

EESC 6349 / MECH 6312
Probabilities, Random Variables, and Statistics

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Main Topics

- Probability Theory
- Random Variables
- Functions of Random Variables
- Expectation and LLNs
- Random Vectors
- Parameter Estimation
- Statistical Testing
- Intro to Random Processes

Probability Theory

- Set Algebra
- Axioms of Probability
- Theorems in Probability Theory
- Combinatorics/Counting/Bernoulli Trials and Probabilities
- Reliability

Applying Set Theory To Probability

- Random Experiment \mathcal{H}
e.g., Consider an experiment of throwing a six sided die.
- Outcome [Element in Set theory]
e.g., the outcome will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.
- Sample Space Ω (the set of all outcomes of \mathcal{H}) [Universal set]
e.g., $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- Event (a subset of Ω) [Set]
e.g., $E_1 = \text{outcome is even} = \{2, 4, 6\}$

Set Algebra

- Union ($E \cup F$ or $E + F$)
e.g., if $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $F = \{3, 4\}$, then $E \cup F = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
- Intersection ($E \cap F$ or EF)
e.g., if $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $F = \{3, 4\}$, then $EF = \{3\}$.
- Complement (E^c)
e.g., if $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $E^c = \{4, 5, 6\}$.
- Difference ($E \setminus F$, $F \setminus E$, or $E - F$, $F - E$)
e.g., if $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $F = \{3, 4\}$, then $E \setminus F = \{1, 2\}$ and $F \setminus E = \{4\}$.
- Exclusive OR ($E \oplus F$: in E or F but not both)
e.g., if $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $F = \{3, 4\}$, then $E \oplus F = \{1, 2, 4\}$.
- Set Equality ($E = F$ if $E \subset F$ & $F \subset E$)
- Definition: Event Space ($\{E_i : \bigcup_i E_i = \Omega$ (exhaustive) & $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \ \forall i \neq j$ (mutually exclusive / disjoint))
e.g., $E_1 = \{2, 4, 6\}$ and $E_2 = \{1, 3, 5\}$ form an event space.
Or, $E_1 = \{1, 2\}$, $E_2 = \{3, 4\}$, and $E_3 = \{5, 6\}$ form an event space.

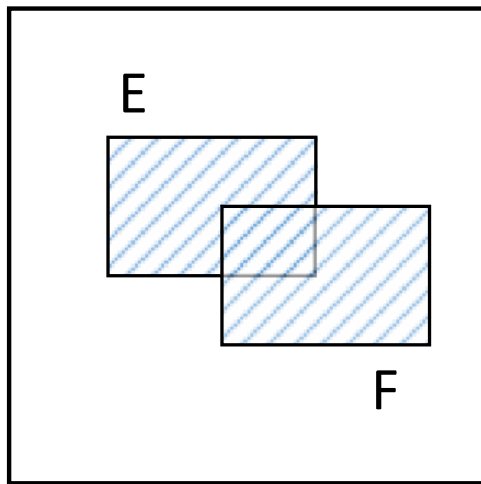
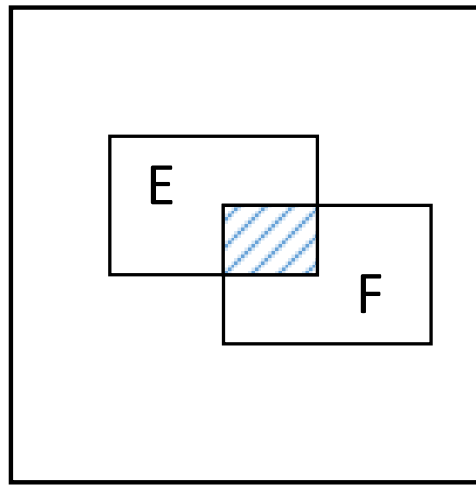
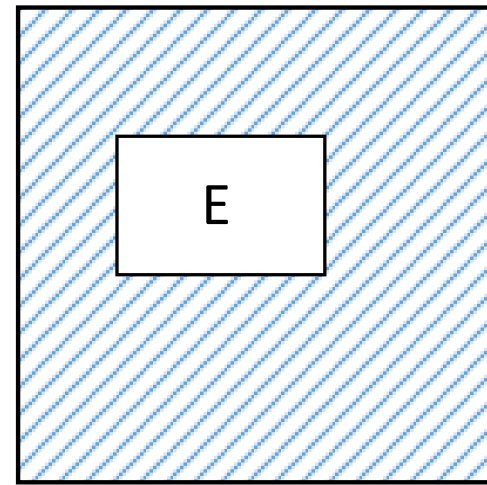
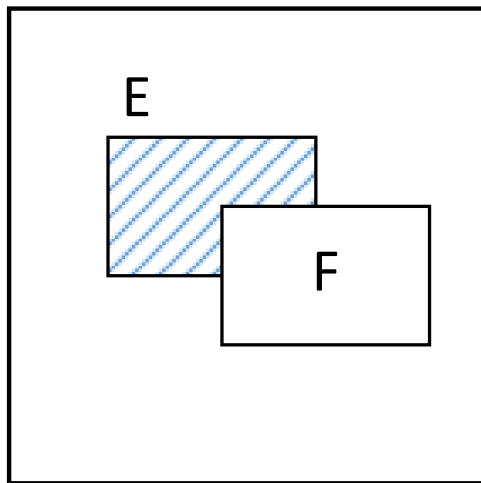
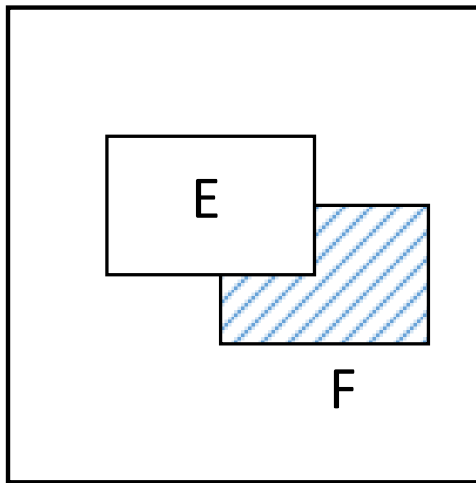
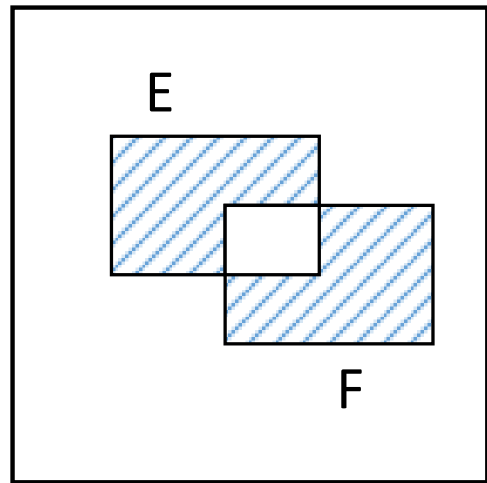
(a) $E \cup F$ (b) $E \cap F$ (c) E^c (d) $E - F$ (e) $F - E$ (f) $E \oplus F$

