

(A1, B1) (24pts)

Exam A.

- (a) False (b) False (c) True (d) True
 (e) False (f) False (g) True (h) True

Exam B.

- (a) False (b) False (c) True (d) True
 (e) False (f) False (g) True (h) True

(A2, B2) (14pts)

Exam A.

(a) (3pts)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B|E_1) &= \frac{P(E_1|B)P(B)}{P(E_1|B)P(B) + P(E_1|B^c)P(B^c)} \\
 &= \frac{(1/8) \times 0.6}{(1/8) \times 0.6 + 1 \times 0.4} \\
 &= \frac{0.075}{0.475} = 0.1579.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) (4pts)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_2|E_1) &= \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} \\
 &= \frac{(1/16) \times 0.6}{(1/8) \times 0.6 + 1 \times 0.4} = \frac{0.0375}{0.475} \\
 &= 0.0789,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_1) &= P(E_1|B)P(B) + P(E_1|B^c)P(B^c) \\
 &= (1/8) \times 0.6 + 1 \times 0.4 = 0.475,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_1 \cap E_2) &= P(E_1 \cap E_2|B)P(B) \\
 &\quad + P(E_1 \cap E_2|B^c)P(B^c) \\
 &= (1/16) \times 0.6 + 0 \times 0.4 = 0.0375.
 \end{aligned}$$

An alternative method to get the answer is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_2|E_1) &= P(B|E_1) \times P(E_2|E_1 \cap B) \\
 &\quad + P(B^c|E_1) \times P(E_2|E_1 \cap B^c) \\
 &= P(B|E_1) \times P(E_2|B) \\
 &\quad + P(B^c|E_1) \times P(E_2|B^c) \quad (\text{I}) \\
 &= 0.1579 \times (1/2) + (1 - 0.1579) \times 0 \\
 &= 0.0789
 \end{aligned}$$

Exam B.

(a) (3pts)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B|E_1) &= \frac{P(E_1|B)P(B)}{P(E_1|B)P(B) + P(E_1|B^c)P(B^c)} \\
 &= \frac{(1/8) \times 0.3}{(1/8) \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.7} \\
 &= \frac{0.0375}{0.7375} = 0.0508.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) (4pts)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_2|E_1) &= \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} \\
 &= \frac{(1/16) \times 0.3}{(1/8) \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.7} = \frac{0.01875}{0.7375} \\
 &= 0.0254,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_1) &= P(E_1|B)P(B) + P(E_1|B^c)P(B^c) \\
 &= (1/8) \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.7 = 0.7375,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_1 \cap E_2) &= P(E_1 \cap E_2|B)P(B) \\
 &\quad + P(E_1 \cap E_2|B^c)P(B^c) \\
 &= (1/16) \times 0.3 + 0 \times 0.7 = 0.01875.
 \end{aligned}$$

An alternative method to get the answer is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_2|E_1) &= P(B|E_1) \times P(E_2|E_1 \cap B) \\
 &\quad + P(B^c|E_1) \times P(E_2|E_1 \cap B^c) \\
 &= P(B|E_1) \times P(E_2|B) \\
 &\quad + P(B^c|E_1) \times P(E_2|B^c) \quad (\text{II}) \\
 &= 0.0508 \times (1/2) + (1 - 0.0508) \times 0 \\
 &= 0.0254
 \end{aligned}$$

(A2, B2) (cont.)

Exam A.

(c) (4pts) Because

$$\begin{aligned}P(E_2) &= P(E_2|B)P(B) + P(E_2|B^c)P(B^c) \\&= (1/2) \times 0.6 + 0 \times 0.4 \\&= 0.3 \\&\neq P(E_2|E_1),\end{aligned}$$

the events E_1 and E_2 are not independent.

(d) (3pts) Yes. We used $P(E_1 \cap E_2|B) = 1/16 = (1/8) \times (1/2) = P(E_1|B) \times P(E_2|B)$ and $P(E_1 \cap E_2|B^c) = 0 = 1 \times 0 = P(E_1|B^c) \times P(E_2|B^c)$ in the calculation. (We used $P(E_2|E_1 \cap B) = P(E_2|B)$ and $P(E_2|E_1 \cap B^c) = P(E_2|B^c)$ to derive (I), which also come from the conditional independence assumption.)

Exam B.

(c) (4pts) Because

$$\begin{aligned}P(E_2) &= P(E_2|B)P(B) + P(E_2|B^c)P(B^c) \\&= (1/2) \times 0.3 + 0 \times 0.7 \\&= 0.15 \\&\neq P(E_2|E_1),\end{aligned}$$

the events E_1 and E_2 are not independent.

