

# Bios 660 Homework 05

## Question 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

### Question 1

(a)  $P(\text{double}) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \times 6 = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$  ✓

(b) There are 6 outcomes with sum of 4 or less, namely, (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1)

There are 2 of them being double; namely (1, 1), (2, 2).

$P(\text{sum 4 or less}) = 6/36 = 1/6$ .  $P(\text{double and sum 4 or less}) = 2/36 = 1/18$

$P(\text{double} | \text{sum 4 or less}) = P(\text{double and sum 4 or less}) / P(\text{sum 4 or less})$   
 $= (1/18) / (1/6) = \boxed{1/3}$  ✓

(c)  $P(\text{At least one 6}) = P(\text{first is 6}) + P(\text{second is 6}) - P(\text{Both are 6})$   
 $= 1/6 + 1/6 - 1/36$   
 $= \boxed{11/36}$  ✓

(d)  $P(\text{One die is 6} | \text{different numbers})$   
 $= P(\text{One die is 6 and different numbers}) / P(\text{different numbers})$   
 $= (11/36 - 1/36) / (1 - 1/6)$   
 $= (10/36) / (30/36)$   
 $= \boxed{1/3}$  ✓

### Question 2

Proof by induction:

(1) Base case:  $k=1$

the probability of getting a white ball is  $\frac{m}{m+n}$

(2) Inductive step: Assuming the probability of getting a white ball when  $k=n$  is  $\frac{m}{m+n}$ , then the probability of getting a white ball when  $k=n+1$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= P(\text{white } n+1 | \text{white } n) P(\text{white } n) + P(\text{white } n+1 | \text{black } n) P(\text{black } n) \\ &= \left(\frac{m+1}{m+n+1}\right) \frac{m}{m+n} + \left(\frac{m}{m+n+1}\right) \frac{n}{m+n} \\ &= \frac{m^2+m+mn}{(m+n)(m+n+1)} \\ &= \frac{m(m+1+n)}{(m+n)(m+n+1)} \\ &= \frac{m}{m+n} \end{aligned}$$

(3). For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 1$ , the probability that the last ball is white is the same as the probability that the first ball is white, i.e. it is  $\frac{m}{m+n}$ . ✓

Question 3

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C^c)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C^c)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(B)} \cdot \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(B \cap C)} + \frac{P(B \cap C^c)}{P(B)} \cdot \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C^c)}{P(B \cap C^c)} \\ &= P(C|B) P(A|B \cap C) + P(C^c|B) P(A|B \cap C^c) \end{aligned}$$

Assuming all conditional events have positive probability.

Question 4

(1) Proof that  $A$  and  $B^c$  are independent:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B^c) &= P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= P(A) - P(A)P(B) \quad \text{because } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent} \\ &= P(A) - P(A)(1 - P(B^c)) \\ &= P(A) - P(A) + P(A)P(B^c) \\ &= P(A)P(B^c). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A$  and  $B^c$  are independent.

(2) Proof that  $A^c$  and  $B^c$  are independent:

In part (1) we have shown that  $A$  and  $B^c$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned} P(A^c \cap B^c) &= P(B^c) - P(B^c \cap A) \\ &= P(B^c) - P(B^c)P(A) \quad \text{because } A \text{ and } B^c \text{ are independent} \\ &= P(B^c) - P(B^c)(1 - P(A^c)) \\ &= P(B^c) - P(B^c) + P(A^c)P(B^c) \\ &= P(A^c)P(B^c) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A^c$  and  $B^c$  are independent.

### Question 5

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the random variable that represents the points that UNC team gets in the first and second game, respectively.

$$\text{Then for } A, f(a) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & \text{for } a=2 \\ 0.2 & \text{for } a=1 \\ 0.6 & \text{for } a=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{for } B, f(b) = \begin{cases} 0.25 & \text{for } b=2 \\ 0.35 & \text{for } b=1 \\ 0.3 & \text{for } b=0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $Y$  be the random variable that represents the number of points that the team earns over the weekend:  $Y = A + B$ .

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are independent,

$$\text{then } f(y) = \begin{cases} 0.18 & \text{for } y=0 \quad \checkmark \\ 0.27 & \text{for } y=1 \quad \checkmark \\ 0.34 & \text{for } y=2 \quad \checkmark \\ 0.14 & \text{for } y=3 \quad \checkmark \\ 0.07 & \text{for } y=4 \quad \checkmark \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## BIOS 660 HW 5 Part 2 Solution

**Problem 6.** a.) What is the probability that Harry wins the match?

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{Harry Wins}) &= P(\text{Harry wins on game 1 or game 2 or ... game 10}) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(\text{Harry wins on game } i) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(\text{Harry wins on game } i \text{ and the first } i-1 \text{ games are draws}) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} 0.3 * (0.3)^{i-1} \\&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} 0.3^i \\&\approx 0.4286\end{aligned}$$

b.) What is the PMF of the duration of the match?