Figure: Venn Diagram Illustration of Set Algebra

Set Algebra

- Commutative Property:

$$A \cup B = B \cup A, \quad A \cap B = B \cap A$$

- Associative Property:

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C, \quad A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

- Distributive Property:

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C),$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

- De Morgan's Laws:

$$\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right]^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c, \quad \left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \right]^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

e.g., $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, $E_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $E_2 = \{1, 3, 5\}$, $E_3 = \{2, 4, 5\}$.

$$\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^3 E_i \right]^c = [\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}]^c = \{6\}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^3 E_i^c = \{4, 5, 6\} \cap \{2, 4, 6\} \cap \{1, 3, 6\} = \{6\}$$

$$\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^3 E_i \right]^c = \Omega$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^3 E_i^c = \{4, 5, 6\} \cup \{2, 4, 6\} \cup \{1, 3, 6\} = \Omega$$

- For an event space $\{E_i\}$, an arbitrary event $A = \bigcup_i AE_i$

e.g., if $E_1 = \{1, 2\}$, $E_2 = \{3, 4\}$, $E_3 = \{5, 6\}$, and $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$, then $AE_1 = \{2\}$, $AE_2 = \{3, 4\}$, $AE_3 = \emptyset$ and $AE_1 \cup AE_2 \cup AE_3 = \{2, 3, 4\} = A$.