(d) (3pts) Yes. We used $P(E_1 \cap E_2|B) = 1/16 = (1/8) \times (1/2) = P(E_1|B) \times P(E_2|B)$ and $P(E_1 \cap E_2|B^c) = 0 = 1 \times 0 = P(E_1|B^c) \times P(E_2|B^c)$ in the calculation. (We used $P(E_2|E_1 \cap B) = P(E_2|B)$ and $P(E_2|E_1 \cap B^c) = P(E_2|B^c)$ to derive (II), which also come from the conditional independence assumption.)

(A3, B3) (14pts)

Exam A.

(a) (4pts) Because

$$X \sim \text{Poisson} \left(\lambda = \frac{400,000}{100,000} = 4 \right),$$

we have

$$p = P(X \geq 8) = \sum_{x=8}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-4} 4^x}{x!} = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^7 \frac{e^{-4} 4^x}{x!}.$$

(b) (4pts) Because $Y \sim \text{binomial}(12, p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y \geq 2) &= \sum_{y=2}^{12} \binom{12}{y} p^y (1-p)^{12-y} \\&= 1 - \sum_{y=0}^1 \binom{12}{y} p^y (1-p)^{12-y}.\end{aligned}$$

(c) (4pts) Because $Z \sim \text{geometric}(p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}P(Z \geq 6) &= \sum_{z=6}^{\infty} (1-p)^{z-1} p \\&= 1 - \sum_{z=1}^5 (1-p)^{z-1} p.\end{aligned}$$

Exam B.

(a) (4pts) Because

$$X \sim \text{Poisson} \left(\lambda = \frac{400,000}{50,000} = 8 \right),$$

we have

$$p = P(X \geq 5) = \sum_{x=5}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-8} 8^x}{x!} = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^4 \frac{e^{-8} 8^x}{x!}.$$

(b) (4pts) Because $Y \sim \text{geometric}(p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y \geq 7) &= \sum_{y=7}^{\infty} (1-p)^{y-1} p \\&= 1 - \sum_{y=1}^6 (1-p)^{y-1} p.\end{aligned}$$

(c) (4pts) Because $Z \sim \text{binomial}(12, p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}P(Z \geq 4) &= \sum_{z=4}^{12} \binom{12}{z} p^z (1-p)^{12-z} \\&= 1 - \sum_{z=0}^3 \binom{12}{z} p^z (1-p)^{12-z}.\end{aligned}$$

(A3, B3) (cont.)

Exam A.

- (d) (2pts) We are making the assumptions of independence: (i) one person's act of suicide does not influence another person to commit (or not) suicide, and (ii) different Bernoulli trials (at least 8 suicides or not in every months) are independent.

(A4, B4) (18pts)

Exam A.

- (a) (3pts) Because

$$\begin{aligned} P(N=0) &= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(N=n) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha p^n = 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}, \end{aligned}$$

the probability mass function of N is

$$f_N(n) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}, & \text{if } n=0, \\ \alpha p^n, & \text{if } n=1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) (4pts) Denote the cumulative distribution function of N by $F_N(n)$. For $k \leq n < k+1$, $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} F_N(n) &= \left(1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha p^i \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p} + \frac{\alpha p - \alpha p^{k+1}}{1-p} = 1 - \frac{\alpha p^{k+1}}{1-p}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$F_N(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n < 0, \\ 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}, & \text{if } 0 \leq n < 1, \\ 1 - \frac{\alpha p^{k+1}}{1-p}, & \text{if } k \leq n < k+1, \\ & k=1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

- (c) (3pts) Because the distribution of B given $N=n$ is binomial($n, 1/2$), we have

$$P(B=b|N=n) = \binom{n}{b} (1/2)^n.$$

Exam B.

- (d) (2pts) We are making the assumptions of independence: (i) one person's act of suicide does not influence another person to commit (or not) suicide, and (ii) different Bernoulli trials (at least 5 suicides or not in every months) are independent.

Exam B.

- (a) (3pts) Because

$$\begin{aligned} P(N=0) &= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(N=n) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha p^{n+1} = 1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p}, \end{aligned}$$

the probability mass function of N is

$$f_N(n) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p}, & \text{if } n=0, \\ \alpha p^{n+1}, & \text{if } n=1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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So, we have

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- (c) (3pts) Because the distribution of B given $N=n$ is binomial($n, 1/2$), we have

$$P(B=b|N=n) = \binom{n}{b} (1/2)^n.$$

(A4, B4) (cont.)

