Chapter 2: Basic Concepts of Probability Theory

2.1 **Specifying Random Experiments**



- a. $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
 - b. $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$
 - c. $A^c = \{1, 3, 5\}$ "odd number of dots"

a)
$$S = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$$

b)
$$A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$$

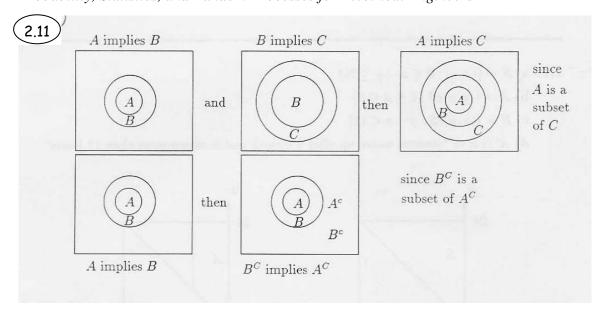
c)
$$\{\text{sum} = 2\}$$
 corresponds to $\{(1,1)\}$
 $\{\text{sum} = 3\}$ corresponds to $\{(1,2),(2,1)\}$
 $\{\text{sum} = 4\}$ corresponds to $\{(1,3),(2,2),(3,1)\}$

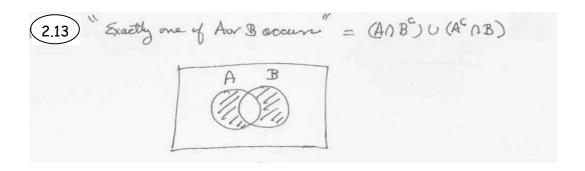
and in general for $1 < k \le 12$

$$\{\text{sum} = k\} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\min(6,k-1)} \{j,k-j\}$$

- a) Each testing of a pen has two possible outcomes: "pen good" (g) or "pen bad" (b). The experiment consists of testing pens until a good pen is found. Therefore each outcome of the experiment consists of a string of "b's" ended by a "g". We assume that each pen is not put back in the drawer after being test. Thus $S = \{g, bg, bbg, bbbg\}$
 - b) We now simply record the number of pens tested, so $\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- c) The outcome now consists of a substring of "b's" and one "g" in any order followed by a final "g". $S = \{gg, bgg, gbg, gbbg, bbgg, gbbg, bbgg, bbbgg, bbbgg\}$

d)
$$S = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$





- $(A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B^c \cap C)$
 - b) $(A \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap C) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C)$
 - c) $A \cup B \cup C$
 - d) $(A \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap C) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C)$
 - e) $A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c$

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 - D D = A, U A2 UA3
 - @ D = (A, NA, NA,) U (A, NA, NA,) U (A, NA, NA,) U (A, NA, NA,)
- System j is up " = $A_{j_1} \cap A_{j_2}$ "
 System on up" = $(A_{j_1} \cap A_{j_2}) \cup (A_{j_2} \cap A_{j_2}) \cup (A_{j_3} \cap A_{j_3})$ 1 "jth level connection active" of Aj, nAj2.
 "connection active" if any of 3 connections washing

(2.17) a)
$$S = \{(x, y) : 0 \le x < y \le 24\}$$

- b) $A = \{ \text{wake up before } 9 \} \cap \{ \text{to sleep after } 9 \}$ $= \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{S} : 0 \le x < 9, \ 9 < y \le 24\}$
- c) $B = \{(x, y) \in S : y x < 12\}$
- d) $A^c \cap B =$ "student is asleep at 9 o'clock and is asleep more than 12 hours"

2.2 The Axioms of Probability

(2.21) a) The sample space in tossing a die is $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Let $p_i = P[\{i\}] = p$ since all faces are equally likely. By Axiom 1

$$1 = P[S]$$

= $P[\{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \{3\} \cup \{4\} \cup \{5\} \cup \{6\}]$

The elementary events $\{i\}$ are mutually exclusive so by Corollary 4:

$$1 = p_1 + p_2 + \ldots + p_6 = 6p \Rightarrow p_i = p = \frac{1}{6}$$
 for $i = 1, \ldots, 6$