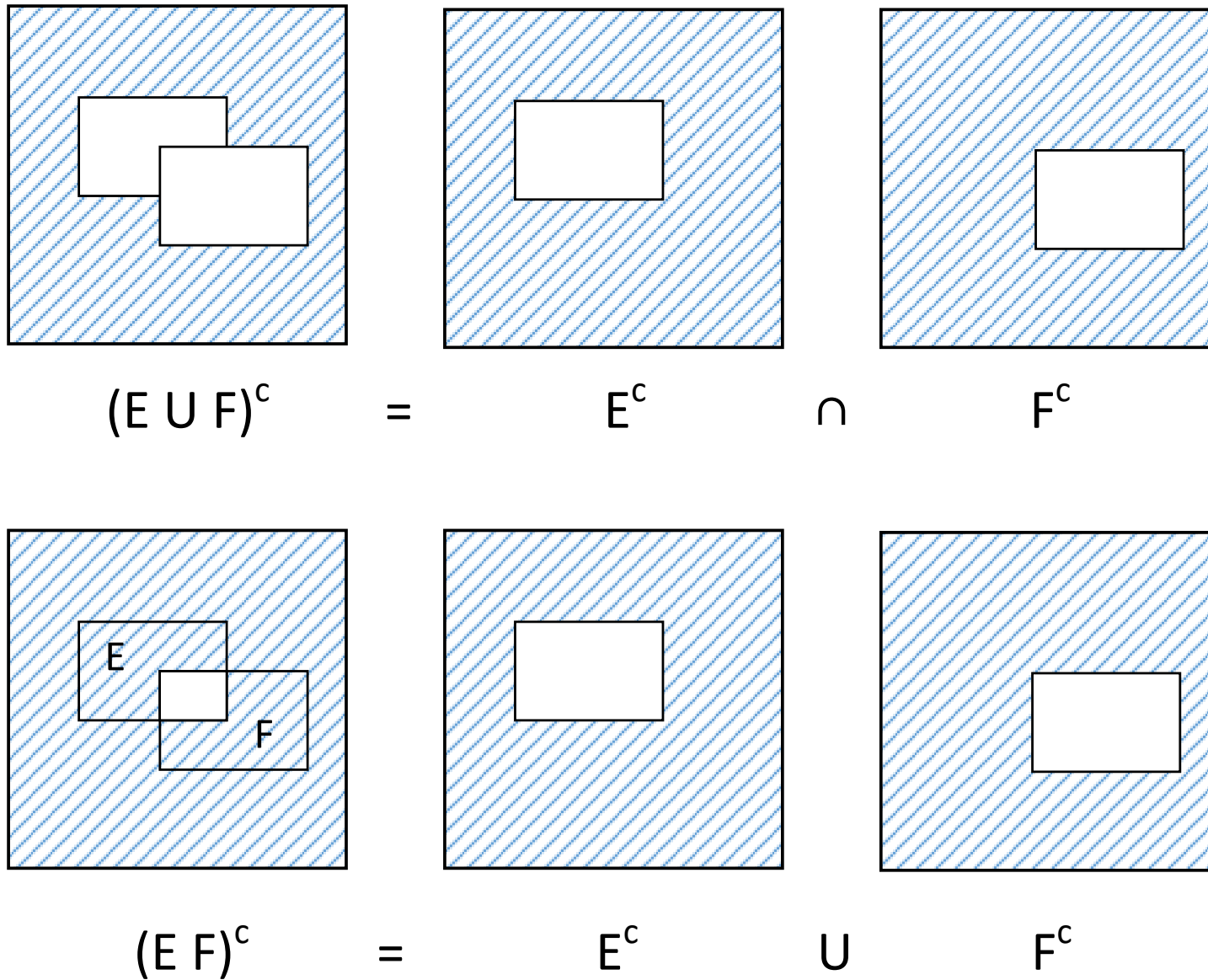


Figure: Venn Diagram Illustration of De Morgan's Laws

Probability Space

- Field \mathcal{F} : A collection of sets which satisfies (i) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$, $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$, (ii) if $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$, $A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$, and (iii) if $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$.
- Sigma Field (σ -field \mathcal{F}): a field that is closed under any countable set of unions, intersections, and combinations, i.e., if $E_i \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{F}$, and $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{F}$.
e.g., flipping a coin: \mathcal{F} is $\emptyset, \Omega, \{H\}, \{T\}$
- Borel Field: a sigma field on the real line R (or rectangle R^2) (Ω is uncountable); (the sigma field generated by the countable unions, countable intersections, and complements of events of the form $(-\infty, b]$).
- Probability Space (\mathcal{R}): defined by a triplet (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) where P is a probability measure.

Axioms of Probability

- Probability is a set function $P[\cdot]$ that assigns to every event $E \in \mathcal{F}$ a number $P[E]$ called the probability of E such that
 - Axiom 1: $P[E] \geq 0$
 - Axiom 2: $P[\Omega] = 1$
 - Axiom 3: $P[E \cup F] = P[E] + P[F]$ if $E \cap F = \emptyset$.
 - Axiom 3A: $P[\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P[E_i]$ if $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$.

Consequences of Axioms of Probability

- $P[\emptyset] = 0$.
- If $E \subset F$, then $P[E] \leq P[F]$.
- $P[EF^c] = P[E] - P[EF]$ where $E \in \mathcal{F}, F \in \mathcal{F}$.
- $P[E] = 1 - P[E^c]$.
- $P[E \cup F] = P[E] + P[F] - P[EF]$.
- $P[\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[E_i]$ if $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \forall i \neq j$.
- Union Bound: $P[\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P[E_i]$.

Conditional Probability

- $P[A \text{ given } B]: \boxed{P[A|B] = P[AB]/P[B]}, P[B] > 0$
- $P[B \text{ given } A]: \boxed{P[B|A] = P[AB]/P[A]}, P[A] > 0$
- $P[AB \text{ given } C]: \boxed{P[AB|C] = P[ABC]/P[C]}, P[C] > 0$
- $P[AB \text{ given } CD]: \boxed{P[AB|CD] = P[ABCD]/P[CD]}, P[CD] > 0$

e.g., Equal probable outcomes with $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 3\}, C = \{1, 3, 5\}, D = \{1, 3, 4, 6\}, E = \{3, 4\}, F = \{2\}$.

$P[A] = 1/3, P[B] = 1/3, P[C] = 1/2, P[D] = 2/3, P[E] = 1/3, P[F] = 1/6$

$P[A|B] = P[AB]/P[B] = P[\{1\}]/P[B] = (1/6)/(1/3) = 1/2$

$P[A|C] = P[AC]/P[C] = P[\{1\}]/P[C] = (1/6)/(1/2) = 1/3$

$P[A|D] = P[AD]/P[D] = P[\{1\}]/P[D] = (1/6)/(2/3) = 1/4$

$P[A|E] = P[AE]/P[E] = P[\emptyset]/P[E] = 0$

$P[A|F] = P[AF]/P[F] = P[\{2\}]/P[F] = (1/6)/(1/6) = 1$

$P[AB|C] = P[ABC]/P[C] = P[\{1\}]/P[C] = (1/6)/(1/2) = 1/3$

$P[AB|CD] = P[ABCD]/P[CD] = P[\{1\}]/P[\{1, 3\}] = (1/6)/(1/3) = 1/2$

Independence

- $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}$ with $P[A] > 0$, $P[B] > 0$.

