

Math 5411 – Mathematical Statistics I– Fall 2024

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§42, 49, 60, and 80 from chapter 1.

Exercise 42 How many ways can 11 boys on a soccer team be grouped in 4 forwards, 3 midfielders, 3 defenders, and 1 goalie?

$$\binom{11}{4, 3, 3, 1} = \frac{11!}{4!3!3!1!} = \frac{39916800}{24 \cdot 24 \cdot 6} = \frac{39916800}{345} = 11550$$

Exercise 49 A fair coin is tossed three times

1. What is the probability of two or more heads given that there were at least one head? Let A be the event of "at least one head" and B be the event of "two or more heads".

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= 2^3 = 8 \text{ and } A^c = \{ (t, t, t) \} \\ P(A) &= 7/8 \\ B^c &= \{ (t, t, t), (h, t, t), (t, h, t), (t, t, h) \} \\ P(B) &= 1/2 \\ B \cap A &= \{ (h, t, t), (t, h, t), (t, t, h) \} \\ P(B \cap A) &= 3/8 \\ P(B|A) &= P(B \cap A)/P(A) = \frac{3/8}{4/8} = 3/4\end{aligned}$$

2. What is the probability given that there was at least one tail?

Let C be the event "at least one tail".

$$\begin{aligned}P(C) &= 1/2 \\ B \cap C &= \{ (h, h, t), (t, h, h), (h, t, h) \} \\ P(B \cap C) &= 3/8 \\ P(B|C) &= P(B \cap C)/P(C) = \frac{3/8}{4/8} = 3/4\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 60 A factory runs three shifts. In a given day, 1% of the items produced by the first are defective, 2% of the second shifts items are defective, and 5% of the third shift's items are defective. If the shifts all have the same productivity, what percentage of the items produced in a day are defective? If an item is defective, what is the probability that it was produced on the third shift?

Let N be the amount of items produced per shift. The total number of defective items T will be $T = 0.01N + 0.02N + 0.05N = 0.08N$ will be $0.08N$ out of $3N$ items or 2.667%. Let A be the probability that it is a defective item and C be the probability that it came from the third shift. $P(C) = 1/3$ and $P(A) = 0.02667$. $P(C|A) = P(C \cap A)/P(A) = 0.02667/0.05 = 0.5334$.

Exercise 80 If a parent has genotype Aa , he transmits either A or a to an offspring (each with a $\frac{1}{2}$ chance). The gene he transmits to one offspring is independent of the one he transmits to another. Consider a parent with three children and the following events: $A = \{\text{children 1 and 2 have the same gene}\}$, $B = \{\text{children 1 and 3 have the same gene}\}$, $C = \{\text{children 2 and 3 have the same gene}\}$. Show that these events are pairwise independent but not mutually independent.