My probability and statistics exercises

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Exercises in this section (or exercises similar to them) are handled in the set theory course

1.5 The Definition of Probability

1	2/5
2	0.7
3a	1/2
3b	1/6
3c	3/8
4	0.6
5	0.4
6	0.5
8	30
11a	1 - $\pi/4$
11b	0.75
11c	2/3
11d	0
14a	0.38, 0.16
14b	0.04

A little notation, related to 6:

$$Pr(A) = 0.5$$
$$Pr(B) = 0.2$$
$$Pr(A \cap B) = 0.1$$
$$Pr(A \cup B) = 0.6$$

$$Pr((A \cup B) \cap (A \cap B)^c) = P(A \cup B) - P((A \cup B) \cap (A \cap B)) = P(A \cup B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.5$$

1.5.7

If $Pr(A) = 0.4$ and $Pr(B) = 0.7$, then we follow that the maxium $Pr(A \cap B)$ is attained if $A \subset B$, in which case $Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) = 0.4$. The minimum is obtained if $A \cup B = S$, in which case $Pr(A \cap B) = 0.1$

1.5.9

The event that exaclty one of the events occurs can be expressed as

$$(A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B)$$

which comes from either the definition of xor, common sense or something else, depending on your preferences. Thus we follow that

$$Pr((A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B)) = Pr(A \cap B^c) + Pr(A^c \cap B) - Pr((A \cap B^c) \cap (A^c \cap B)) =$$
$$= Pr(A \cap B^c) + Pr(A^c \cap B) - Pr((A \cap A^c) \cap (B^c \cap B)) =$$
$$= Pr(A \cap B^c) + Pr(A^c \cap B) = Pr(A) - Pr(A \cap B) + Pr(B) - Pr(B \cap A) =$$
$$= Pr(A) - Pr(A \cap B) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - 2Pr(A \cap B)$$

as desired (rules used in this derivitation: association of unions, $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$ and other trivial stuff)

1.5.10

$$Pr(A \cap B^c) = Pr(A) - Pr(A \cap B)$$
$$Pr(A \cap B^c) + Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A)$$

as desired.

1.5.12

Suppose that $n > m \in N$. Then we follow that by definition

$$B_m \subseteq A_m$$

and

$$B_n \subseteq A_m^c$$

thus we follow that

$$B_m \cap B_n \subseteq A_m \cap A_m^c = \emptyset$$

thus

$$B_m \cap B_n = \emptyset$$

therefore we conclude that $B_1, B_2...$ are disjoint sets. Thus we follow that

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(B_i)$$

For $n = 2$ we've got that

$$B_1 \cup B_2 = A_1 \cup (A_1^c \cap A_2) = (A_1 \cup A_1^c) \cap (A_1 \cup A_2) = A_1 \cup A_2$$

and by induction we can follow that

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} B_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i$$

thus

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(B_i)$$

implies that

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(B_i)$$

for $n \in N$. Given that n is arbirtary, we can follow that

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(B_i)$$

as desired.

1.5.13

First equation follow from induction on the result that

$$Pr(A \cup B) \leq Pr(A) + Pr(B)$$

the second equation follows from the first equation, DeMorgan laws and induction on the form

$$Pr(A \cap B) = Pr((A^c \cup B^c)^c) = 1 - Pr(A^c \cup B^c) \geq 1 - (Pr(A^c) + Pr(B^c))$$

1.5.14

$$Pr(A) = 0.34$$

$$Pr(B) = 0.12$$

$$Pr(O) = 0.5$$

$$Pr(AB) = 1 - 0.34 - 0.12 - 0.5 = 0.04$$

$$Pr(a - A) = 0.34 + 0.04 = 0.38$$

$$Pr(a - B) = 0.12 + 0.04 = 0.16$$

1.6 Finite Sample Spaces

1	1/2
2	1/2
3	2/3
4	1/7
5	4/7
6	1/4
8b	1/4

1.6.7

The possinble genotypes are Aa and aa with probabilities 1/2 and 1/2 respectively

1.6.8a

The sample space of the experiment is $\{heads, tails\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$,

1.7 Counting Methods

1	14
2	9000
3	120
4	24
5	5/18
6	5/324
7	0.014731
8	360 / 2401
9	1 / 20
10a	r/100
10b	r/100
10c	r/100