A and B are independent iff $P[AB] = P[A]P[B]$

$$\Rightarrow P[A|B] = P[A], P[B|A] = P[B]$$

- A, B, C defined on \mathcal{P} and having nonzero probabilities are independent iff

$$P[ABC] = P[A]P[B]P[C],$$

and $P[AB] = P[A]P[B], P[AC] = P[A]P[C], P[BC] = P[B]P[C]$

- $A_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ are independent iff

$$P[A_i A_j] = P[A_i]P[A_j], \forall i \neq j$$

$$P[A_i A_j A_k] = P[A_i]P[A_j]P[A_k], \forall i \neq j \neq k$$

$$\dots = \dots$$

$$P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n P[A_i]$$

- **Example:** Consider a sample space $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ with equi-probable outcomes.

i) Are the events $E_1 \triangleq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $E_2 \triangleq \{5, 6, 7, 8\}$ independent?

$$P[E_1 E_2] = P[\emptyset] = 0 \neq P[E_1]P[E_2] = 1/4.$$

Hence, E_1 and E_2 are not independent. (Disjoint events are not independent)

ii) Are the events $A_1 \triangleq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $A_2 \triangleq \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, and $A_3 \triangleq \{4, 6, 7, 8\}$ independent ?

$$P[A_1] = P[A_2] = P[A_3] = 1/2, \quad P[A_1 A_2 A_3] = P[\{4\}] = 1/8 = P[A_1]P[A_2]P[A_3]$$

$$\text{But } P[A_1 A_2] = P[\{2, 3, 4\}] = 3/8 \neq P[A_1]P[A_2]$$

Hence, A_1, A_2, A_3 are not independent.

iii) Are the events $C_1 \triangleq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $C_2 \triangleq \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$, and $C_3 \triangleq \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ independent ?

$$P[C_1] = P[C_2] = P[C_3] = 1/2$$

$$P[C_1 C_2 C_3] = P[\{3\}] = 1/8 = P[C_1]P[C_2]P[C_3]$$

$$P[C_1 C_2] = 1/4 = P[C_1]P[C_2]; \quad P[C_1 C_3] = 1/4 = P[C_1]P[C_3];$$

$$P[C_2 C_3] = 1/4 = P[C_2]P[C_3];$$

Hence, C_1, C_2, C_3 are independent.

Theorems in Probability Theory

- Probability of Union of Events:** (P [at least one among E_1, \dots, E_n occurs])

$$P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} S_i$$

where $S_k \triangleq \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k}$ and $P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k} \triangleq P[E_{i_1} E_{i_2} \dots E_{i_k}]$.

$$P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^4 E_i\right] = S_1 - S_2 + S_3 - S_4$$

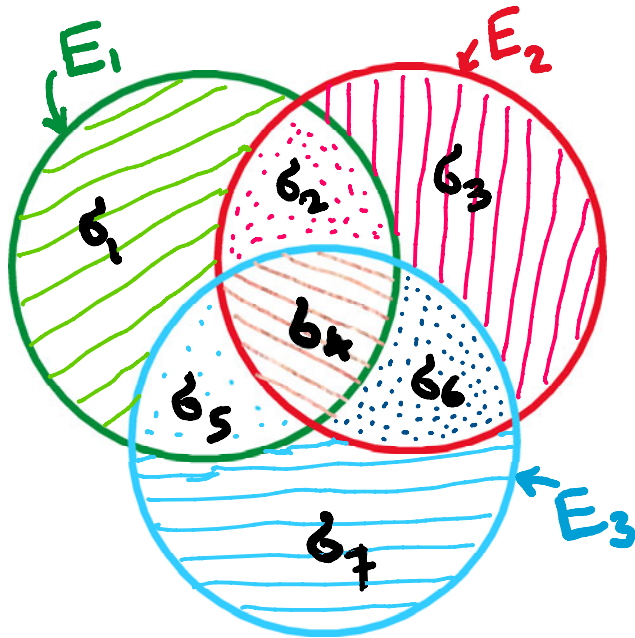
where $S_1 = P[E_1] + P[E_2] + P[E_3] + P[E_4],$

$$S_2 = P[E_1 E_2] + P[E_1 E_3] + P[E_1 E_4] + P[E_2 E_3] \\ + P[E_2 E_4] + P[E_3 E_4],$$

$$S_3 = P[E_1 E_2 E_3] + P[E_1 E_2 E_4] + P[E_1 E_3 E_4] + P[E_2 E_3 E_4],$$

$$S_4 = P[E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4]$$

- **Example:** $\bigcup_{i=1}^3 E_i$ is composed of 7 disjoint regions $\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_7$



$$E_1 = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2 \cup \sigma_4 \cup \sigma_5$$

$$E_2 = \sigma_2 \cup \sigma_3 \cup \sigma_4 \cup \sigma_6$$

$$E_3 = \sigma_4 \cup \sigma_5 \cup \sigma_6 \cup \sigma_7$$

$$E_1 E_2 = \sigma_2 \cup \sigma_4$$

$$E_1 E_3 = \sigma_4 \cup \sigma_5$$

$$E_2 E_3 = \sigma_4 \cup \sigma_6$$

$$E_1 E_2 E_3 = \sigma_4$$

Define $P[\sigma_i] = p_i$. Then,

$$S_1 = P[E_1] + P[E_2] + P[E_3] = p_2 + 2p_4 + p_5 + p_6 + \sum_{i=1}^7 p_i$$

$$S_2 = P[E_1 E_2] + P[E_1 E_3] + P[E_2 E_3] = (p_2 + p_4) + (p_4 + p_5) + (p_4 + p_6)$$

$$S_3 = P[E_1 E_2 E_3] = p_4$$

$$P[E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3] = S_1 - S_2 + S_3 = \sum_{i=1}^7 p_i$$

