

## Assignment 03

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**1. Q1. Algebraically prove that if  $P(A \subset \Omega) = 1$ , then  $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 0$ . Consider discrete probability for simplicity.**

**Answer:**

- Recall that for any event B, the probability of the complement of B (denoted as  $B^c$ ) is  $P(B^c) = 1 - P(B)$ .
- Given that  $P(A \subset \Omega) = 1$ , it means that event A covers the entire sample space  $\Omega$ . In other words, A is certain to occur whenever an outcome is observed.
- Now, consider the complement of A, denoted as  $A^c$  which represents all the outcomes not in A.
- Since A covers the entire sample space,  $A^c$  must be an empty set, and its probability is  $P(A^c) = 0$ .
- So,  $P(\Omega \setminus A) = P(\Omega \cap A^c) = P(A^c) = 0$ , as required.

**Example:**

Suppose we have a fair six-sided die, with outcomes  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .

Let A be the event that the outcome is an even number, i.e.,  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$ .

Now, let's calculate the probabilities:

- $P(A)$ : Since there are 3 outcomes in event A and 6 possible outcomes in total,  $P(A) = 3/6 = 1/2$ .
- $P(\Omega)$ : Since the sample space contains all possible outcomes,  $P(\Omega) = 1$ .
- $P(\Omega \setminus A)$ : This represents the probability of outcomes not in A, i.e., the probability of rolling an odd number. There are 3 odd numbers in the sample space, so  $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 3/6 = 1/2$ .

As we can see, in this example,  $P(A) = 1$  since event A covers the entire sample space (all outcomes are even numbers). Consequently,  $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 0$ , representing the probability of outcomes not in A (odd numbers).

2. Q2. Prove that if  $A_1 \subset A_2 \dots \subset A_n \subset \Omega$  is a finite sequence such that  $P(A_i) > P(A_{i+k>0})$  then P cannot be a discrete uniform probability.

**Answer:**

- Assume P is a discrete uniform probability. This means that each outcome in  $\Omega$  is equally likely, so  $P(A_i) = \frac{|A_i|}{|\Omega|}$  where  $|A_i|$  denotes the number of elements in  $A_i$  and  $|\Omega|$  denotes the total number of elements in  $\Omega$ .
- Since  $A_1 \subset A_2 \dots \subset A_n \subset \Omega$ , we have  $|A_1| < |A_2| < \dots < |A_n| = |\Omega|$
- Now, according to the given condition,  $P(A_i) > P(A_{i+k>0})$ .
- Let's consider  $i=1$  for simplicity. It implies  $P(A_1) > P(A_{k+1>0})$
- Since P is a discrete uniform probability,  $P(A_1) = \frac{|A_1|}{|\Omega|}$  and  $P(A_{k+1}) = \frac{|A_{k+1}|}{|\Omega|}$
- But  $|A_1| < |A_{k+1}|$  (as  $A_1 \subset A_{k+1}$ ), which contradicts the assumption that  $P(A_1) > P(A_{k+1})$ . Hence, our initial assumption that P is a discrete uniform probability must be false.
- Therefore, if  $A_1 \subset A_2 \dots \subset A_n \subset \Omega$  is a finite sequence such that  $P(A_i) > P(A_{i+k>0})$  for some  $k > 0$ , then P cannot be a discrete uniform probability.

3. Q3. Prove that if  $\Omega$  is continuous and  $A_1 \subset \Omega, A_2 \subset \Omega$  such that  $P(A_1) > 0, P(A_2) > 0$  then  $P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$  if  $A_1 \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$

**Answer:**

- Given that  $P(A_1) > 0, P(A_2) > 0$  it means that both  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  have non-zero probabilities under the probability measure P.
- Since  $A_1 \cap A_2$  is the intersection of two sets, if  $A_1 \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$  it implies that there are elements that belong to both  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

By the properties of probability measures:

1.  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$ 
  - Given that  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq 1$  for any probability measure, and since both  $P(A_1)$  and  $P(A_2)$  are greater than zero,  $P(A_1) + P(A_2) > 0$
2.  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) \geq 0$

Combining these two inequalities:

- $P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$
- Since both  $P(A_1)$  and  $P(A_2)$  are greater than zero, and  $P(A_1) + P(A_2)$  is positive, we have  
$$P(A_1) + P(A_2) \geq P(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

Rearranging the terms, we get:

- $P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$

Therefore, if  $\Omega$  is continuous and  $A_1 \subset \Omega$ ,  $A_2 \subset \Omega$  such that  $P(A_1) > 0$ ,  $P(A_2) > 0$  then  $P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$  if  $A_1 \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$