Exam A.

- (d) (4pts) The question asks to find $P(B = b)$.
By the law of total probability, for $b = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = b) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n) \\ &= 1 \times \left(1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{0} (1/2)^n \times \alpha p^n \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p} + \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^n, \end{aligned}$$

and for $b = 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = b) &= \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} \binom{n}{b} (1/2)^n \times \alpha p^n \\ &= \alpha \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} \binom{n}{b} (p/2)^n. \end{aligned}$$

- (e) (4pts) The question asks to find $P(N = n|B = b)$. By the Bayes' rule,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \frac{P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n)}{P(B = b)}.$$

For $b = 0$,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p}}{1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p} + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^i}, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \frac{\alpha (p/2)^n}{1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-p} + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^i}, & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \end{cases}$$

and for $b = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n = b, b+1, b+2, \dots$,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \frac{\binom{n}{b} (p/2)^n}{\sum_{i=b}^{\infty} \binom{i}{b} (p/2)^i}$$

Exam B.

- (d) (4pts) The question asks to find $P(B = b)$.
By the law of total probability, for $b = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = b) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n) \\ &= 1 \times \left(1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{0} (1/2)^n \times \alpha p^{n+1} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p} + \alpha p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^n, \end{aligned}$$

and for $b = 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = b) &= \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} \binom{n}{b} (1/2)^n \times \alpha p^{n+1} \\ &= \alpha p \sum_{n=b}^{\infty} \binom{n}{b} (p/2)^n. \end{aligned}$$

- (e) (4pts) The question asks to find $P(N = n|B = b)$. By the Bayes' rule,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \frac{P(B = b|N = n)P(N = n)}{P(B = b)}.$$

For $b = 0$,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p}}{1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p} + \alpha p \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^i}, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \frac{\alpha p (p/2)^n}{1 - \frac{\alpha p^2}{1-p} + \alpha p \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p/2)^i}, & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \end{cases}$$

and for $b = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n = b, b+1, b+2, \dots$,

$$P(N = n|B = b) = \frac{\binom{n}{b} (p/2)^n}{\sum_{i=b}^{\infty} \binom{i}{b} (p/2)^i}$$

(A5, B5) (19pts)

- (a) (2pts) Unlike the X_r is to withdraw *without* replacement, in the negative binomial, the ball withdrawn is *replaced* before the next drawing. The negative binomial is constructed from a sequence of *independent* Bernoulli trials, while X_r is constructed from *dependent* Bernoulli trials.

- (b) (5pts) Let A_x be the event that a red ball is obtained on the x th draw. Let Z_{x-1} be the number of red balls withdrawn on the first $x-1$ draws. Then, $Z_{x-1} \sim \text{hypergeometric}(x-1, N, R)$, and

$$P(X_r = x) = P(\{Z_{x-1} = r-1\} \cap A_x) = P(Z_{x-1} = r-1)P(A_x|Z_{x-1} = r-1).$$

Because $P(A_x|Z_{x-1} = r-1) = \frac{R-r+1}{N-x+1}$, we have

$$p_r(x) = P(X_r = x) = \frac{\binom{R}{r-1} \binom{N-R}{x-r}}{\binom{N}{x-1}} \times \frac{R-r+1}{N-x+1}, \quad x = r, r+1, \dots, N,$$

where $\binom{s}{t} \equiv 0$ if $s < t$.

- (c) (5pts)

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_r) &= \sum_{x=r}^N x p_r(x) = \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{\frac{R!}{(r-1)!(R-r+1)!} \times \binom{N-R}{x-r}}{\frac{1}{x} \times \frac{N!}{(x-1)!(N-x+1)!}} \times \frac{R-r+1}{N-x+1} \\ &= \frac{(N+1)r}{R+1} \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{\frac{(R+1)!}{r!(R-r+1)!} \times \binom{N-R}{x-r}}{\frac{(N+1)!}{x!(N-x+1)!}} \times \frac{R-r+1}{N-x+1} \\ &= \frac{(N+1)r}{R+1} \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{\binom{R+1}{(r+1)-1} \times \binom{(N+1)-(R+1)}{(x+1)-(r+1)}}{\binom{N+1}{(x+1)-1}} \times \frac{(R+1)-(r+1)+1}{(N+1)-(x+1)+1} \\ &= \frac{(N+1)r}{R+1} \underbrace{\sum_{y=r+1}^{N+1} \frac{\binom{R+1}{(r+1)-1} \times \binom{(N+1)-(R+1)}{y-(r+1)}}{\binom{N+1}{y-1}} \times \frac{(R+1)-(r+1)+1}{(N+1)-y+1}}_{\text{pmf of negative hypergeometric}(r+1, N+1, R+1)} \\ &\quad \text{(Note. let } y \text{ be } x+1) \\ &= \frac{(N+1)r}{R+1} \times 1 = r \times \frac{N+1}{R+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Because $Y_r = X_r - r$,

$$E(Y_r) = E(X_r) - r = r \left(\frac{N+1}{R+1} - 1 \right) = r \times \frac{N-R}{R+1}.$$