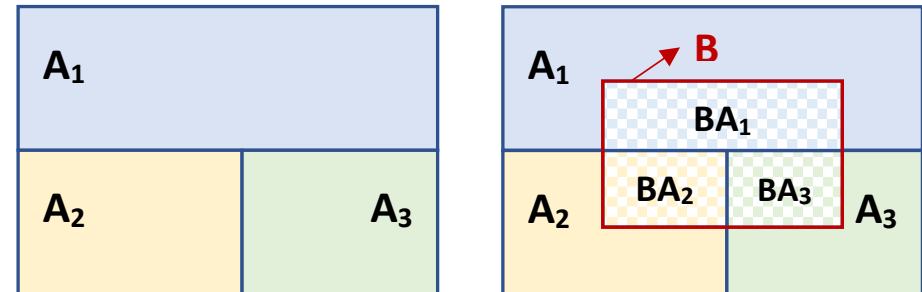
$$P[E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3] = P[\bigcup_{i=1}^7 \sigma_i] = \sum_{i=1}^7 p_i$$

Theorems in Probability Theory

- Law of Total Probability:** For an event space $\{A_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ (i.e., $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \Omega$, $A_i A_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$),

$$P[B] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[BA_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[B|A_i]P[A_i]$$

Note: $B = BA_1 \cup BA_2 \cup \dots \cup BA_n$



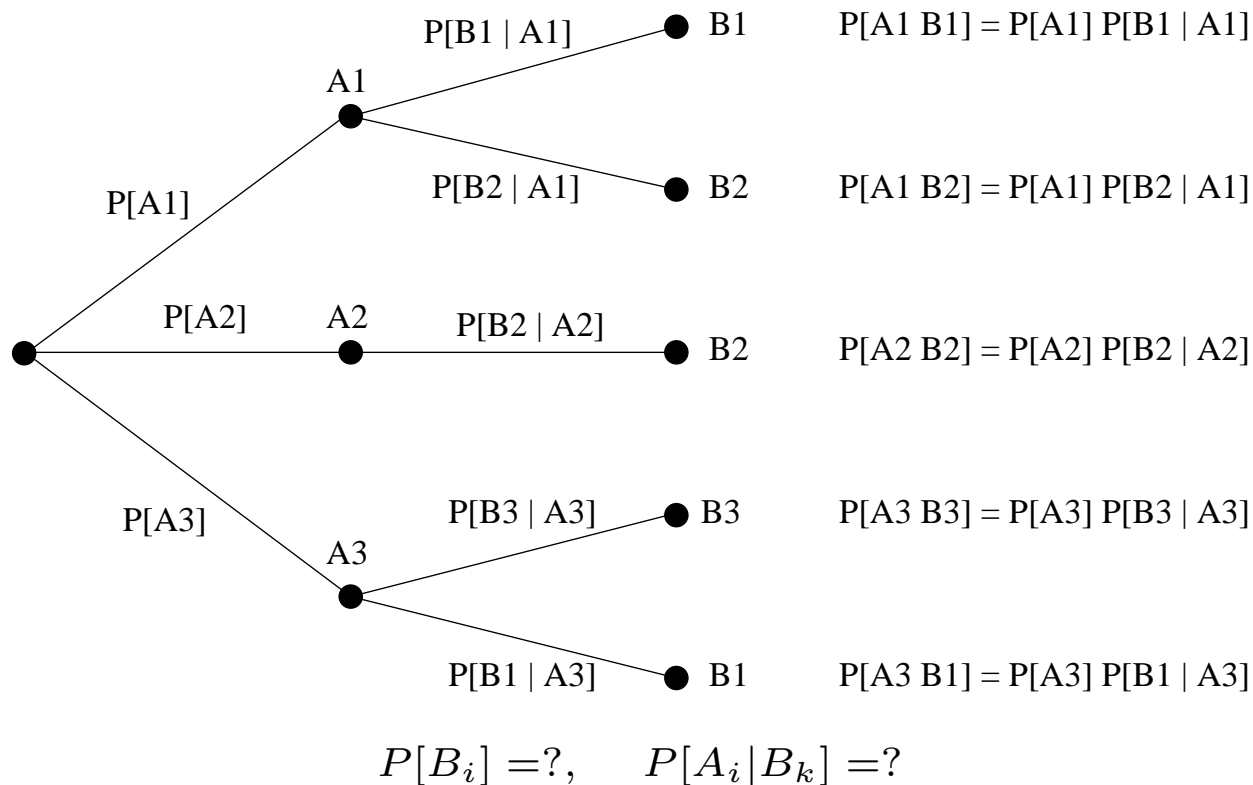
- Bayes' Theorem:** For an event space $\{A_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ and any event B defined on \mathcal{P} with $P[B] > 0$,

$$P[A_j | B] = \frac{P[A_j B]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[B|A_j]P[A_j]}{\sum_{i=1}^n P[B|A_i]P[A_i]}.$$

$$\bullet \quad P[A | B] = \frac{P[B|A]P[A]}{P[B]} \quad \text{and} \quad P[B | A] = \frac{P[A|B]P[B]}{P[A]}, \quad \dots$$

