## 1: Probabilities

Independent Events – 
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$
 (1)

Rule of Multiplication – 
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A)$$
 (2)

Rule of Addition – 
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B|A)$$
 (3)

Binomial Distribution 
$$-\binom{n}{k}p^k(1-p)^{n-k}$$
 (4)

(1) Given  $P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we want to prove that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent events.

Events  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent if and only if Eq. (1) is satisfied.

$$P(A_2 \cap A_1) = P(A_2)P(A_1)$$

We can use Eq. (2) to restate the LHS of Eq. (1) in terms of probabilities we are given.

$$P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2) = P(A_2)P(A_1)$$
$$\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}$$

By showing Eq. (1) is satisfied, we have proven  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent events.

(2)

(3) Let X be a random variable representing the top of the six-sided die toss. The dice is a fair dice so we know  $P(X=1) = P(X=2) = P(X=3) = P(X=4) = P(X=5) = P(X=6) = \frac{1}{6}$ . There are six possible events and the total probability of exactly two heads after n coin tosses is the sum of the probability of each of the six events happening.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} P(X=i) * B(n=i, k=2, p=0.5)$$

Where B(n, k, p) represents the binomial distribution from Eq. (4). This is the probability that given n trials, there are exactly k successes if the probability of success is p where  $0 \le p \le 1$  and  $k \le n$ . Let Y be a random variable representing the exact number of heads after n coin tosses. Note that the probability of getting exactly two heads when only tossing one coin is 0.

$$P(Y=2) = \sum_{i=1}^{6} P(X=i) * B(n=i, k=2, p=0.5)$$

$$P(Y=2) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^{6} B(n=i, k=2, p=0.5)$$

$$P(Y=2) = \frac{1}{6} (0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{6}{16} + \frac{10}{32} + \frac{15}{64})$$

$$P(Y=2) = \frac{33}{128} = 0.2578$$

Thus this is the probability of getting exactly 2 heads after n coin flips, where n is the result of a fair six-sided die toss.

$$P(heads = 2) = \frac{33}{128} = 0.2578$$

(4) We want to prove that if  $P(A_1) = a_1$  and  $P(A_2) = a_2$  then  $P(A_1|A_2) \ge \frac{a_1 + a_2 - 1}{a_2}$ . *Proof:* we begin with Eq. (3) which is the rule for union of two events.

$$P(A_2 \cup A_1) = P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$

 $P(A_2 \cup A_1)$  is a probability so we know it has a upper bound of 1.

$$1 \ge P(A_2 \cup A_1) = P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$
$$1 \ge P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$

Rearranging terms and multiplying both sides by -1.

$$\frac{1 - P(A_2) - P(A_1)}{P(A_2)} \ge -P(A_1|A_2)$$

$$P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1$$

$$\frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1}{P(A_2)} \le P(A_1|A_2)$$

Replacing  $P(A_1) = a_1$  and  $P(A_2) = a_2$  on the LHS of the inequality.

$$P(A_1|A_2) \ge \frac{a_1 + a_2 - 1}{a_2} \tag{5}$$

Thus arriving at the original inequality and proving it's correctness.

(5a)