Let  $X$  be the random variable corresponding to the duration of the match.

$$\begin{aligned}P(X = i) &= P(\text{Match ends on game } i) \\&= P(\text{Game is won on game } i \text{ and the previous } i-1 \text{ games are draws}) \\&= 0.7 * (0.3)^{i-1} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 9 \\P(X = 10) &= P(\text{The first 9 games are draws}) \\&= 0.3^9\end{aligned}$$

$$P(X = i) = \begin{cases} 0.7 * (0.3)^{i-1} & , \quad i = 1, \dots, 9 \\ 0.3^9 & , \quad i = 10 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{Else} \end{cases}$$

**Problem 7.** CB 1.33

Let  $CB$  be the event that a person is color blind,  $M$  be the event that a person is male, and  $F$  be the event that a person is female.

Given:

$$P(CB|M) = 0.05$$

$$P(CB|F) = 0.0025$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(M|CB) &= \frac{P(M \cap CB)}{P(CB)} \\ &= \frac{P(CB|M)P(M)}{P(CB|M)P(M) + P(CB|F)P(F)} \\ &= \frac{0.05 * (0.5)}{0.05 * (0.5) + 0.0025 * (0.5)} \\ &\approx 0.9524 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8.** CB 1.36

a.) Let  $T$  be a r.v. for the number of times a target has been hit.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Target is hit at least once}) &= P(T \geq 2) \\ &= 1 - P(T < 2) \\ &= 1 - P(T = 0) - P(T = 1) \\ P(T = 0) &= .8^{10} \\ P(T = 1) &= \binom{10}{1} 0.2(0.8)^9 \\ P(T \geq 2) &\approx 0.624 \end{aligned}$$

b.)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(T \geq 2 | T \geq 1) &= \frac{P(T \geq 2, T \geq 1)}{P(T \geq 1)} \\
&= \frac{P(T \geq 2)}{1 - P(T = 0)} \\
&= \frac{1 - P(T = 0) - P(T = 1)}{1 - P(T = 0)} \\
&\approx 0.699
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 9.** CB 1.38

a.) Let  $P(B) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(B^c) &= 1 - P(B) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(A \cap B^c) \leq P(B^c)$$

$$P(A \cap B^c) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A) &= P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) \\
&= P(A \cap B)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
&= \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \\
&= P(A)
\end{aligned}$$

b.) Let  $A \subset B$

$$A \subset B$$

$$A \cap B = A$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B|A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A)}{P(A)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \end{aligned}$$

c.) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be mutually exclusive ( $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|A \cup B) &= \frac{P(A \cap (A \cup B))}{P(A \cup B)} \\ &= \frac{P((A \cap A) \cup (A \cap B))}{P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A \cup \emptyset)}{P(A) + P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A)}{P(A) + P(B)} \end{aligned}$$

d.)

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B \cap C) &= P(A \cap (B \cap C)) \\ &= P(A|B \cap C)P(B \cap C) \\ &= P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)P(C) \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 10.** CB 1.39

1. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be mutually exclusive.

$$P(A)P(B) > 0$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0$$

$$P(A \cap B) \neq P(A)P(B)$$

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are not independent.

Therefore: If  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive, they cannot be independent.

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be independent.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$> 0$$

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are not mutually exclusive.

Therefore: If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, they cannot be mutually exclusive.



# BIOS 660 HW 5 Q11-16

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11.

$$P(\text{at least 10 questions correct}) = P(10 \text{ questions correct}) + P(11 \text{ questions correct}) + \dots$$

If the student is guessing, then each of the 4 possible answers has equal probability of being chosen, and only 1 of these answers is correct.

$$P(\text{question is correct}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(i \text{ questions correct}) = \binom{20}{i} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^i \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{20-i}$$

$$P(\text{at least 10 questions correct}) = \sum_{i=10}^{20} \binom{20}{i} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^i \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{20-i}$$

12.

$$P_X(X = x_i) = P(\{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\})$$

$$\text{Sample Space } S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$$

We are told that the range of our random variable  $X$  is  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ . It can be seen that our range  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite, and thus  $\sigma(\mathcal{X})$  is the  $\sigma$ -generated field of  $\mathcal{X}$ , which is the set that includes all subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ , including  $\mathcal{X}$  itself (from textbook Example 1.2.2). To satisfy Kolmogorov's axioms, it must be the case that our probability function with domain  $\sigma(\mathcal{X})$  satisfies:

$$(1) P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in \sigma(\mathcal{X}) \quad (2) P(\sigma(\mathcal{X})) = 1 \quad (3) \text{ If } A_1, A_2, \dots \in \sigma(\mathcal{X}) \text{ are pairwise disjoint, then } P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