Tree Diagram

• Example: Two-stage sequential experiment



$$P[B_1] = P[A_1 B_1] + P[A_3 B_1], \quad P[B_2] = P[A_1 B_2] + P[A_2 B_2], \quad P[B_3] = P[A_3 B_3]$$

$$P[A_1 | B_1] = \frac{P[A_1 B_1]}{P[B_1]} = \frac{P[A_1 B_1]}{P[A_1 B_1] + P[A_3 B_1]}$$

$$P[A_3 | B_3] = \frac{P[A_3 B_3]}{P[B_3]} = 1, \quad P[A_2 | B_3] = \frac{P[A_2 B_3]}{P[B_3]} = 0$$

- Example: Binary communication channel subject to noise

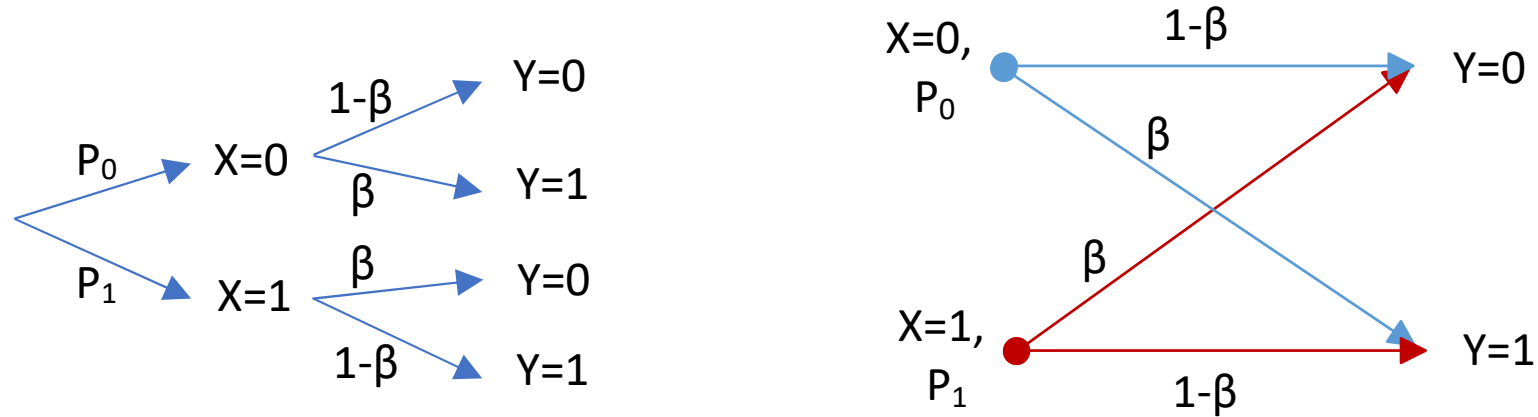


Fig. Tree diagrams of a binary communication channel.

(X = transmitted bit, Y = received bit)

$$P[Y = 1] = P_0\beta + P_1(1 - \beta), \quad P[Y = 0] = P_0(1 - \beta) + P_1\beta$$

$$P[X = 1|Y = 1] = \frac{P[Y = 1|X = 1] P[X = 1]}{P[Y = 1]} = \frac{P_1(1 - \beta)}{P_0\beta + P_1(1 - \beta)}$$

$$P[X = 1|Y = 0] = \frac{P[Y = 0|X = 1] P[X = 1]}{P[Y = 0]} = \frac{P_1\beta}{P_0(1 - \beta) + P_1\beta}$$

$$P[X = 0|Y = 1] = \frac{P[Y = 1, X = 0]}{P[Y = 1]} = \frac{P_0\beta}{P_0\beta + P_1(1 - \beta)}$$

$$P[X = 0|Y = 1] = 1 - P[X = 1|Y = 1] = \frac{P_0\beta}{P_0\beta + P_1(1 - \beta)}$$

- **Example:** Accuracy of a (fictitious) cancer test

A = test states that tested person has cancer.

B = person has cancer.

A^c = test states person is free from cancer.

B^c = person is free from cancer.

$P[A|B] = P[A^c|B^c] = 0.95$ and $P[B] = 0.005$. Is it a good test? Or, what is the likelihood that a person actually has cancer if the test so states, that is, $P[B|A] = ?$.

$$\begin{aligned} P[B|A] &= \frac{P[AB]}{P[A]} = \frac{P[A|B]P[B]}{P[A|B]P[B] + P[A|B^c]P[B^c]} \\ &= \frac{(0.005)(0.95)}{(0.95)(0.005) + (0.05)(0.995)} = 0.087 \end{aligned}$$

In only 8.7% of the cases where the tests are positive will the person actually have cancer.

(not a good test).

Combinatorics / Counting Methods

- From a population of n elements a_1, \dots, a_n , # of groups (sub-populations) of size $r=?$
- # of diff. ordered samples $a_{k_1}, a_{k_2}, \dots, a_{k_r}$ of size r for sampling with replacement = n^r

e.g., For $n = 6$, $a_i = i$ for $i = 1, \dots, 6$, and $r = 2$, we have $6^2 = 36$ different ordered samples,

i.e., $(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (1, 6), (2, 1), (2, 2), \dots, (2, 6), \dots, (6, 1), (6, 2), \dots, (6, 6)$

- # of diff. ordered samples of size r for sampling without replacement =

$$(n)_r \triangleq n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1) = n!/(n-r)!$$

e.g., For $n = 6$, $a_i = i$ for $i = 1, \dots, 6$, and $r = 2$, we have $6!/(6-2)! = 30$ different ordered samples,

i.e., $(1, 2), (1, 3), \dots, (1, 6), (2, 1), (2, 3), \dots, (2, 6), \dots, (6, 1), (6, 2), \dots, (6, 5)$

