

Mathematics for Computer Science:

Homework 3

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Exercise 12

Answer: Let A be the event that the chosen card side is green. Let B be the event that the both side of the chosen card is green.

We are going to calculate $\Pr(B|A)$,

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

Since there are 3 green sides in total 6 sides, the probability of A is $\Pr(A) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$. And only 1 card have green on both sides, so the probability of B is $\Pr(B) = \Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{3}$.

Hence,

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Exercise 18

Answer: Since A_i are disjoint and $\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i = \Omega$, from the law of total probability, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \Pr(A_i|B) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\Pr(A_i \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{\Pr(B)}{\Pr(B)} = 1.$$

We already known that $\Pr(A_1|B) < \Pr(A_1)$, if $\Pr(A_i|B) \leq \Pr(A_i)$ for all $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \Pr(A_i|B) < \sum_{i=1}^k \Pr(A_i) = 1,$$

which is contradiction. Hence, there must exist $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, k\}$ such that $\Pr(A_i|B) \geq \Pr(A_i)$.

Exercise 20

Answer: (a) $\Pr(C_i|H) = \frac{\Pr(C_i \cap H)}{\Pr(H)} = \frac{\frac{1}{5}p_i}{\frac{1}{5}\sum_{i=1}^5 p_i} = \frac{2p_i}{5}$. Thus,

$$\Pr(C_i|H) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \frac{1}{10} & \text{if } i = 2 \\ \frac{1}{5} & \text{if } i = 3 \\ \frac{3}{10} & \text{if } i = 4 \\ \frac{2}{5} & \text{if } i = 5 \end{cases}.$$

(b) We know that $\Pr(H_1) = \frac{1}{5}\sum_{i=1}^5 p_i = \frac{1}{2}$, and

$$\Pr(H_2 \cap H_1) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 p_i^2 = \frac{3}{8}$$

Therefore $\Pr(H_2|H_1) = \frac{\Pr(H_2 \cap H_1)}{\Pr(H_1)} = \frac{3}{4}$.

$$(c) \Pr(C_i|B_4) = \frac{\Pr(C_i \cap B_4)}{\Pr(B_4)}.$$

$$\Pr(C_i \cap B_4) = (1 - p_i)^3 p_i \text{ and } \Pr(B_4) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 (1 - p_i)^3 p_i = \frac{69}{320}.$$

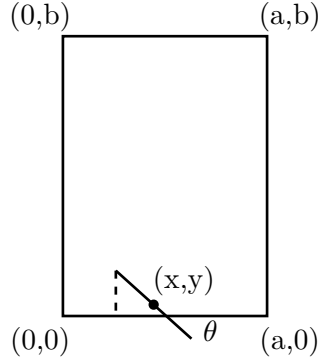
Therefore,

$$\Pr(C_i|B_4) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \frac{27}{46} & \text{if } i = 2 \\ \frac{8}{23} & \text{if } i = 3. \\ \frac{3}{46} & \text{if } i = 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } i = 5 \end{cases}$$

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Problem 1

Answer: Let (x, y) be the coordinate of the center of the needle, $\theta \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ be the angle of the needle and x-axis. From the graph below we can see that the needle has intersection with x-axis when $\frac{l}{2} \sin(\theta) \geq y$. Similarly we know the needle has intersection with y-axis when $\frac{l}{2} \cos(\theta) \geq x$.



Consider the upper and right edge of the rectangle, for a given θ , the area of the region that the needle intersects with x-axis or y-axis is $2 \cdot \left(\left| \frac{l}{2} \sin(\theta) a \right| + \left| \frac{l}{2} \cos(\theta) b \right| \right) = al|\sin(\theta)| + bl \cos(\theta)$.

But we count the area of the region that the needle intersects with two edges twice, so we have to get rid of that.

As for the situation that the needle intersects with both x-axis and y-axis, we have $\frac{l}{2} \sin(\theta) \geq y$ and $\frac{l}{2} \cos(\theta) \geq x$. Since there are total four corners, thus the area is $4 \cdot \left| \frac{l}{2} \sin(\theta) \cdot \frac{l}{2} \cos(\theta) \right| = \frac{l^2}{2} |\sin(2\theta)|$.

Therefore, the area of the region that the needle intersects with the rectangle is $al|\sin(\theta)| + bl \cos(\theta) - \frac{l^2}{2} |\sin(2\theta)|$.

We then calculate the volume of the domain representing needle has intersection with the rectangle, which is

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(al|\sin(\theta)| + bl \cos(\theta) - \frac{l^2}{2} |\sin(2\theta)| \right) d\theta = 2al + 2bl - l^2.$$

The volume of the entire domain is πab and $l = 1$, therefore the probability is $\frac{2a+2b-1}{\pi ab}$.