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 (b) $P[A] = P[>4 dots] = P[[5]] + P[[6]] = \frac{2}{6}$ $P[B] = P[even #] = P[[2,4,6]] = P[[2]] + P[[4]] + P[[6]] = \frac{3}{6}$
- © $P[AUB] = P[\{2,4,5,6\}] = \frac{4}{6}$ $P[AB] = P[\{6\}] = \frac{1}{6}$ $P[AC] = 1 - P[A] = \frac{4}{6}$
- (2.22)
 (a) In fast foss, each face occurs with relative frequency 1/6

 Each first fossortaine is followed by each possible face 1/6

 or the time

 or Each pair occurs with relative frequency 1/6 × 1/6 = 1/36.

 (b) P[A] = \frac{21}{36} \quad \text{7[3]} = \frac{6}{36} \quad \text{P[C]} = \frac{36}{36} \quad \text{P[ANBC]} = \frac{15}{36} \quad \text{P[AC]} = \frac{35}{3}.

$$P[\{a,c\}] = P[\{a\}] + P[\{c\}] = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$P[\{b,c\}] = P[\{b\}] + P[\{c\}] = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$P[\{a,b,c\}] = P[s] = 1 = P[\{a\}] + P[\{b\}] + P[\{c\}]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[\{a\}] = \frac{1}{8}, \quad P[\{b\}] = \frac{3}{8}, \quad P[\{c\}] = \frac{4}{8}$$

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$$[2.24] G P[An8] = P[A] - P[AnB]$$

$$P[A^{\circ} B] = P[B] - P[A^{\circ} B]$$

$$P[An8^{\circ} UA^{\circ} B] = P[A] + P[B] - 2P[A^{\circ} B]$$

$$P[AUB^{\circ}] = 1 - P[AUB] = 1 - P[A] - P[B] + P[A^{\circ} B]$$

2.25)
$$g = P[AUB] = P[A] + P[B] - P[ANB] = x + y - P[ANB]$$
 $P[ANB] = x + y - 3$
 $P[A^c \cap B^c] = 1 - P[(A^c \cap B^c)^c] = 1 - P[AVB]$
 $= 1 - 3^c$
 $P[A^c \cup B^c] = 1 - P[(A^c \cup B^c)^c] = 1 - P[A \cap B] = 1 - x - y + 3$
 $P[A^c \cup B^c] = P[A] - P[A \cap B^c] = x - (x + y - 3) = 3 - y$
 $P[A^c \cup B^c] = 1 - P[A \cap B^c] = 1 - 3 + y$

Identities of this type are shown by application of the axioms. We begin by treating $(A \cup B)$ as a single event, then

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\begin{split} P[A \cup B \cup C] &= P[(A \cup B) \cup C] \\ &= P[A \cup B] + P[C] - P[(A \cup B) \cap C] & \text{by Cor. 5} \\ &= P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B] + P[C] & \text{by Cor. 5 on } A \cup B \\ &- P[(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)] & \text{and by distributive property} \\ &= P[A] + P[B] + P[C] - P[A \cap B] \\ &- P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C] & \text{by Cor. 5 on} \\ &+ P[(A \cap B) \cap (B \cap C)] & (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) \\ &= P[A] + P[B] + P[C] - P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] & \text{since} \\ &- P[B \cap C] + P[A \cap B \cap C]. & (A \cap B) \cap (B \cap C) = A \cap B \cap C \end{split}
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Assume that the probability of any subinterval I of [-1,1] is proportional to its length, then

$$P[I] = k \text{ length } (I).$$

If we let I = [-1, 1] then we must have that

$$1 = P[S] = P[[-1, 1]] = k \text{ length } ([-1, 1]) = 2k \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}.$$

a)
$$P[A] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ length } ([-1,0)) = \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

 $P[B] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ length } ((-0.5,1)) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$
 $P[C] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ length } ((0.75,1)) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$
 $P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ length } ((-0.5,0)) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
 $P[A \cap C] = P[\emptyset] = 0$

b)
$$P[A \cup B]$$
 = $P[S] = 1$

$$P[A \cup C]$$
 = $\frac{1}{2}$ length $(A \cup C)$
= $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{5}{8}$

