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Let $P(n, m)$ be the probability of interest. It has the following immediate properties based on the experiment:

- $\forall (n, m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} : n < m, P(n, m) = 0$
- $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}, P(n, 0) = 1$

Then by using conditional probability,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(n, m) &= \frac{n}{n+m} P(n-1, m) + \frac{m}{n+m} P(n, m-1) \\
 \Rightarrow P(1, 1) &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow P(1, 1) &= \frac{1}{3} \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{2}{3} \\
 \Rightarrow P(2, 2) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Table 1: The distribution of $P(\cdot, \cdot)$

$\begin{array}{c} m \\ \backslash \\ n \end{array}$	0	1	2	\dots
0	N/A	0	0	0...
1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0...
2	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	\dots
\vdots	1...	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots

Student Number: 20053722Name: Bryan HoangClaim: $P(n, m) = \frac{n-m+1}{n+1}$ *Proof.* It is sufficient to show that the proposed probability satisfies (1).

$$\begin{aligned}
P(n, m) &= \frac{n}{n+m}P(n-1, m) + \frac{m}{n+m}P(n, m-1) \\
&= \frac{n}{n+m} \cdot \frac{(n-1)-m+1}{(n-1)+1} + \frac{m}{n+m} \cdot \frac{n-(m-1)+1}{n+1} \\
&= \frac{\cancel{n}}{n+m} \cdot \frac{n-m}{\cancel{n}} + \frac{m}{n+m} \cdot \frac{n-m+2}{n+1} \\
&= \frac{(n-m)(n+1) + m(n-m+2)}{(n+m)(n+1)} \\
&= \frac{n^2 + n - \cancel{nm} - \cancel{m} + \cancel{nm} - m^2 + 2m}{(n+m)(n+1)} \\
&= \frac{(n+m)(n-m+1)}{(n+m)(n+1)} \\
&= \frac{n-m+1}{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

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