Problem 2

Answer: First we prove that for independent random variables X, Y and $Z = X + Y$, then $f_Z(z) = \int_{x \in \Omega_X} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx$, where $f_X(x)$ is PDF of X .

Proof: Let $F_X(x)$ be the CDF of X , then

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= \Pr(Z \leq z) \\ &= \Pr(X + Y \leq z) \\ &= \int_{x \in \Omega_X} \Pr(Y + X \leq z | X = x) f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{x \in \Omega_X} \Pr(Y \leq z - x | X = x) f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{x \in \Omega_X} F_Y(z - x) f_X(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We take derivative of both sides, then we get $f_Z(z) = \int_{x \in \Omega_X} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx$.

Back to the original problem, we can first calculate the PDF of $x_1 + x_2$. Let $Y = x_1 + x_2$, since $\rho_0(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$, we only need to consider $0 \leq x \leq y$ parts.

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int_0^y \rho_0(x) \rho_0(y - x) dx \\ &= \int_0^y e^{-x} e^{-(y-x)} dx \\ &= \int_0^y e^{-y} dx \\ &= ye^{-y}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(x_1 + x_2 > t) &= \Pr(Y > t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f_Y(y) dy = \int_t^{+\infty} ye^{-y} dy \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} -(y + 1)e^{-y} \Big|_t^A = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} (1 + t)e^{-t} - (1 + A)e^{-A} = \frac{1 + t}{e^t}. \end{aligned}$$

$f_Y(y) = ye^{-y}$ only exists when $Y \geq 0$, so above equation is only valid when $t \geq 0$. For $t < 0$, we always have $\Pr(x_1 + x_2 > t) = 1$.

To sum up,

$$\Pr(x_1 + x_2 > t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ \frac{1+t}{e^t} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Problem 3

Answer: (a)(c)(d) are *True* and (b) is *False*.

(a) *Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X + Y) &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} (x + y) \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} x \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) + \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} y \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} x \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) + \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} y \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) + \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} y \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \Pr(X = x) + \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} y \Pr(Y = y) \\
&= E(X) + E(Y).
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Let's toss a dice only once, and let $X = 1$ when the number is 1, else $X = 0$. And $Y = 1$ when the number is 2, else $Y = 0$. Then $E(X) = \frac{1}{6}$ and $E(Y) = \frac{1}{6}$. $X = 1$ and $Y = 1$ can't happen at the same time, so $E(X^2 Y^2) = 0$, but $E(X)E(Y) = \frac{1}{36}$. Hence, $(E(X^2 Y^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq E(X) \cdot E(Y)$ is *False*.

Before proving (c)(d), let's prove the following lemma first.

Lemma: For any random variables X and convex function f satisfying f''' exists, we have $f(E(X)) \leq E(f(X))$.

Proof: Since f is convex, we have $f'' \geq 0$.

Since f''' exists, use Taylor's theorem, we have

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(\xi_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 \geq f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0).$$

Hence, $E[f(X)] \geq E[f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(X - x_0)] = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)E[X - x_0]$ for a given x_0 .

Let $x_0 = E[X]$, we have $E[f(X)] \geq f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(E[X] - x_0) = f(E[X])$.

(c) X and Y are independent, so $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$. This is because

$$\begin{aligned}
E(XY) &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} xy \Pr(X = x \cap Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} xy \Pr(X = x) \Pr(Y = y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \Pr(X = x) \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} y \Pr(Y = y) \\
&= E(X)E(Y).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $f(x) = x^2$ is convex, we have $E(X^2 Y^2) \geq E^2(XY) = (E(X)E(Y))^2$, so $(E(X^2 Y^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq E(X) \cdot E(Y)$.

(d) Let $f(x) = e^x$, and $f(x)$ is convex. Using lemma above, we have $f(E(X)) \leq E(f(X))$, so $E(e^X) \geq e^{E(X)}$.

