

MODEL ANSWERS OF QUIZ I

1. (5 points) Let a fair 6-sided die is rolled  $n$  times. What is the probability that all faces have appeared?

**Solution:** Note that the required probability is zero for  $n < 6$ . For  $n \geq 6$  we can proceed as follows. Let  $A_i$  denote the event that  $i$  has not appeared in  $n$  rolls,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . We need to find

$$P(\cap_{i=1}^6 A_i^c) = 1 - P(\cup_{i=1}^6 A_i) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^6 P(A_i) + \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) - \dots + P(\cap_{i=1}^6 A_i).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_i) &= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \text{ for all } i \\ P(A_i \cap A_j) &= \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^n \text{ for all } i \neq j \\ P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) &= \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^n \text{ for all } i \neq j \neq k \\ P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_l) &= \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^n \text{ for all } i \neq j \neq k \neq l \\ P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_l \cap A_m) &= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n \text{ for all } i \neq j \neq k \neq l \neq m \\ P(\cap_{i=1}^6 A_i) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required probability, for  $n \geq 6$ , is

$$1 - 6 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n + 15 \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^n - 20 \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^n + 15 \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^n - 6 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n.$$

2. (5 points) Consider four coding machines  $M_1, M_2, M_3$ , and  $M_4$  producing binary codes 0 and 1. The machine  $M_1$  produces codes 0 and 1 with respective probabilities  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The code produced by machine  $M_k$  is fed into machine  $M_{k+1}$ , ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ), which may either leave the received code unchanged or may change it. Suppose that each of the machines  $M_2, M_3$ , and  $M_4$  change the code with probability  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Given that the machine  $M_4$  has produced code 1, find the conditional probability that the machine  $M_1$  produced code 0.

**Solution:** Let  $A_{1j}$  denote the event that  $j^{\text{th}}$  machine produces code  $i$ , where  $i = 0, 1, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Note that  $\{A_{01}, A_{11}\}$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive events. Now, using Bayes Theorem, the required probability is

$$P(A_{01} | A_{14}) = \frac{P(A_{14} | A_{01}) P(A_{01})}{P(A_{14} | A_{01}) P(A_{01}) + P(A_{14} | A_{11}) P(A_{11})}.$$

Now each code gets changed maximum 3 times. If  $M_1$  produces code 0 and  $M_4$  produces code 1, the code has been changed odd number of times in between. Similarly, if both  $M_1$  and  $M_4$  produce code 1, then the code has changed even number of times. Thus,

$$P(A_{14} | A_{01}) = \binom{3}{1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \binom{3}{3} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$$

and

$$P(A_H | A_{11}) = \binom{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \binom{3}{0} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3.$$

Therefore  $P(A_{01} | A_{14}) = \frac{3}{10}$ .

3. (5 points) Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  be a collection of mutually exclusive events such that  $P(E_i) > 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = 1$ . For any event  $B$ , show that

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B|E_i) P(E_i).$$

**Solution:** Let  $E = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ . Then  $P(E) = 1 \implies P(E^c) = 0$ . Then using monotonicity property of probability,  $P(B \cap E^c) = 0$ . As,  $B \cap E$  and  $B \cap E^c$  are disjoint and  $B = (B \cap E) \cup (B \cap E^c)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(B \cap E) + P(B \cap E^c) \\ &= P(B \cap E), \quad \text{as } P(B \cap E^c) = 0 \\ &= P(B \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)), \quad \text{as } E = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \\ &= P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} (B \cap E_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B \cap E_i), \quad \text{as } E_i's \text{ are disjoint, so are } B \cap E_i's \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B | E_i) P(E_i), \text{ as } P(E_i) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.