- (d) (7pts) Because

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_r) &= E(X_r^2) - [E(X_r)]^2 = E(X_r^2) + E(X_r) - E(X_r) - [E(X_r)]^2 \\ &= E[X_r(X_r + 1)] - E(X_r) - [E(X_r)]^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
E[X_r(X_r + 1)] &= \sum_{x=r}^N x(x+1)p_r(x) = \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{R!}{\frac{1}{(x+1)x} \times \frac{N!}{(x-1)!(N-x+1)!}} \times \frac{\binom{N-R}{x-r}}{N-x+1} \\
&= \frac{(N+1)(N+2)r(r+1)}{(R+1)(R+2)} \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{\frac{(R+2)!}{(r+1)!(R-r+1)!} \times \binom{N-R}{x-r}}{\frac{(N+2)!}{(x+1)!(N-x+1)!}} \times \frac{R-r+1}{N-x+1} \\
&= \frac{(N+1)(N+2)r(r+1)}{(R+1)(R+2)} \sum_{x=r}^N \frac{\binom{R+2}{(r+2)-1} \times \binom{(N+2)-(R+2)}{(x+2)-(r+2)}}{\binom{N+2}{(x+2)-1}} \times \frac{(R+2)-(r+2)+1}{(N+2)-(x+2)+1} \\
&= \frac{(N+1)(N+2)r(r+1)}{(R+1)(R+2)} \underbrace{\sum_{y=r+2}^{N+2} \frac{\binom{R+2}{(r+2)-1} \times \binom{(N+2)-(R+2)}{y-(r+2)}}{\binom{N+2}{y-1}} \times \frac{(R+2)-(r+2)+1}{(N+2)-y+1}}_{\text{pmf of negative hypergeometric}(r+2, N+2, R+2)} \\
&\quad \text{(Note. let } y \text{ be } x+2) \\
&= \frac{(N+1)(N+2)r(r+1)}{(R+1)(R+2)},
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\text{Var}(X_r) = \frac{(N+1)(N+2)r(r+1)}{(R+1)(R+2)} - \frac{r(N+1)}{R+1} - \frac{r^2(N+1)^2}{(R+1)^2} = r \times \frac{(N-R)(N+1)(R-r+1)}{(R+1)^2(R+2)}.$$

Because adding a constant to a random variable does not change its variance and $Y_r = X_r - r$, we have $\text{Var}(Y_r) = \text{Var}(X_r)$.

(A6, B6) (11pts)

Exam A.

(a) (5pts) We have

$$E = ((T_1 \cap T_2) \cup (T_3 \cap T_4)) \cap T_5.$$

Because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent events,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(E) &= P((T_1 \cap T_2) \cup (T_3 \cap T_4))P(T_5) \\
&= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1 \cap T_2)][1 - P(T_3 \cap T_4)]\} \\
&\quad \times P(T_5) \\
&= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1)P(T_2)][1 - P(T_3)P(T_4)]\} \\
&\quad \times P(T_5) \\
&= [1 - (1 - p_1p_2)(1 - p_3p_4)]p_5 \\
&= (p_1p_2 + p_3p_4 - p_1p_2p_3p_4)p_5.
\end{aligned}$$

Exam B.

(a) (5pts) We have

$$E = ((T_1 \cap T_3) \cup (T_2 \cap T_4)) \cap T_5.$$

Because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent events,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(E) &= P((T_1 \cap T_3) \cup (T_2 \cap T_4))P(T_5) \\
&= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1 \cap T_3)][1 - P(T_2 \cap T_4)]\} \\
&\quad \times P(T_5) \\
&= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1)P(T_3)][1 - P(T_2)P(T_4)]\} \\
&\quad \times P(T_5) \\
&= [1 - (1 - p_1p_3)(1 - p_2p_4)]p_5 \\
&= (p_1p_3 + p_2p_4 - p_1p_2p_3p_4)p_5.
\end{aligned}$$

Exam A.

