



Figure 1: Two boxes (red/blue) with two types of balls (green/orange).

## 1 Basic probability

**Exercise 1.1** According to Figure 1, which is the probability of selecting the red box?

**Exercise 1.2** According to Figure 1, if you want to run out of balls both boxes at the same time, how often should you select the blue box?

**Exercise 1.3** According to Figure 1, which is the probability of picking up a green ball if you are using the red box?

**Exercise 1.4** According to Figure 1, which is the probability of picking up an orange ball?

**Exercise 1.5** According to Figure 1, given that you picked up a green ball, which is the probability of having selected the red box?

**Exercise 1.6** According to Figure 1, given that you picked up an orange ball, which is the probability of having selected the red box?

**Exercise 1.7** Let  $D$  be a disease which the 1% of the population has. A physician has developed a test  $T$  that identifies the 90% of cases (people who really have it) but, unfortunately, it also says identifies as sick a 15% of healthy patients (false positives). Given a new patient, they are tested and it turns out to be positive. Which is the probability of the patient really having the disease?

**Exercise 1.8** Given a joint probability distribution  $p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)$ , how can it factorize taking advantage of the following conditional independence statements?

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| a) $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2   X_3$   | e) $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2   X_3, X_4, X_5$ and $X_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_4   X_5, X_6$          |
| b) $X_5 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3   X_6$   | f) $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j   X_1, \forall i, j : i \neq j \wedge i \neq 1 \wedge j \neq 1$     |
| c) $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2   X_3$ and $X_4 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_5   X_6$      | g) $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{i+1}   \{X_j\}_{j=i+2}^n, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n-2\}$ ( $n=6$ ) |
| d) $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2   X_3, X_4$ and $X_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3   X_4$ |  |

**Exercise 1.9** Show that the number of parameters required to encode the non-factorized joint probability distribution  $p(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and to encode the equivalent factorized joint probability distribution  $\prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$  is the same. Assume that all the variables have  $v$  possible values.

- a)  $p(X_6|X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5)p(X_5|X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)p(X_4|X_1, X_2, X_3)p(X_1|X_3)p(X_3|X_2)p(X_2)$
- b)  $p(X_1|X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_2|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_4|X_3, X_5, X_6)p(X_5|X_6)p(X_6|X_3)p(X_3)$
- c)  $p(X_1|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_2|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_3|X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_4|X_6)p(X_6|X_5)p(X_5)$
- d)  $p(X_6|X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5)p(X_5|X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)p(X_1|X_3, X_4)p(X_2|X_4)p(X_4|X_3)p(X_3)$
- e)  $p(X_1|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_2|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_3|X_5, X_6)p(X_4|X_5, X_6)p(X_5|X_6)p(X_6)$
- f)  $p(X_2|X_1)p(X_3|X_1)p(X_4|X_1)p(X_5|X_1)p(X_6|X_1)p(X_1)$
- g)  $p(X_1|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_2|X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_3|X_5, X_6)p(X_4|X_6)p(X_5|X_6)p(X_6)$

Table 1: Factorizations

## Answers

**Ex. 1.1:** 0.5

**Ex. 1.2:** 0.38

**Ex. 1.3:** 0.25

**Ex. 1.4:** 0.575

**Ex. 1.5:** 0.294

**Ex. 1.6:** 0.652

**Ex. 1.7:** 0.057

**Ex. 1.8:** See Table 1

**Ex. 1.9:**  $v^n - 1$  vs.  $\sum_{i=1}^n ((v-1) \cdot v^{i-1})$