- **Binomial Law:** # of sub-populations of size r in a population of size n for non-ordered sampling without replacement (# of Combinations) =

$$C_r^n = \frac{(n)_r}{r!} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} \triangleq \binom{n}{r}$$

e.g., For $n = 6$, $a_i = i$ for $i = 1, \dots, 6$, and $r = 2$, we have $C_2^6 = 6!/(2!4!) = 15$ different ways, i.e., $(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 6)$

- Binomial coefficient: $C_r^n = C_{n-r}^n$

- **Multinomial Law:**

Let r_1, \dots, r_k be a set of nonnegative integers such that $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = n$. The number of ways in which a population of n elements can be partitioned into k subpopulations of which the first contains r_1 elements, the second r_2 , and so forth, is

$$\binom{n}{r_1} \binom{n-r_1}{r_2} \dots \binom{n-r_1-\dots-r_{k-2}}{r_{k-1}}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!} \quad (\text{multinomial coefficient})$$

Independent Repeated Trials

- Sample space of n independent repeated trials: $\Omega_n = \Omega \times \Omega \times \dots \times \Omega$ (Cartesian Product)
- If Ω consists of k outcomes, then Ω_n contains k^n outcomes, and corresponding \mathcal{F} contains 2^{k^n} events.
e.g., if $\Omega = \{s, f\}$, then $\Omega_2 = \{ss, sf, fs, ff\}$ and corresponding \mathcal{F} contains 2^4 events.
- Bernoulli Trials: n independent repeated trials where Ω consists of two outcomes (e.g., $\{s, f\}$)

Example: Suppose b_1, b_2 , and b_3 are independent and identically distributed random bits with $P[b_i = 1] = p$ and $P[b_i = 0] = 1 - p$.

The sample space is $\Omega_3 = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} P[b_1 b_2 b_3 = 001] &= P[b_1 = 0]P[b_2 = 0]P[b_3 = 1] = (1 - p)^2 p \\ &= P[b_1 b_2 b_3 = 010] = P[b_1 b_2 b_3 = 100] \end{aligned}$$

The number of outcomes containing exactly one 1 is $\binom{3}{1} = 3$.

$$P[\text{the outcome containing exactly one 1}] = \binom{3}{1} (1 - p)^2 p$$

- **Binomial Probability Law:** Probability of A_k (k success in n independent trials with $P[s] = p$)

$$P[A_k] \triangleq b(k; n, p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

- Binomial (Cumulative) Distribution Function:
(Probability of at most k successes in n independent trials)

$$B(k; n, p) = \sum_{i=0}^k b(i; n, p)$$

- **Multinomial Probability Law:**

Consider a generalized Bernoulli trial with k outcomes ζ_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$,
 $P[\zeta_i] = p_i$, and $\sum_{i=1}^k r_i = n$.

$P[\zeta_i \text{ occurs } r_i \text{ times, } i = 1, \dots, k] =$

$$P(\mathbf{r}; n, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!} p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \dots p_k^{r_k}$$

Stirling's Formula: $n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \, n^n e^{-n}$ (for large n)

- **Example:** A submarine attempts to sink an aircraft carrier. It will be successful only if two or more torpedoes hit the carrier. If the sub fires three torpedoes, and the probability of a hit is 0.4 for each torpedo, what is the probability that the carrier will be sunk ?

$$P[2 \text{ hits}] = \binom{3}{2} (0.4)^2 (0.6)^1 = 0.288$$

$$P[3 \text{ hits}] = \binom{3}{3} (0.4)^3 (0.6)^0 = 0.064$$

$$P[\text{carrier sunk}] = P[\text{two or more hits}] = P[2 \text{ hits}] + P[3 \text{ hits}] = 0.352$$

$$\text{OR, } P[\text{no hits}] = \binom{3}{0} (0.4)^0 (0.6)^3 = 0.216$$

$$P[1 \text{ hit}] = \binom{3}{1} (0.4)^1 (0.6)^2 = 0.432$$

$$P[\text{carrier sunk}] = 1 - (P[\text{no hits}] + P[1 \text{ hit}]) = 0.352$$

(Sometimes, computing the probability of the complement event is faster.)

- **Example:** Suppose among the (911) emergency calls, 60% request the police, 25% request an ambulance, and 15% request the fire department. If we observe 10 emergency calls, $P[6 \text{ calls for police, } 3 \text{ for ambulances, } 1 \text{ for fire dept.}] = p = ?$

$$n = 10, r_1 = 6, r_2 = 3, r_3 = 1, p_1 = 0.6, p_2 = 0.25, p_3 = 0.15,$$

Multinomial probability:

$$p = \frac{n!}{r_1!r_2!r_3!} p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} p_3^{r_3} = \frac{10!}{6!3!1!} (0.6)^6 (0.25)^3 (0.15)^1 \approx 0.092$$

- **Example:** Consider r indistinguishable balls and n cells where $n > r$. The r balls are placed at random into the n cells (multiple occupancy is possible). What is the probability P that the r balls appear in r preselected cells (one to a cell)?

$$\text{Number of favorable ways} = r(r-1)(r-2) \cdots 1 = r!$$

$$\text{Total number of ways} = n^r$$

$$P = \text{number of favorable ways} / \text{total number of ways} = r! / n^r$$

- **Example:** r indistinguishable balls are to be randomly distributed among n cells. $P[\text{all cells are occupied}] = ?$

Solution: $E_i \triangleq$ cell i is empty, $(i = 1, \dots, n)$.

at least one cell is empty $\triangleq E = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$

all cells are occupied $= E^c$.

