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## Retake Quiz 1 (Solutions)

### Questions

1. Suppose that  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers. What is the probability that a randomly chosen positive integer less than  $mn$  is not divisible by either  $m$  or  $n$ ? (9 points)
2. A simple example of a random variable is the *indicator* of an event  $A$ , which is denoted by  $I_A$ :

$$I_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \omega \in A \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Prove that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if the associated indicator random variables,  $I_A$  and  $I_B$  are independent. (5 points)
  - (b) If  $X = I_A$ , find  $E[X]$ . (3 points)
3. A system  $G$  is described by the difference equation  $y[n] = nu[n]$ . Determine whether the system is a) memoryless, b) causal, and c) time-invariant. (3 points)

### Solutions:

1) We have  $mn - 1$  integers less than  $mn$ . Furthermore, there are  $n - 1$  multiples of  $m$  and  $m - 1$  multiples of  $n$  less than  $mn$ ; However,  $\frac{mn}{lcm(m,n)} - 1$  of these multiples are the same. Hence by the Inclusion-Exclusion law we have  $m + n - 1 - gcd(m, n)$  multiples of either  $m$  or  $n$ . By doing some algebra, the probability of not choosing a multiple of either one would be:

$$\frac{(m - 1)(n - 1) + gcd(m, n) - 1}{mn - 1}$$

2)

- (a) We know that  $I_A$  is a random variable that maps a 1 to the real number line if  $\omega$  occurs within an event  $A$  and maps a 0 to the real line if  $\omega$  occurs outside of event  $A$ . A similar argument holds for event  $B$ . Thus we have,

$$I_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{with probability } P(A) \\ 0, & \text{with probability } 1 - P(A) \end{cases}$$

If the random variables,  $A$  and  $B$ , are independent, we have  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ . The indicator random variables,  $I_A$  and  $I_B$ , are independent if,  $P_{I_A, I_B}(x, y) = P_{I_A}(x)P_{I_B}(y)$ . First suppose  $I_A$  and  $I_B$  are independent, we have:

$$P(A \cap B) = P_{I_A, I_B}(1, 1) = P_{I_A}(1)P_{I_B}(1) = P(A)P(B)$$

now suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are independent,

$$P_{I_A, I_B}(1, 1) = P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) = P_{I_A}(1)P_{I_B}(1)$$

$$P_{I_A, I_B}(0, 1) = P(A^c \cap B) = P(A^c)P(B) = P_{I_A}(0)P_{I_B}(1)$$

$$P_{I_A, I_B}(1, 0) = P(A \cap B^c) = P(A)P(B^c) = P_{I_A}(1)P_{I_B}(0)$$

$$P_{I_A, I_B}(0, 0) = P(A^c \cap B^c) = P(A^c)P(B^c) = P_{I_A}(0)P_{I_B}(0)$$

- (b) If  $X = I_A$ , we know that

$$E[X] = E[I_A] = 1 \cdot P(A) + 0 \cdot (1 - P(A)) = P(A)$$

- 3) a) Since the output value at time  $n$  depends only on the input value at time  $n$ , the system is memoryless.

- b) Since the output does not depend on future input values, the system is causal.

- c) Let  $u_2[n] := u_1[n + n_0]$  with  $n_0 \neq 0$  for all  $n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} y_1[n + n_0] &= (n + n_0)u_1[n + n_0] \\ &= (n + n_0)u_2[n] \neq y_2[n] = nu_2[n]. \end{aligned}$$

Because a time-shift of  $n_0$  in the input does not correspond to a time-shift of  $n_0$  in the output, the system is not time-invariant.