$$(1) \text{ If } A_k \in \sigma(\mathcal{X}), \text{ then } P_X(X = A_k) = P(\cup_{x_i \in A_k} \{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\}) \geq 0, \text{ as we are told that } P \text{ is a probability function.}$$

$$(2) \text{ It can be seen that } \{\cup_{i=1}^m \{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\}\} \text{ is the set that contains all elements in the sample space, i.e. the sample space itself } S. \text{ Thus } P_X(\mathcal{X}) = P(\cup_{i=1}^m \{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\}) = P(S) = 1.$$

$$(3) \text{ If we assume that } A_1, A_2, \dots \in \sigma(\mathcal{X}) \text{ are pairwise disjoint, then we can see that } P(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k) = P(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\cup_{x_i \in A_k} \{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\}\}) \text{ as } P \text{ is a probability function, this tells us that this is equivalent to } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(\cup_{x_i \in A_k} \{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x_i\}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_X(A_k).$$

Thus, all 3 of Kolmogorov's axioms are satisfied.

13. A function  $F(x)$  is a CDF iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ .  $F(x)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $x$ , and  $F(x)$  is right continuous.

a.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x) \text{ Since } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = -\infty, \text{ we can reciprocate this relationship for the inverse } \tan^{-1}(x), \text{ i.e. } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi}(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{Similarly, as } \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = \infty \text{ we can reciprocate this relationship for the inverse } \tan^{-1}(x), \text{ i.e. } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi}(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x) \right) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} > 0.$$

$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x)$  is continuous, and thus right continuous. As the three conditions have been satisfied, we can say that  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x)$  is a cdf.

b.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} = \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1 \quad \text{since} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} = 0.$$

Differentiating  $F_X(x)$  gives

$$\frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} > 0, \text{ showing that } F_X(x) \text{ is increasing.}$$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-e^{-x}} = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-e^{-x}} = 1, \frac{d}{dx} e^{-e^{-x}} = e^{-x} e^{-e^{-x}} > 0.$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (1 - e^{-x}) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - e^{-x}) = 1, \frac{d}{dx} (1 - e^{-x}) = e^{-x} > 0.$

e.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+e^{-y}} = 0, \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon + \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+e^{-y}} = 1, \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+e^{-y}} \right) = \frac{(1-\epsilon)e^{-y}}{(1+e^{-y})^2} > 0$  and  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \epsilon + \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+e^{-y}} \right) > 0$ ,  $F_Y(y)$  is continuous except on  $y = 0$  where  $\lim_{y \downarrow 0} \left( \epsilon + \frac{1-\epsilon}{1+e^{-y}} \right) = F(0)$ . Thus is  $F_Y(y)$  right continuous.

Since all the functions are continuous, then they are also right-continuous.

14. a.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} F_Y(y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} 0 = 0$  and  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_Y(y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{y^2} = 1$ . For  $y \leq 1$ ,  $F_Y(y) = 0$  is constant. For  $y > 1$ ,  $\frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = 2/y^3 > 0$ , so  $F_Y$  is increasing. Thus for all  $y$ ,  $F_Y$  is nondecreasing. Therefore  $F_Y$  is a cdf. Note: Since  $\lim_{y \downarrow c} F(y) = F(c)$ , then  $F(y)$  is right continuous.

b. The pdf is  $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 2/y^3 & \text{if } y > 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } y \leq 1. \end{cases}$

c.  $F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P(10(Y-1) \leq z) = P(Y \leq (z/10) + 1) = F_Y((z/10) + 1)$ . Thus,

$$F_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z \leq 0 \\ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{[(z/10)+1]^2} \right) & \text{if } z > 0. \end{cases}$$

15. a.

Choose  $c$  s.t.  $c \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x) dx = -\cos(\pi/2) - (-\cos(0)) = -(0) + 1 = 1$$

$$1c = 1$$

$$c = 1$$

b.

Choose  $c$  s.t.  $c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x|} dx = 1$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x|} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(-x)} dx + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = (e^0 - e^{-\infty}) + (e^{-\infty} - e^0) = (1 - 0) + (0 - 1) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$2c = 1$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2}$$

16.

$$P(V = 5) = P(V \leq 5) = P(T < 3) = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{1.5} e^{-t/1.5} dt = (-e^{-2}) - (-e^0) = 1 - e^{-2}$$

For the rest of the values of  $V$ , i.e.  $v \geq 6$ ,  $V = 2T$ , so  $P(V \leq v) = P(2T \leq v) = P(T \leq v/2) = \int_0^{v/2} \frac{1}{1.5} e^{-t/1.5} dt = (-e^{-v/3}) - (-e^0) = 1 - e^{-v/3}$

So, we have

$$P(V \leq v) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < v < 5, \\ 1 - e^{-2} & 5 \leq v < 6, \\ 1 - e^{-v/3} & 6 \leq v \end{cases}$$