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**Problem 1** (15pts)

Consider a sample space  $\Omega = \{\text{red, green, blue, orange, yellow}\}$ .

- (A) What is the smallest possible valid event space  $\mathcal{A}$ ?
- (B) What is the smallest possible event space that contains the set  $\{\text{blue}\}$ ?
- (C) What is the smallest possible event space that contains both  $\{\text{blue}\}$  and  $\{\text{red, green}\}$ ?  
(Hint: it has eight members.)

An event space  $\mathcal{A}$  must satisfy the following:

- Contains  $\Omega$
- Be closed under complements (e.g.  $\Omega^C = \emptyset$ )
- Be closed under unions/intersections (e.g.  $\{\text{blue}\} \cup \{\text{red, green, orange, yellow}\} = \Omega$ )

(A) The smallest possible valid event space  $\mathcal{A}$  is the trivial event space  $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ .

(B) The smallest possible event space that contains the set  $\{\text{blue}\}$  is  $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, \{\text{blue}\}, \{\text{red, green, orange, yellow}\}, \Omega\}$ .

(C) the smallest possible event space that contains both  $\{\text{blue}\}$  and  $\{\text{red, green}\}$  is

$\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, \{\text{blue}\}, \{\text{red, green}\}, \{\text{orange, yellow}\}, \{\text{blue, red, green}\}, \{\text{blue, orange, yellow}\}, \{\text{red, green, orange, yellow}\}, \Omega\}$

**Problem 2** (15pts)

Consider the following bivariate distribution  $p(x, y)$  of two discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$Y$	$y_1$	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.1	0.1
	$y_2$	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.07	0.2
	$y_3$	0.1	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04
		$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
		$X$				

- (A) What is the marginal distribution  $p(x)$ ?
- (B) What is the marginal distribution  $p(y)$ ?
- (C) What is the conditional distribution  $p(x | Y = y_1)$  ?
- (D) What is the conditional distribution  $p(y | X = x_3)$  ?
- (E) What is the conditional distribution  $p(x | Y \neq y_1)$  ?

(A) The marginal distribution  $p(x) =$

0.16	0.17	0.11	0.22	0.34
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
$X$				

(B) The marginal distribution  $p(y) =$

$Y$	$y_1$	0.26
	$y_2$	0.47
	$y_3$	0.27

(C) The conditional distribution  $p(x | Y = y_1) =$

$\frac{0.01}{0.26} \approx 0.04$	$\frac{0.02}{0.26} \approx 0.08$	$\frac{0.03}{0.26} \approx 0.12$	$\frac{0.1}{0.26} \approx 0.38$	$\frac{0.1}{0.26} \approx 0.38$
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
$X$				

(D) The conditional distribution  $p(y | X = x_3) =$

$Y$	$y_1$	$\frac{0.03}{0.11} \approx 0.27$
	$y_2$	$\frac{0.05}{0.11} \approx 0.45$
	$y_3$	$\frac{0.03}{0.11} \approx 0.27$

(E) The conditional distribution  $p(x | Y \neq y_1) =$

$\frac{0.15}{0.74} \approx 0.20$	$\frac{0.15}{0.74} \approx 0.20$	$\frac{0.08}{0.74} \approx 0.11$	$\frac{0.12}{0.74} \approx 0.16$	$\frac{0.24}{0.74} \approx 0.32$
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
$X$				

**Problem 3** (20pts)

In 2014-2016, West Africa experienced a massive outbreak of Ebola. We'll concentrate on Sierra Leone and imagine a mandatory screening of every citizen. The probability of being tested positive given that the citizen has Ebola is 84%. The probability of being tested positive given that the citizen does not have Ebola is 11%. We also know that the probability of contracting Ebola for any given citizen is 0.4%. If a randomly-chosen citizen tests positive, what is that citizen's probability of actually having Ebola?

Use Bayes' theorem:

$$P(\text{Ebola} \mid \text{Positive}) = \frac{P(\text{Positive} \mid \text{Ebola})P(\text{Ebola})}{P(\text{Positive})}$$

$$P(\text{Positive}) = P(\text{Positive} \mid \text{Ebola}) * P(\text{Ebola}) + P(\text{Positive} \mid \text{No Ebola}) * P(\text{No Ebola}) = 0.84 * 0.004 + 0.11 * 0.996 = 0.11292$$

$$P(\text{Ebola} \mid \text{Positive}) = \frac{0.84 * 0.004}{0.11292} = 0.0297... \approx 2.9\%$$

**Problem 4** (48pts)

In this problem you will do some mathematical calculations and also use Colab. Be sure to append your PDF and insert your link as usual.

- (A) Import `numpy.random` (usually aliased to `npr`) and **set the random seed**.
- (B) Imagine drawing 1,000 independent **Bernoulli variates**  $X_i \in \{0, 1\}$  with the probability  $p(X_i = 1) = 0.35$ , and computing their sum

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} X_i.$$

What are the mean and variance of  $Y$ ?

- (C) Generate 10,000 independent random variables  $Y$  as described above. That is, generate 10,000 sums of 1,000 independent Bernoulli variables. This is not as hard as it sounds. Use the `numpy.random.rand()` function only; do not use any functions from `scipy.stats`. Use `rand()` to generate a  $10,000 \times 1,000$  matrix of independent uniform random variates in the interval  $[0, 1]$ , then threshold them appropriately to get 0 or 1. Finally, sum over the appropriate dimension to get 10,000 samples of  $Y$  above.
- (D) Use Matplotlib to **make a histogram** of these samples. Use at least 100 bins so you can see the structure in the distribution. Do you recognize the shape?
- (E) Compute the empirical mean and variance of the 10,000 samples you have drawn. Compare these results to your calculation from (B).
- (F) Now imagine drawing 1,000 independent (continuous) variates uniformly in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . What are the mean and variance of their sum?
- (G) Generate 10,000 such sums using a variation of the procedure you performed for (C). As before, you'll only use `rand()` but you should scale and shift rather than threshold.
- (H) Create a histogram of these sums, as in (D). Describe the shape.
- (I) Compute the empirical mean and variance of the 10,000 samples and compare them to your computations in (F).

**Problem 5** (2pts)

Approximately how many hours did this assignment take you to complete?

My notebook URL: <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1OoLmLbuCK0XhbK9H1IWDHNADp46IKLzr?usp=sharing>

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