I am slightly better than my opponent. That answer is $Pr[W | R] = \frac{Pr[W \cap R]}{Pr[R]}.$

Expanding: $\frac{Pr[W] \times Pr[R | W]}{Pr[W] \times Pr[R | W] + Pr[E] \times Pr[R | E] + Pr[B] \times Pr[R | B]}.$

$Pr[W], Pr[E], Pr[B]$ are all $1/3$. Replacing:

$$\frac{1/3 \times Pr[R | W]}{1/3 \times (Pr[R | W] + Pr[R | E] + Pr[R | B])} \text{ or } \frac{Pr[R | W]}{Pr[R | W] + Pr[R | E] + Pr[R | B]}.$$

$$Pr[R | W] = 3/5 \times 2/5 \times 3/5 \times 3/5, Pr[R | E] = 1/2^4,$$

$$Pr[R | B] = 2/5 \times 3/5 \times 2/5 \times 2/5. \text{ Substituting: } \frac{54/625}{54/625 + 1/16 + 24/625} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{54}{54 + 625/16 + 24} \text{ or } \frac{864}{864 + 625 + 384} \text{ or } \frac{864}{1873} \text{ or } \approx 46\%.$$

5. The one person committee has probability p of making the correct decision. The committee of three has probability $p^2(1/2) + 2p(1-p)(1/2) + p^2(1/2)$ or $p^2 + p - p^2$ or p of making the correct decision. Both committee have the same probability.

6.

- The events are independent, $Pr[A \cap B] = 1/16 = 1/4 \times 1/4 = Pr[A] \times Pr[B]$.
- The events are independent, $Pr[A \cap B] = 1/16 = 1/4 \times 4/16 = Pr[A] \times Pr[B]$.
- The events are independent, $Pr[A \cap B] = 1/16 \neq 3/16 \times 9/16 = Pr[A] \times Pr[B]$.

7. Let V be the event of picking a vowel, E the event that the man is English, and A the event

that the man is American. The answer is $Pr[E | V]$ or $\frac{Pr[E \cap V]}{Pr[V \cap E] + Pr[V \cap A]}$ or

$$\frac{Pr[E] \times Pr[V | E]}{Pr[E] \times Pr[V | E] + Pr[A] \times Pr[V | A]}. \text{ Substituting calculated values,}$$

$$\frac{2/5 \times 3/6}{2/5 \times 3/6 + 3/5 \times 2/5} \text{ or } \frac{1/5}{1/5 + 6/25} \text{ or } \frac{5}{5 + 6} \text{ or } \frac{5}{11} \text{ or } 45 \%$$

8. There are $16!$ ways everyone can park. To satisfy the condition the 3 of us can park in

$$2 \binom{16}{3} \text{ ways. That is } \frac{2 \binom{16}{3} \times 13!}{16!} \text{ (13! for others) or } \frac{2 \times 560}{16 \times 15 \times 14} \text{ or } \frac{1120}{3360} \text{ or } \frac{1}{3}.$$

9. Let W_A be the event that a white ball is selected from A , W_B the event that a white ball is selected from B , W_C the event that a white ball is selected from C , and W_2 the event that 2 white are selected. The question is asking $Pr[W_A | W_2]$ or $\frac{Pr[W_A \cap W_2]}{Pr[W_2]}$ or

$$\frac{Pr[W_A] \times (Pr[W_B \cap \overline{W_C}] + Pr[\overline{W_B} \cap W_C])}{Pr[W_A \cap W_B \cap \overline{W_C}] + Pr[W_A \cap \overline{W_B} \cap W_C] + Pr[\overline{W_A} \cap W_B \cap W_C]}. \text{ Given probabilities}$$

$$Pr[W_A] = 2/6 = 1/3, Pr[W_B] = 8/12 = 2/3 \text{ and } Pr[W_C] = 1/4: \frac{1/3 \times (1/2 + 1/12)}{1/6 + 1/36 + 1/9}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1/3 \times 7/12}{6/36 + 1/36 + 4/36} \text{ or } \frac{7/36}{11/36} \text{ or } \frac{7}{11}.$$

10. Let W be the event that the worlds series is 6 games, R the event that the Royals win the world series, and C the event that the Cubs win the world series. The question is asking

$$Pr[R | W] \text{ or } \frac{Pr[R \cap W]}{Pr[W]} \text{ or } \frac{Pr[R \cap W]}{Pr[W \cap R] + Pr[W \cap C]}. \text{ Substituting with calculations:}$$

$$\frac{\binom{10}{5} \frac{2^4}{3} \frac{1^2}{3}}{\binom{10}{5} \frac{2^4}{3} \frac{1^2}{3} + \binom{10}{5} \frac{1^4}{3} \frac{2^2}{3}} \text{ or } \frac{\frac{160}{729}}{\frac{160}{729} + \frac{40}{729}} \text{ or } \frac{160}{200} \text{ or } \frac{4}{5}.$$

11. Let H be the event that 14 heads are flipped, and T the event that no 2 consecutive coin flips are tails. That question is asking $Pr[T | H]$ or $\frac{Pr[T \cap H]}{Pr[H]}$. $Pr[H]$ is $\binom{20}{14} \frac{1}{2}^{14} \frac{1}{2}^6$.

If T then the arrangement must at least be $T, H, T, H, T, H, T, H, T, H, T$. There are 9 more heads that have to be inserted in 7 spots $Pr[T \cap H] = \binom{15}{9} \frac{1}{2}^{20}$. Substituting:

$$\frac{\binom{15}{9} \frac{1}{2}^{20}}{\binom{20}{14} \frac{1}{2}^{14} \frac{1}{2}^6} \text{ or } \frac{\binom{15}{9}}{\binom{20}{14}} \text{ or } \frac{5005}{38760} \text{ or } \frac{1001}{7752}.$$