

We need to use the following rules :

1. Demorgan rules:

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

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2. Addition Rule :

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

We can write it as

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$$

3. Complement rule :

$$P(A)^c = 1 - P(A)$$

4. Probability of an event

$$P(C) = P(C \cap A) + P(C \cap A^c)$$

5. Conditional rule :

$$P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

6. Disjoint : A , B are disjoint if and only if $P(A \cap B) = 0$

7. Independent : A , B are disjoint if and only if

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

or $P(A/B) = P(A)$

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2. PROBABILITY, CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY, AND INDEPENDENCE

Q1. Let A, B, and C be three events such that: $P(A)=0.5$, $P(B)=0.4$, $P(C \cap A^c)=0.6$, $P(C \cap A)=0.2$, and $P(A \cup B)=0.9$. Then

(a) $P(C) =$

$$\begin{aligned} P(C) &= P(C \cap A) + P(C \cap A^c) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.6 = 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) \\ &= 0.5 + 0.4 - 0.9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $P(C/A) =$

$$P(C/A) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$$

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

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = P(A \cup B)^c = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

Q2. Consider the experiment of flipping a balanced coin three times independently.

(a) The number of points in the sample space is

$$S = \{H,T\} \times \{H,T\} \times \{H,T\}$$

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, TTH, HTT, THT, TTT\}$$

$$n(S) = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8 \quad (\text{Answer :C})$$

(b) The probability of getting exactly two heads is

$$A = \{HHT, HTH, THH\}$$

$$P(A) = 3/8 = 0.375 \quad (\text{Answer :B})$$

(c) The events 'exactly two heads' and 'exactly three heads' are

$$A = \text{exactly two head} = \{HHT, HTH, THH\} \rightarrow P(A) = 3/8$$

$$B = \text{Exactly three head} = \{HHH\} \rightarrow P(B) = 1/8$$

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

A,B are disjoint since $P(A \cap B) = 0$ (Answer B)

(d) The events 'the first coin is head' and 'the second and the third coins are tails' are

$$A = \text{First coin head} = \{ \text{HHT, HTH, HHH, HTT} \} \rightarrow P(A) = 4/8 = 1/2$$

$$B = \text{Second and third coin tail} = \{ \text{TTT, HTT} \} \rightarrow P(B) = 2/8 = 1/4$$

$$A \cap B = \{ \text{HTT} \} \rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 1/8$$

A,B are not disjoint (Disjoint) since $P(A \cap B) \neq 0$

A,B are independent since (Answer A)

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

$$1/8 = 1/2 \times 1/4$$

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Q3. Suppose that a fair die is thrown twice independently, then

1. the probability that the sum of numbers of the two dice is less than or equal to 4 is;

$$S = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\} \times \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$$

$$n(S) = 6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ outcome}$$

$$A = \{\text{sum} \leq 4\} = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (3,1)\}$$

$$P(A) = 6/36 = 1/6 = 0.1667$$

2. the probability that at least one of the die shows 4 is;

$$B = \{(1,4), (2,4), (3,4), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (4,6), (5,4), (6,4)\}$$

$$P(A) = 11/36 = 0.3056$$

3. the probability that one die shows one and the sum of the two dice is four is;

$$C = \{(1,3), (3,1)\}$$

$$P(C) = 2/36 = 0.0556$$

4. the event $A = \{\text{the sum of two dice is 4}\}$ and the event $B = \{\text{exactly one die shows two}\}$ are,

$$A = \{(1,3), (3,1), (2,2)\} \text{ ----- } P(A) = 3/36 = 1/12$$

$$B = \{(1,2), (2,1), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6), (3,2), (4,2), (5,2), (6,2)\} \text{ ---- } P(B) = 10/36 = 5/18$$

$$A \cap B = \phi \text{ ----- } P(A \cap B) = 0$$

A , B disjoint

Q13. From a box containing 4 black balls and 2 green balls, 3 balls are drawn independently in succession, each ball being replaced in the box before the next draw is made. The probability of drawing 2 green balls and 1 black ball is: (Let G:Green , B:Black)

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$$P(G \cap G \cap B) + P(G \cap B \cap G) + P(B \cap G \cap G) =$$

$$2/6 \times 2/6 \times 4/6 + 2/6 \times 4/6 \times 2/6 + 4/6 \times 2/6 \times 2/6 = 3 \times (2/6 \times 2/6 \times 4/6) = 3 \times 2/27 = 6/27$$

Q18. Suppose that the experiment is to randomly select with replacement 2 children and register their gender (B=boy, G=girl) from a family having 2 boys and 6 girls.

(1) The number of outcomes (elements of the sample space) of this experiment equals to

$$S = \{B, G\} \times \{B, G\} = 2 \times 2 = 4 \text{ outcomes (Answer = (A) 4)}$$

$$S = \{ BB, BG, GB, GG \} \text{ ---- } P(B) = 2/8 = 1/4, P(G) = 6/8 = 3/4$$

(2) The event that represents registering at most one boy is

$$\{ BG, GB, GG \} \text{ (Answer = (A))}$$

(3) The probability of registering no girls equals to

$$P(\{ BB \}) = P(B) \times P(B) = 1/4 \times 1/4 = 1/16 = 0.0625 \text{ (B)}$$

(4) The probability of registering exactly one boy equals to

$$P(\{ BG, GB \}) = P(BG) + P(GB) = 1/4 \times 3/4 + 3/4 \times 1/4 = 2 \times (1/4 \times 3/4) = 6/16 = 0.375 \text{ (B)}$$

(5) The probability of registering at most one boy equals to

$$P(\{ BG, GB, GG \}) = P(BG) + P(GB) + P(GG) = 1/4 \times 3/4 + 3/4 \times 1/4 + 3/4 \times 3/4 = 0.9375$$