Problem 4

Answer: $m \geq 2$, we want to prove

$$\sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n-m}{m-k} \frac{1}{2^{\binom{m}{2} - \binom{k}{2}}} \leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} E[X].$$

Since $E[X] = \binom{n}{m} \frac{1}{2^{\binom{m}{2}}}$ So we only need to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n-m}{m-k} \frac{1}{2^{\binom{m}{2} - \binom{k}{2}}} &\leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} \binom{n}{m} \frac{1}{2^{\binom{m}{2}}} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n-m}{m-k} 2^{\binom{k}{2}} &\leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} \binom{n}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(x) = \binom{m}{x} \binom{n-m}{m-x} 2^{\binom{x}{2}}$, $2 \leq x \leq m$, then for sufficiently large n , we have

$$\frac{f(x+1)}{f(x)} = \frac{m-x}{x+1} \frac{m-x}{n-2m+x+1} 2^{\frac{x(x+1)}{2} - \frac{x(x-1)}{2}} = \frac{(m-x)^2}{(x+1)(n-2m+x+1)} 2^x < 1.$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is decreasing, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n-m}{m-k} 2^{\binom{k}{2}} &\leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} \binom{n}{m} \\ \Leftrightarrow m \binom{m}{2} \binom{n-m}{m-2} 2^{\binom{2}{2}} &\leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} \binom{n}{m} \\ \Leftrightarrow m^2(m-1) \cdot \frac{(n-m)!}{(m-2)!(n-2m+2)!} &\leq \frac{m^5}{n-m+1} \binom{n}{m} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{(n-m+1)!}{(m-2)!(n-2m+2)!} &\leq m^2 \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{(n-m+1)!}{(n-2m+2)!} &\leq \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} \\ \Leftrightarrow \binom{n-m+1}{m} &\leq \binom{n}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is true therefore we prove the original inequality.

Problem 5

Answer: We directly prove (b).

We first prove that two path can only share some continuous edges at most one time.

If they share twice or more, let the end node of the first shared path be v_1 , and the beginning of the second shared path be v_2 . Then there are at least two path from v_1 to v_2 , which can't be true since bit-fixing algorithm only generate one path from v_1 to v_2 .

During the routing, M_i increases its lag from 0 to D_j when it arrives at destination. Notice that M_i will increase its lag from t to $t+1$ when it arrives(or stays) at a node when another packet M_j come in and get through the next edge before M_i .

If this situation happens, then we say that M_i give a bonus to M_j . So M_j has a bonus now. If M_j also meets similar situation(delay), then it gives all his bonus to the packet that crosses the next edge. So the bonus is passed from one packet to another.

Notice that only M_i can generate and allocate bonus, other packets can only get bonus from M_i and pass it to another packet. So the number of bonus depends on the number of bonus that M_i generates.

Now, let's prove that the number of bonus that M_i generates is at most $|S|$.

First, bonus can't stop moving until it got out of $path_i$. If M_j gets a bonus, then it must cross the next edge before another packet to get it. Else M_j has a bonus already, if M_j doesn't cross the next edge, then it will give the bonus to another packet that crosses. Whichever the situation is, the bonus will continue moving through edges and edges.

Second, M_i can only generate a bonus at one time since M_i only give a bonus to the packet that crosses the next edge before M_i .

Third, one packet can only have one bonus at one time, this can be proved by above facts (bonus can't stop moving and is generated at most one at one time).

Therefore, the number of bonus that M_i generates is at most the number of packets that come into $path_i$, which is $|S|$. We have a bonus iff M_i suffers a delay, so $D_i \leq |S|$.

Problem 6

Answer: We need to find out the expectation of the number of paths that contain a particular e .

Let I be the indicator function, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{e \in \text{all edges}} Y_e &= \sum_{e \in \text{all edges}} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} I(e \in Path_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \sum_{e \in \text{all edges}} I(e \in Path_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} (\text{length of } Path_i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{e \in \text{all edges}} E[Y_e] &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} E[(\text{length of } Path_i)]. \\ E[Y_e] &= \frac{2^n E[\text{the length of paths starting from point 1}]}{\# \text{ all edges}} = \frac{2^n \sum_{i=0}^n i \frac{\binom{n}{i}}{2^n}}{2^n n} = \frac{2^n n \frac{2^{n-1}}{2^n}}{2^n n} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7

Answer: We consider two point 011A and 101A, where A stands for a random 01 string. If they both go to 110B, where B is a random 01 string. Then two paths are

$$\begin{aligned} 011A &\rightarrow 111A \rightarrow 110A \rightarrow 110... \rightarrow ... \rightarrow 110B \\ 101A &\rightarrow 111A \rightarrow 110A \rightarrow 110... \rightarrow ... \rightarrow 110B. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that bit-fixing algorithm ensures that they have common edge $111A \rightarrow 110A$ and packets will arrive 111A at the same time, so there must be at least one delay. There are 2^{n-3} pairs of such points, and a packet has probability $\frac{1}{8}$ to have destination 110B.

Hence, the expectation of the number of delayed packets is $E[|S|] \geq 2^{n-3} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2^9} \cdot 2^n$.

Therefore, $E[|S|] = \Omega(2^n)$.

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