- (b) (6pts) When T_3 occurs (relay 3 closes), the system works (current can flow between A and B) if the event

$$G_1 = (T_1 \cup T_2) \cap (T_4 \cup T_5)$$

also occurs, and because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent events,

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_1) &= P(T_1 \cup T_2)P(T_4 \cup T_5) \\ &= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1)][1 - P(T_2)]\} \\ &\quad \times \{1 - [1 - P(T_4)][1 - P(T_5)]\} \\ &= [1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2)] \\ &\quad \times [1 - (1 - p_4)(1 - p_5)] \\ &= (p_1 + p_2 - p_1p_2)(p_4 + p_5 - p_4p_5). \end{aligned}$$

When T_3^c occurs (relay 3 opens), the system works if the event

$$G_2 = (T_1 \cap T_4) \cup (T_2 \cap T_5)$$

also occurs, and because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent,

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_2) &= 1 - [1 - P(T_1 \cap T_4)][1 - P(T_2 \cap T_5)] \\ &= 1 - [1 - P(T_1)P(T_4)][1 - P(T_2)P(T_5)] \\ &= 1 - (1 - p_1p_4)(1 - p_2p_5) \\ &= p_1p_4 + p_2p_5 - p_1p_2p_4p_5. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E &= (G_1 \cap T_3) \cup (G_2 \cap T_3^c) \\ &= \{[(T_1 \cup T_2) \cap (T_4 \cup T_5)] \cap T_3\} \\ &\quad \cup \{[(T_1 \cap T_4) \cup (T_2 \cap T_5)] \cap T_3^c\}, \end{aligned}$$

and note that $G_1 \cap T_3$ and $G_2 \cap T_3^c$ are disjoint because T_3 and T_3^c form a partition of the sample space. Because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &= P(G_1 \cap T_3) + P(G_2 \cap T_3^c) \\ &= P(G_1|T_3)P(T_3) + P(G_2|T_3^c)P(T_3^c) \\ &= P(G_1)P(T_3) + P(G_2)P(T_3^c) \\ &= (p_1 + p_2 - p_1p_2)(p_4 + p_5 - p_4p_5)p_3 \\ &\quad + (p_1p_4 + p_2p_5 - p_1p_2p_4p_5)(1 - p_3). \end{aligned}$$

Exam B.

- (b) (6pts) When T_3 occurs (relay 3 closes), the system works (current can flow between A and B) if the event

$$G_1 = (T_1 \cup T_4) \cap (T_2 \cup T_5)$$

also occurs, and because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent events,

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_1) &= P(T_1 \cup T_4)P(T_2 \cup T_5) \\ &= \{1 - [1 - P(T_1)][1 - P(T_4)]\} \\ &\quad \times \{1 - [1 - P(T_2)][1 - P(T_5)]\} \\ &= [1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_4)] \\ &\quad \times [1 - (1 - p_2)(1 - p_5)] \\ &= (p_1 + p_4 - p_1p_4)(p_2 + p_5 - p_2p_5). \end{aligned}$$

When T_3^c occurs (relay 3 opens), the system works if the event

$$G_2 = (T_1 \cap T_2) \cup (T_4 \cap T_5)$$

also occurs, and because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent,

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_2) &= 1 - [1 - P(T_1 \cap T_2)][1 - P(T_4 \cap T_5)] \\ &= 1 - [1 - P(T_1)P(T_2)][1 - P(T_4)P(T_5)] \\ &= 1 - (1 - p_1p_2)(1 - p_4p_5) \\ &= p_1p_2 + p_4p_5 - p_1p_2p_4p_5. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E &= (G_1 \cap T_3) \cup (G_2 \cap T_3^c) \\ &= \{[(T_1 \cup T_4) \cap (T_2 \cup T_5)] \cap T_3\} \\ &\quad \cup \{[(T_1 \cap T_2) \cup (T_4 \cap T_5)] \cap T_3^c\}, \end{aligned}$$

and note that $G_1 \cap T_3$ and $G_2 \cap T_3^c$ are disjoint because T_3 and T_3^c form a partition of the sample space. Because T_1, \dots, T_5 are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &= P(G_1 \cap T_3) + P(G_2 \cap T_3^c) \\ &= P(G_1|T_3)P(T_3) + P(G_2|T_3^c)P(T_3^c) \\ &= P(G_1)P(T_3) + P(G_2)P(T_3^c) \\ &= (p_1 + p_4 - p_1p_4)(p_2 + p_5 - p_2p_5)p_3 \\ &\quad + (p_1p_2 + p_4p_5 - p_1p_2p_4p_5)(1 - p_3). \end{aligned}$$