

QBS120_PS1_Correction_Gibran

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Problems for Rice, Chapter 1

Question 1

my original solution was correct.

Question 2

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Question 3

Using the property A of the probability measures, we know that:

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A^C)$$

with $P(A)$ as the probability of one or more defects, and $P(A^C)$ as the probability of zero defect discovered

With the multiplication principle, we know that the number of ways to select zero defect is the multiplication of # of ways to select m items from $n - k$ non-defects and the # of ways to select no items from k defects. With the total number of outcomes of n choose m , the probability can be represented as

$$P(a \geq 1) = 1 - \frac{\binom{n-k}{m}}{\binom{n}{m}}$$

We need to find m such that $P(a \geq 1) \geq 0.8$. We will perform a computation of $P(a \geq 1)$ in a range of m given n and k values and select m that satisfies above formula.

```
probAtLeastOneDefect = function(n, k ,m) {  
  prob = 1 - choose(n-k, m)/choose(n, m)  
  return(prob)  
}
```

```
m_val = 1:1000  
probs = probAtLeastOneDefect(1000, 10, m_val)  
(m = which(probs >= 0.8)[1])
```

a) $n=1000$, $k=10$

```
## [1] 148
```

```
m_and_probs = data.frame(m_val, probs)
m_and_probs[(m-2):m,]
```

```
##      m_val      probs
## 146     146 0.7952545
## 147     147 0.7976520
## 148     148 0.8000241
```

so, $m = 148$.

```
##### b)  $n=1000$ ,  $k=100$ 
```

```
probs = probAtLeastOneDefect(1000, 100, m_val)
(m = which(probs >= 0.8)[1])
```

```
## [1] 16
```

```
m_and_probs = data.frame(m_val, probs)
m_and_probs[(m-2):m,]
```

```
##      m_val      probs
## 14      14 0.7735555
## 15      15 0.7965215
## 16      16 0.8171792
```

so, $m = 16$.

Question 4

The coin flips are all independent, so two coins tossed three times is equal to one coin tossed six times. This is a conditional probability question, with formula as follows

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Since $A \subset B$, we know that $P(A \cap B) = P(A)$, hence

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(B)}$$

with total possible outcomes of $2^6 = 64$. Since each outcome is equally likely, we can say that $P(A)$ and $P(B)$ as # of possible ways to get A or B divided by total possible outcomes (64). We can also see all the outcomes and count how many of them belongs to A or B:

```
all_outcomes = expand.grid(c1=c("H", "T"),
                           c2=c("H", "T"),
                           c3=c("H", "T"),
                           c4=c("H", "T"),
                           c5=c("H", "T"),
                           c6=c("H", "T"))
tail(all_outcomes)
```

##	c1	c2	c3	c4	c5	c6
## 59	H	T	H	T	T	T
## 60	T	T	H	T	T	T
## 61	H	H	T	T	T	T
## 62	T	H	T	T	T	T
## 63	H	T	T	T	T	T
## 64	T	T	T	T	T	T

a. What is the probability of two or more heads given that there was at least one head? For easier calculation in the number of outcomes in B, we know that B^C only includes a single outcome with all tails (t, t, t, t, t, t) , so

$$P(B) = 1 - P(B^C)$$

$$P(B) = 1 - \frac{1}{64}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{63}{64}$$

Similar process goes for calculating $P(A)$. We know that $P(A^C)$ is essentially the probability of at least five tails. This includes (t, t, t, t, t, t) and outcomes with a single head (which can occupy one of the six available spaces), so there are $6 + 1 = 7$ total outcomes in A^C . In other words, $P(A) = 1 - P(A^C) = 1 - 7/64 = 57/64$. Therefore

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{57/64}{63/64} = 57/63$$

b. What is the probability of two or more heads given that there was at least one tail? By symmetry, we know that $P(B)$ here has the exact probability as probability of having at least one head in the previous question, so $P(B) = 63/64$. For $A \cap B$, we know that only one event in A (h, h, h, h, h, h) is not also in B so the number of outcomes in $A \cap B$ equals the number in A - 1 or 56, hence $P(A \cap B) = 56/64$. Thus