If $r < n$, $P[E^c] = 0$.

$$\text{For } r \geq n, \quad P[E_i] = (n-1)^r/n^r = (1-1/n)^r \triangleq P_i$$

$$P[E_i E_j] \triangleq P_{ij} = (n-2)^r/n^r = (1-2/n)^r$$

$$P[E_i E_j E_k] \triangleq P_{ijk} = (1-3/n)^r$$

$$S_i \triangleq \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_i \leq n} P_{l_1 l_2 \dots l_i} = \binom{n}{i} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)^r$$

$$P[E] = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} S_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i+1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)^r$$

$$P[E^c] = 1 - P[E] = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)^r$$

- **Occupancy Problem:**(Random placement of r balls into n cells)

- # of distinguishable distributions of non-distinguishable balls:

$$\boxed{\binom{n+r-1}{r} = \binom{n+r-1}{n-1}}$$

n cells $\Rightarrow n+1$ bars, r balls $\Rightarrow r$ stars. $| * | ** | | * | \dots | *** | * |$

The starting bar and ending bar are fixed; so $(n+r-1)$ null spaces to allocate r stars

- **Example:** R (indistinguishable) balls are placed in N cells where $N < R$.
 $K = \#$ of distinguishable distributions where no cell remains empty = ?

First, N balls must occupy N cells so that no cell remains empty.

The remaining $R - N$ balls can be placed arbitrarily in the N cells. Hence,

$K = \#$ of distinguishable ways of placing $R - N$ balls in N cells

= occupancy problem with $r = R - N$ balls and $n = N$ cells

$$= \binom{R-N+N-1}{R-N} = \binom{R-1}{R-N} = \binom{R-1}{N-1}$$

- Example (Occupancy distributions versus probabilities)

Random placement of 3 balls into 3 cells:

$n = 3$ cells and $r = 3$ balls

$\Rightarrow n + 1 = 4$ bars and $r = 3$ stars

Out of 7 vacant slots, the first and last slots are reserved for 2 bars.

So, $n - 1 + r = 5$ vacant slots, each to be occupied by either a bar or a star.

$$\# \text{ of distributions} = \binom{n + r - 1}{r} = 10.$$

Distributions	vacant slots						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1		*	*	*			
2		*	*		*		
3		*	*			*	
4		*		*	*		
5		*		*		*	
6			*	*	*		
7			*	*		*	
8			*		*	*	
9		*			*	*	
10				*	*	*	

- Example (Occupancy distributions versus probabilities):

Example of inserting 3 balls into 3 cells randomly				
distribution with distinguishable balls	distribution with indistinguishable balls	cell-1	cell-2	cell-3
1	1	1 2 3		
2	2	1 2	3	
3	2	1 3	2	
4	2	2 3	1	
5	3	1 2		3
6	3	1 3		2
7	3	2 3		1
8	4	1	2 3	
9	4	2	1 3	
10	4	3	1 2	
11	5	1	2	3
12	5	2	1	3
13	5	2	3	1
14	5	1	3	2
15	5	3	1	2
16	5	3	2	1
17	6		1 2 3	
18	7		1 2	3
19	7		1 3	2
20	7		2 3	1
21	8		1	2 3
22	8		2	1 3
23	8		3	1 2
24	9	1		2 3
25	9	2		1 3
26	9	3		1 2
27	10			1 2 3

Random placement of $r = 3$ balls into $n = 3$ cells:

of distributions of distinguishable balls = $n^r = 3^3 = 27$

$P[\text{a distribution of distinguishable balls}] = 1/27$

$P[| ** | * | |] = 3/27$

$P[| * | * | * |] = 6/27$

$P[| *** | | |] = 1/27$

Reliability Problem

- System with N Independent Components in Series:

$$P[\text{success of component } i] = p_i$$

$$P[\text{success of the system}] = \prod_{i=1}^N p_i$$

- System with N Independent Components in Parallel:

$$P[\text{success of component } i] = p_i$$

$$P[\text{failure of the system}] = \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - p_i)$$

$$P[\text{success of the system}] = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - p_i)$$

- **Example:** Suppose a home is equipped with an old intrusion detection system which provides a correct detection probability of 0.7. The owner wants to upgrade the intrusion detection system, and finds out that there is a new system which is independent of the old system technology. The new system consists of two sequential independent sub-systems, each with a corresponding correct detection probability of 0.9. Compare the correct detection probabilities for the following two options.

Option 1: Replace the old system with the new one

Option 2: Keep the old system and add the new one.

$$P[\text{correct detection (success) for old system}] = P[S_{\text{old}}] = 0.7$$

$$P[\text{success for new system}] = P[S_{\text{new}}] = 0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.81 \text{ (Option 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[\text{failure for the parallel system}] &= (1 - P[S_{\text{old}}])(1 - P[S_{\text{new}}]) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.19 = 0.057 \end{aligned}$$

$$P[\text{success for the parallel system}] = 1 - 0.057 = 0.943 \text{ (Option 2)}$$

Redundancy (parallel system) improves reliability!