

MTH 463 Homework #2

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Problem 1

There are $\binom{9}{2}$ possible combinations that can be ordered in $2!$ ways.

So we have $\binom{9}{2} * 2! = 9 * 8 = 72$

Each five digit combination will have a permutation consisting of a pair as $\binom{5}{2}$.

So in total we have $72 * \binom{5}{2} = 72 * 10 = 720$

Therefore the total number of ways a 5 digit number can be formed is $9 + 720 = \boxed{729}$

Problem 2

We can calculate $P(A \cap B)$ as $\frac{2*4!}{6!!}$. With 2 representing the probability of card 1 being either second or third following the one way to place card 5 at second from the top. There are then $4!$ ways to organize the rest of the cards. Finally there are $6!$ total configurations yielding $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{15}$.

We know $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$P(A) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(B) = \frac{1}{6}$

Therefore $P(A \cup B) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{15}$

Problem 3

Simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} &= (E \cup F) \cap (E \cup \overline{F}) \\ &= (E \cup F) \cap \overline{F} && \text{by the distributive law} \\ &= (F \cup \overline{F}) \cap E && \text{by the associative law} \\ &= E \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} &= (E \cup F) \cap (\overline{E} \cup F) \cap (E \cup \overline{F}) \\ &= F \cap (E \cup \overline{F}) && \text{by the distributive law} \\ &= (F \cap E) \cup (F \cap \overline{F}) \\ &= E \cap F \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

Given events E, F, and G

a. At least one of the three events occurs

At least one is the complement of none of them i.e.

$$\overline{(\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G})}$$

Using De Morgan's Law becomes

$$E \cup F \cup G$$

So for the given events E, F, and G at least one of the three events occurs

b. At most one of the three events occurs.

One of the three events occurring can be written as

$$[(E \cap F) \cup (F \cap G) \cup (G \cap E)]$$

So at most it will be

$$(E \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G}) \cup (\overline{E} \cap F \cap \overline{G}) \cup (\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap G) \cup (\overline{E} \cap F \cap G)$$

c. Exactly two of them occur.

$$(E \cap F \cap \overline{G}) \cup (E \cap \overline{F} \cap G) \cup (\overline{E} \cap F \cap G)$$

d. At most two of the three events occur.

At most two of the three events occur is the complement of all three events occur

All three events occur can be written as $E \cap F \cap G$

The complement of which is

$$\overline{(E \cap F \cap G)} = (\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G})$$

e. All three events occur.

$$(E \cap F \cap G)$$

f. None of the three events occurs.

None of the three events is the complement of each event

$$(\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G})$$

g. At most three of the events occur.

This includes zero, one, two, and three events occurring, so

$$\text{This includes the entire sample space } S$$

h. E or F, but not G occur.

$$(E \cup F) \cap \overline{G}$$

i. Both E and F, but not G occur.

$$E \cap F \cap \overline{G}$$

j. Exactly one of the three events occurs.

This can be thought of as each event occurring against its complement

$$[E \cap (\overline{F} \cap \overline{G})] \cup [F \cap (\overline{E} \cap \overline{G})] \cup [G \cap (\overline{E} \cap \overline{F})]$$

Problem 5

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cap F \cap G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) - P(\overline{E} \cap F \cap G) \\ &\quad - P(E \cap \overline{F} \cap G) - P(E \cap F \cap \overline{G}) - 2P(E \cap F \cap G) \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cap F \cap G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) - P(\overline{E} \cap F) \\ &\quad - P(E \cap \overline{F}) - P(F \cap G) + P(E \cap F \cap G) \end{aligned} \quad \text{by the inclusion-exclusion rule}$$

after plugging in

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cap F) &= P(E \cap F \cap G) + P(E \cap F \cap \overline{G}) \\ P(E \cap G) &= P(E \cap F \cap G) + P(E \cap \overline{F} \cap G) \\ P(F \cap G) &= P(E \cap F \cap G) + P(\overline{E} \cap F \cap G) \end{aligned}$$

We have the equation

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cap F \cap G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) - P(\overline{E} \cap F \cap G) - P(E \cap \overline{F} \cap G) - P(E \cap F \cap \overline{G}) \\ &\quad - 2P(E \cap F \cap G) \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6

We have

$$P(\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G}) = 1 - P(E) - P(F) - P(G) + P(E \cap F) + P(E \cap G) + P(F \cap G) - P(E \cap F \cap G) \text{ and de Morgan's Law gives}$$

$$\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G} = \overline{E \cup F \cup G}$$

So,

$$P(\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} \cap \overline{G}) = 1 - P(E \cup F \cup G)$$

and,

$$P(E \cup F \cup G) = P(E) + P(F) + P(G) - P(E \cap F) - P(E \cap G) - P(F \cap G) + P(E \cap F \cap G) \quad \text{by the inclusion-exclusion formula}$$

Thus we obtain the equation,

$$P(E \cup F \cup G) = P(E) - P(F) - P(G) + P(E \cap F) + P(E \cap G) + P(F \cap G) - P(E \cap F \cap G)$$

Problem 7

Given events E, F, and G, such that $P(F) > P(F \cap G) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E|F) &= \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} \\ \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} &= \frac{P(E \cap F \cap G)}{P(F)} + \frac{P(E \cap F \cap \overline{G})}{P(F)} \\ &= \frac{P(E \cap F \cap G)}{P(F \cap G)} * \frac{P(F \cap G)}{P(F)} + \frac{P(E \cap F \cap \overline{G})}{P(F \cap \overline{G})} * \frac{P(F \cap \overline{G})}{P(F)} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8

We have $P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n) \geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) - (n - 1)$

We know that for $n = 2$: $P(E_1 \cap E_2) \geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) - 1$

For $n \geq 2$ suppose we established the Bonferroni's inequality for any n events:

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n) \geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) - (n - 1)$$

We need to prove the inequality for any $n + 1$ events:

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n \cap E_{n+1}) \geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) + P(E_{n+1}) - n$$

We use the Bonferroni's inequality for any n events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{n-1} and $E_n \cap E_{n+1}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_{n-1} \cap (E_n \cap E_{n+1})) &\geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_{n-1}) + P(E_n \cap E_{n+1}) - (n - 1) \\ \text{where } P(E_n \cap E_{n+1}) &\geq P(E_n) + P(E_{n+1}) - 1, \text{ and therefore} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n \cap E_{n+1}) \geq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_{n-1}) + P(E_n) + P(E_{n+1}) - 1 - (n - 1)$$

Problem 9

Given E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are independent events

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \\ &= 1 - P((E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)^c) \\ &= 1 - P(\overline{E_1} \cap \overline{E_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{E_n}) \quad \text{by De Morgan's Law} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by independence we have

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \\ &= 1 - P(\overline{E_1} \cap \overline{E_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{E_n}) \\ &= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(\overline{E_i}) \\ &= \boxed{1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - P(E_i))} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 10

Part 1

The probability of winning the game $P(W)$ is dependent on the road taken, we have

$$P(W|R_1) = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } P(W|R_2) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\text{Since } P(R_1) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(R_2) = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\text{we add } \frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} * \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\text{to get } P(W) = \frac{8}{15}$$

Part 2

Conditioned on the event that the game was won the probability that you took Road 1 is described as

$$P(R_1|W) = \frac{P(W \cap R_1)}{P(W)}$$

$$\frac{P(W|R_1)P(R_1)}{P(W|R_1)P(R_1)+P(W|R_2)P(R_2)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} * \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$P(R_1|W) = \frac{5}{8}, \text{ so the probability is 62.5\%}.$$