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{56/64}{63/64} = 56/63$$

Question 5

Let A_1 be the event that the first individual has 1 progeny at $t = 1$, let A_2 be the event that the first individual has 2 progeny at $t = 1$, let A_3 be the event that the first individual dies with no progeny at $t = 1$, and let B be the event that all members of the population die at $t = 2$. We are asked to solve for $P(B)$. We can utilize the law of total probability to define $P(B)$ as follows

$$P(B) = P(A_1 | B)P(A_1) + P(A_2 | B)P(A_2) + P(A_3 | B)P(A_3)$$

Note that this works since A_1, A_2, A_3 are disjoint and $A \cup B \cup C = \omega$. From the question we know that:

$$P(A_1) = p$$

$$P(A_2) = 2p$$

$$P(A_3) = 1 - P(A_1) - P(A_2) = 1 - 3p \text{ (since } A_3 \text{ is the complement of } A_1 \cup A_2 \text{)}$$

$$P(B | A_3) = 1 \text{ (if the initial individual dies at } t=1 \text{ then there can be no population at } t=2 \text{)}$$

To get $P(B | A_1)$ and $P(B | A_2)$, we know that B requires that all progeny of the first individual die. Since each die with probability $1 - 3p$ and their deaths are independent, the probability that all die is $1 - 3p$ if A_1 happens and $(1 - 3p)^2$ if A_2 happens. Put all values into the original formula, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(A_1 | B)P(A_1) + P(A_2 | B)P(A_2) + P(A_3 | B)P(A_3) \\ &= P(A_1 | B)P(A_1) + P(A_2 | B)P(A_2) + P(A_3 | B)P(A_3) \\ &= (1 - 3p)p + (1 - 3p)^2 2p + (1 - 3p) \\ &= -15p^2 + 18p^3 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, we can also solve it numerically by computing the value of p such that $P(B) = 0.5$ using R function `polyroot()`.

```
roots = polyroot(c(0.5, 0, -15, 18))
```

```
prob_B = function(x) {
  return(1 - 15*x^2 + 18*x^3)
}

p_val = seq(from=0, to=1, by=0.05)
p_B = sapply(p_val, function(x) {
  return(prob_B(x))
})

names(p_B) = p_val

p_B
```

```
##      0      0.05      0.1      0.15      0.2      0.25      0.3      0.35
## 1.00000 0.96475 0.86800 0.72325 0.54400 0.34375 0.13600 -0.06575
##      0.4      0.45      0.5      0.55      0.6      0.65      0.7      0.75
## -0.24800 -0.39725 -0.50000 -0.54275 -0.51200 -0.39425 -0.17600 0.15625
##      0.8      0.85      0.9      0.95      1
## 0.61600 1.21675 1.97200 2.89525 4.00000
```

Problems for Rice, Chapter 2

Question 1

my original solution was correct.

Question 2

my original solution was correct.

Question 3

Treating each message transmission as a Bernoulli RV with probability of the message successfully delivered is p . For the majority decoder, we have independent transmissions so the number of successes is a binomial RV with $n=3$ and p . We will represent the number of successes for the majority decoder as binomial RV.

The probability of successful transmission with the majority decoder, P_D , is:

$$\begin{aligned}P_D &= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\&= p_X(2) + p_X(3) \\&= \binom{3}{2}p^2(1-p)^{3-2} + \binom{3}{3}p^3(1-p)^{3-3} \\&= 3p^2(1-p) + p^3\end{aligned}$$

We want to get the value of p such that $p < P_D$ with both p and P_D bound between 0 and 1.