1.7.11

$$s(n) = \frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi) + (n+\frac{1}{2})\log n - n \approx \log n!$$

$$\log n! - \log{(n-m)!} = \log\frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

$$s(n)-s(n-m) = \frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi)+(n+\frac{1}{2})\log n-n-(\frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi)+((n-m)+\frac{1}{2})\log n - m-(n-m)) =$$

$$= (n+\frac{1}{2})\log n - n - ((n-m)+\frac{1}{2})\log{(n-m)} + (n-m) =$$

$$= (n+\frac{1}{2})\log n - ((n-m)+\frac{1}{2})\log{(n-m)} - m \approx \log\frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

$P(n,m) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} = \exp(s(n)-s(n-m))$

1.8 Combinatorial Methods

1	184756
2	latter
3	equal
4	1 / 10626
5	-
6	2/n
7	(n - k - 1)/C(n, k)
8	(n - k)/C(n, k)
9	(n + 1)/C(2n, n)
10	$15/92 \approx 0.16304$
11	$1/75 \approx 0.01333$
12	$69/119 \approx 0.57983$
13	$173/1518 \approx 0.114$
14	-
15	-
16a	$48/175 \approx 0.27429$
16b	$1/2^{50} \approx 0$

1.8.5

Prove that

$$\frac{\prod_{4155 \le i \le 4251} i}{\prod_{2 \le i \le 97} i}$$

is an integer

$$\frac{\prod_{4155 \le i \le 4251} i}{\prod_{2 \le i \le 97} i} = \frac{\prod_{4155 \le i \le 4251} i}{\prod_{1 \le i \le 97} i} =$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{4155 \le i \le 4251} i}{97!} = \frac{4251!}{4154!97!} = \frac{4251!}{4154!(4251 - 4174)!} = C(4251, 4154)$$

and binomial coefficients are integers (pretty sure that we can follow that by induction in some more advanced course).

1.8.10

There are total of $C(24, 10)$ possible subsets of length 10 in the space of 24. We follow that there are $C(22, 8)$ ways to pick 8 normal bulbs, which is what required to pick 2 defective bulbs. Therefore the probability is

$$\frac{C(22, 8)}{C(24, 10)} = 15/92 \approx 0.16304...$$

1.8.12

Using the same logic as in 1.8.10, there is a possibility $\frac{C(33,8)}{C(35,10)}$ that same two guys will be in the first team, and probability of $\frac{C(33,23)}{C(35,10)}$ that they'll be in the other team. Thus the total probability is the sum of two.

1.8.14

Prove that for all positive integers n, k such that $n \geq k$

$$C(n,k) + C(n,k-1) = C(n+1,k)$$

$$C(n,k) + C(n,k-1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} + \frac{n!}{(n-k+1)!(k-1)!} =$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k(n-k)!(k-1)!} + \frac{n!}{(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} =$$

$$= \frac{(n-k+1)n!}{k(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} + \frac{kn!}{k(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} =$$

$$= \frac{(n-k+1)n! + kn!}{k(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} = \frac{n!((n-k+1)+k)}{k(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} =$$

$$= \frac{n!(n+1)}{k(n-k+1)(n-k)!(k-1)!} = \frac{(n+1)!}{((n+1)-k)!k!} = C(n+1,k)$$

as desired.

1.8.15

(a) Prove that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i) = 2^n$$

We can follow that from the fact that there are 2^n subsets of any given finite set, which means that the number of subsets of different lengths sums up to 2^n.

Another way to do this is to use binomial theorem:

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i)x^k y^{n-k}$$

thus if we subisitute x and y for 1, we get

$$(1+1)^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i)1^k 1^{n-k}$$

$$2^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i)$$

(b) Prove that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} (-1)^i C(n,i) = 0$$

I'm sure that there is a neat explanation for this one as well, but using the binomial theorem once again, but now substituting 1 for x and -1 for y we get

$$(1-1)^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i) 1^i (-1)^{n-i}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} C(n,i) 1^i (-1)^{n-i} = 0$$

we can follow through the even-odd argument that $1^i(-1)^{n-i} = (-1)^i$, but I'll skip it.