

MATH 425

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Note Title

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Test Solutions

①

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k y^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} = (x+y)^n$$

$x = 2$, $y = 1$ gives the answer.

②

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 26 \\ EW \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} 26 \\ NS \end{array} \right)$$

$S =$ When are the aces? $|S| = \binom{52}{4}$

$E =$ East & West have all aces $|E| = \binom{26}{4}$

$$\frac{\binom{26}{4}}{\binom{52}{4}} = \frac{26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 2}{82 \cdot 81 \cdot 80 \cdot 79 \cdot 2 \cdot 17 \cdot 2} = \frac{46}{833}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ \times 49 \\ \hline 153 \\ 68 \\ \hline 833 \end{array}$$

③ Some people observed
 A, B are independent if and only if $P(A) = P(A|B)$

X means: X gets an A

Y means: Y gets an A

$$P(X \cap Y) = P(X) + P(Y) - P(X \cup Y) = 0.5 + 0.6 - 0.7 \\ < 0.4$$

$$P(X) \cdot P(Y) = 0.5 \cdot 0.6 = 0.3 \neq$$

not independent.

④

A = grower A

B = grower B

G = good

$$P(A) = 0.4$$

$$P(B) = 0.6$$

$$P(G|A) = 0.7$$

$$P(G|B) = 0.9$$

$$P(G) = P(G|A)P(A) + P(G|B)P(B) = 0.7 \cdot 0.4 + 0.9 \cdot 0.6 = 0.82$$

$$P(A|G) = \frac{P(G|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(G)} = \frac{0.7 \cdot 0.4}{0.82} = \frac{28}{82} = \frac{14}{41}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad P(\text{no failure}) = 1 - \underbrace{P(\text{failure})}_{(0.4)^3} =$$

$$= 1 - (0.4)^3 = 0.936$$

$$\text{Answer} = \frac{600}{936} = \frac{300}{468}$$

$$0.4 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 0.4 = 0.064$$

$$P(\text{I doesn't fail}) = 0.6 \quad = \frac{100}{156} = \frac{50}{78} = \frac{25}{39}$$

Random variables are ^{real} functions on

the sample space

$$f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that

$f^{-1}([a, \infty))$ is an event
(measurable)

These are called measurable functions.

A (measurable) event E determines a random variable:

$\chi_E: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

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the characteristic
function

$$\chi_E(s) = 1 \quad \text{if } s \in E$$

$$\chi_E(s) = 0 \quad \text{if } s \notin E.$$

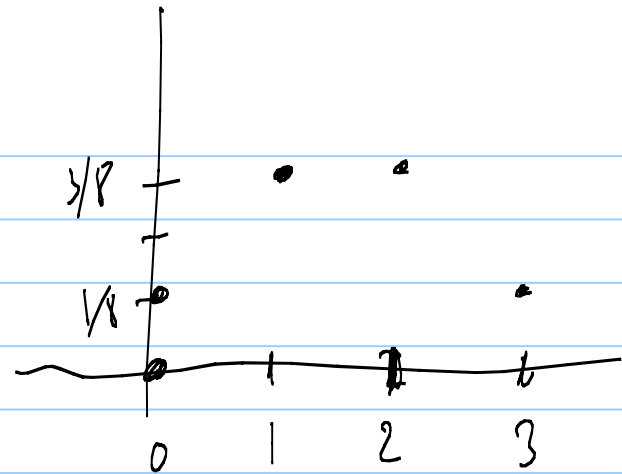
Example: Perform three independent tosses of a coin. Y = the number of times the coin came up heads. Find the probabilities of all the possible values of Y (probability distribution)

$$P(Y=0) = \frac{\binom{3}{0}}{2^3} = 1/8$$

$$P(Y=1) = \binom{3}{1}/2^3 = 3/8$$

$$P(Y=2) = \binom{3}{2}/2^3 = 3/8$$

$$P(Y=3) = \binom{3}{3}/2^3 = 1/8$$



In general, if Y = number of times a coin comes up heads in n independent tosses

$$P(Y=k) = \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2^n} \quad \text{("binomial distribution")}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-k}$$

also allows a biased coin

where $P(\text{heads}) = p$

X = number of times the biased coin comes up heads

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad \textcircled{\otimes}$$

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p 1-p p k 1-p

A discrete random variable is a random variable which can only take on countably many values.

Digression into set theory: A set T is countable if T is finite or the elements of T can be ordered into a sequence.

$$T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

(there exists a bijection $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow T$).

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onto, 1-1 map

Example: $\mathbb{Z}$ = all integers is countable.

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots, n, -n, \dots\}$$

Example: $\mathbb{Q}$ = all rational numbers is countable.

First count all the $\frac{k}{n}$ (k, n have no common factor)

$$|k|, n \leq 1 \quad \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{1}, -\frac{1}{1}$$

$$|k|, n \leq 2 \quad \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$|k|, n \leq 3 \quad \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$$

$\vdots$
 $\vdots$

Example: $\mathbb{R}$ = all real numbers is not countable (uncountable)

All real numbers have decimal expansions,
infinitely many decimals allowed, but
not

$$\dots \dots \dots \underbrace{(k)99999 \dots 9 \dots}_{k < 9}$$

$$\dots = \dots (k+1)0000 \dots 0$$

Suppose

$$\mathbb{R} = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$$

Write the decimal expansions,

focus on after the decimal point digit: a_n ,
 $a_n \in \{0, \dots, 9\}$

$$a_1 = \dots \cdot \textcircled{a_{11}} \quad a_{12} \quad a_{13} \quad a_{14} \quad \dots$$

$$a_2 = \dots \cdot a_{21} \quad \textcircled{a_{22}} \quad a_{23} \quad a_{24} \quad \dots$$

$$a_3 = \dots \cdot a_{31} \quad a_{32} \quad \textcircled{a_{33}} \quad a_{34} \quad \dots$$

⋮

I will now make a new real number
 b different from all of them

$$b = 0. b_1 \quad b_2 \quad b_3 \quad b_4 \quad \dots$$

$$\text{If } a_{nn} = 0 \quad \text{set } b_n = 1$$

$$\text{If } a_{nn} \neq 0 \quad \text{set } b_n = 0.$$

A contradiction!

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② problem 4.3 p. 172

③ problem 4.7 p. 173