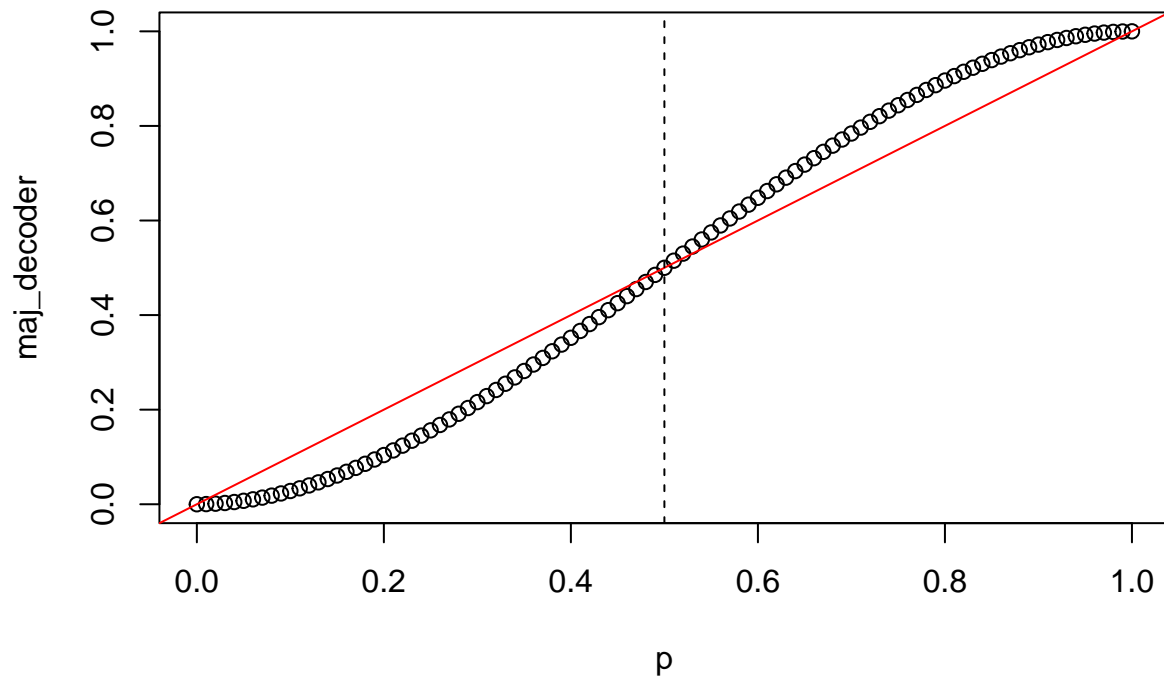
$$\begin{aligned}p &< 3p^2(1-p) + p^3 \\0 &< -2p^3 + 3p^2 - p \\0 &< -2p^2 + 3p - 1 \\0 &< (-2p + 1)(p - 1)\end{aligned}$$

From the result above, we get the value of p to be either $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1. The possible solution ranges are $p < 0.5$ or $0.5 < p < 1$. Of these results, only $p > 0.5$ satisfies the inequality. So, the 2 out of 3 majority decoder is superior to direct transmission for $p > 0.5$.

Validating through visualization in R:

```
p = seq(from=0, to=1, by=0.01)
maj_decoder = sapply(p, function(x) {
  return(3*x^2*(1-x) + x^3)
})

plot(p, maj_decoder, type="b")
abline(coef = c(0, 1), col="red")
abline(v=0.5, lty="dashed")
```



Question 4

a. **Find c.** my original solution was correct.

b. **Find the CDF.** By definition, the CDF for X is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_x(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du \\
 &= \int_0^x \frac{3}{20} (u^2 + 2u) du \\
 &= \frac{3}{20} \left[\frac{u^3}{3} + u^2 \right]_0^x \\
 &= \frac{3}{20} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

CDF for $x < 0$ is 0 and for $x > 2$ is 1. So, can express the CDF as:

