

# Homework 2

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1. Let E and F be two events for which  $P(E \text{ or } F) = 0.75$ . What is the probability that neither E nor F occurs? *1 point*

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2. Let's say you have an experiment with two possible outcomes. One outcome has probability  $p$ , and the other outcome has probability  $p^2$ .

- What is  $p$ ? (You may have to look up an old formula.) *1/2 point*
  - It turns out that number is tied closely to the *golden ratio*,  $\phi$ . Let  $\phi = \frac{1}{p}$ , where  $p$  is the result of the last problem. What is  $1 + \frac{1}{\phi}$ ? *1/2 point*
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3. A coin is tossed three times and the sequence of heads and tails is recorded. List the sample space. *1 point*

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4. With the same coin, list the elements that make up the following events A-C. *1 point*

- A. At least two tosses are heads.
  - B. The first two tosses are heads.
  - C. The last toss is a tail.
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5. Write a function to convert probabilities to odds, and a function to convert odds to probabilities. *1 point*

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6. Graph odds  $O(A)$  as a function of probability  $P(A)$  as  $P(A)$  varies between 0 and 1 (*1/2 point*) and graph probability  $P(A)$  as a function of odds  $O(A)$  as  $O(A)$  varies between 0 and 100 (*1/2 point*).

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7. There are a lot of visualization softwares for DAGs, but ASCII art works fine for simple ones (e.g.,  $x_1 \rightarrow x_2$ ). Draw the DAGs representing the following joint probability distributions. *1 point*

- $p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2)$
  - $p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2|x_1)$  (where  $x_1$  is a direct cause of  $x_2$ )
  - $p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_2)p(x_1|x_2)$  (where  $x_2$  is a direct cause of  $x_1$ )
  - $p(x_3|x_2)p(x_2|x_1)p(x_1)$
  - $p(\text{cholera}|\text{water})p(\text{water}|\text{SES})p(\text{SES})$
  - $p(\text{cholera}|\text{water})p(\text{water}|\text{SES})p(\text{SES})p(\text{elevation}|\text{SES})$
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8. Because the uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$  has mean  $\frac{1}{2}$  and variance  $\frac{1}{12}$ , the sum of 12 random variables drawn from the uniform distribution (minus 6) has mean 0 and variance 1. Use a computer to simulate multiple samples of 12 uniform random variables, and sum each sample. Use base R to draw a histogram of the sums (*1/2 point*); then do the same thing with `ggplot2` (*1/2 point*). (Remember to subtract 6.)

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9. Write a short program that calculates a single random variable drawn from  $N(0,1)$  based on the answer to problem 8.

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10. The data we used to demonstrate “Simpson’s paradox” are available at [\[https://jluasmckay.bmi.emory.edu/global/bmi585/simpson\\_data.csv](https://jluasmckay.bmi.emory.edu/global/bmi585/simpson_data.csv) ([https://jluasmckay.bmi.emory.edu/global/bmi585/simpson\\_data.csv](https://jluasmckay.bmi.emory.edu/global/bmi585/simpson_data.csv))]. Use `ggplot2` to approximate the graph from the lecture. *1 point*

- *NB: `read_csv()` can read directly from urls*