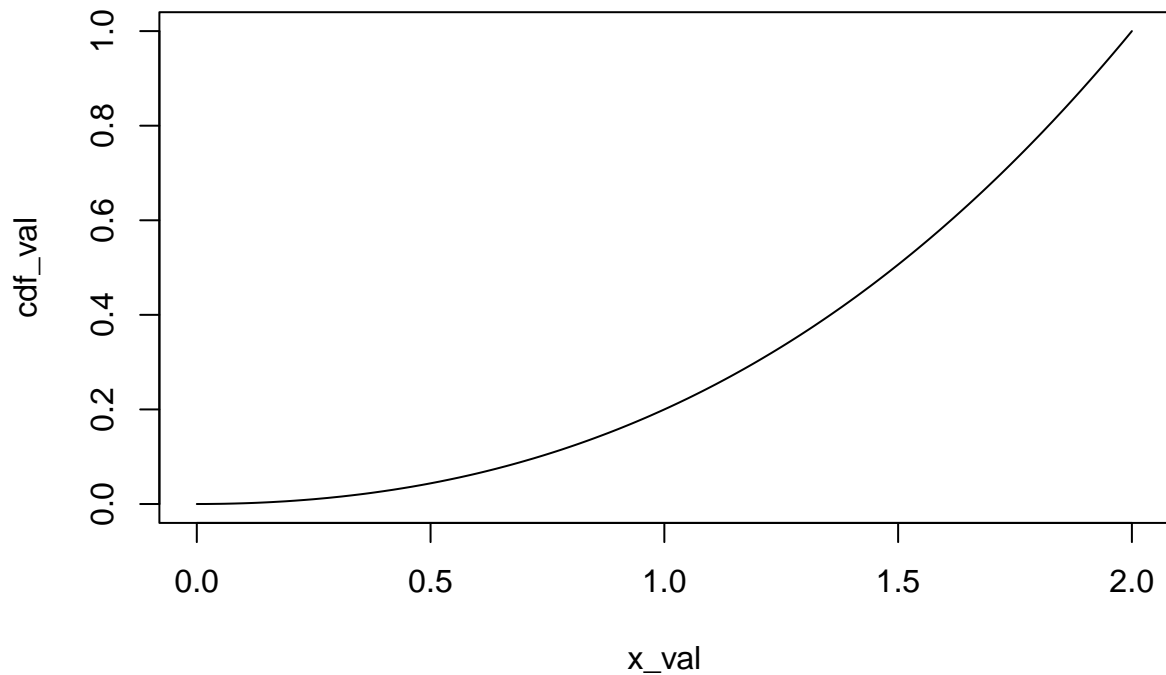
c. **What is $P(0.1 \leq x \leq 0.5)$?** This can be represented as the difference of CDF values at 0.5 and 0.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(0.1 \leq x \leq 0.5) &= F_X(0.5) - F_X(0.1) \\
 &= \frac{3}{20} \left(\frac{0.5^3}{3} + 0.5^2 - \frac{0.1^3}{3} - 0.1^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Computing the result through R:

```
prob_0_1_0_5 = (3/20)*(0.5^3/3 + 0.5^2 - 0.1^3/3 - 0.1^2)
```

```
x_val = seq(from=0, to=2, by=0.01)
cdf_val = sapply(x_val, function(x) {
  return((3/20)*(x^3/3 + x^2))
})
plot(x_val, cdf_val, type="l")
```



d. Plot the CDF.

Question 5

a. **What proportion of the population is over 6 ft tall?** Question is asking us to find $P(X > 72)$. Using `pnorm()` we get:

```
1- pnorm(72, mean=60, sd=4)
```

```
## [1] 0.001349898
```

But based on the question, we need to transform the RV into standard normal $N(0, 1)$. We know that normal RV with parameters μ and std, $(X - \mu)/\text{std}$ is standard normal. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(X > 72) &= P_X((X - 60)/4 > (72 - 60)/4) \\ &= P_Z(Z > 3) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(3) \end{aligned}$$

Then we can run the formula in R:

```
1 - pnorm(3)
```

```
## [1] 0.001349898
```

b. What is the distribution of heights if they are expressed in centimeters? Do scaling transformation to centimeters:

$$N(60 * 2.54, 2.54^2 * 4^2) = N(152.4, 103.2256)$$

c. In meters? Do scaling transformation to centimeters:

$$N(60 * 0.0254, 0.0254^2 * 4^2) = N(1.524, 0.01032256)$$