 $P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[S] = 1$ Now use axioms and corollaries:

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B] \quad \text{by Cor. 5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P[A \cap C] = P[A] + P[C] - P[\underline{A \cap C}] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{5}{8} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{by Cor. 5}$$

$$P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[A] + P[B] + P[C]$$

$$-P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C]$$

$$+P[A \cap B \cap C] \quad \text{by Eq. (2.11)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} - 0 - \frac{1}{8} + 0$$

$$= 1 \quad \checkmark$$

2.38 a) Since
$$(-\infty, r] \subset (-\infty, s]$$
 when $r < s$

$$P[(-\infty, r]] \leq P[(-\infty, s]] \text{ by Corollary 7.}$$
b)
$$r$$

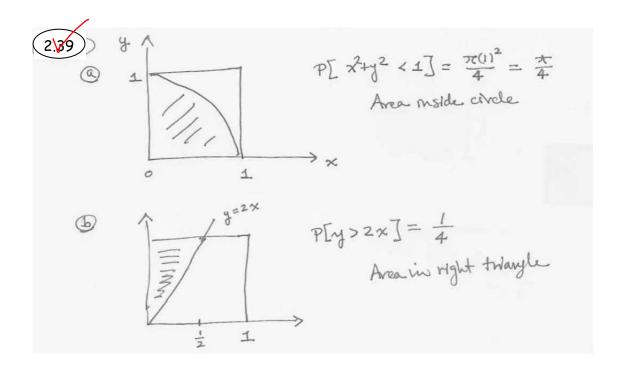
$$r$$

$$s$$

$$P[(-\infty, s]] = P[(-\infty, r] \cup (r, s]]$$

$$= P[(-\infty, r]] + P[(r, s)]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[(r, s)] = P[(-\infty, s)] - P[(-\infty, r)]$$



Number ways of picking 20 raccoons out of
$$N = \binom{N}{20}$$

Number ways of picking \mathcal{B} tagged raccoons out of 10 and 15 untagged raccoons out of $N - 10 = \binom{10}{5} \binom{N-10}{15}$

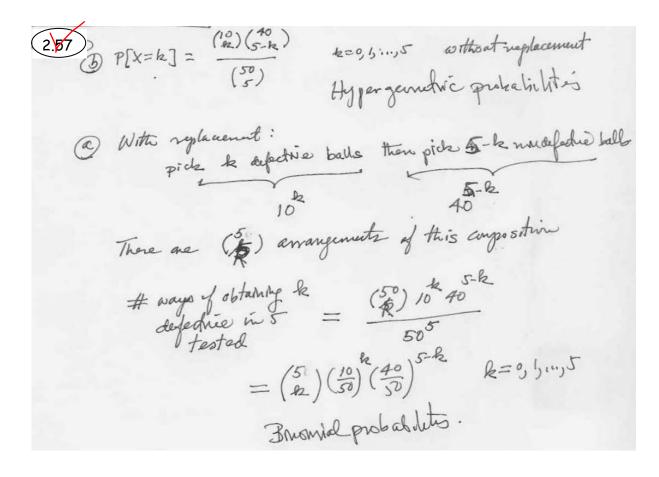
$$P[\mathcal{B} \text{ tagged out of 20 samples}] = \frac{\binom{10}{54} \binom{N-10}{15/6}}{\binom{N}{20}} \triangleq p(N)$$

$$p(N) \text{ increases with } N \text{ as long as } p(N)/p(N-1) > 1$$

$$\frac{p(N)}{p(N-1)} = \frac{\binom{N-10}{15/6} \binom{N-1}{20}}{\binom{N}{N} \binom{N-11}{15/6}} = \frac{(N-10)(N-20)}{(N-25)N} \geq 1$$

$$(N-10)(N-20) \geq (N-25)N \Rightarrow 40 \geq N$$

$$p(40) = p(39) = .284 \text{ maxima of } p(N).$$



$$P[B|C] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[(0,1)]} = 0$$

$$P[B|C] = \frac{P[(0,1) \cap (.75,2]]}{P[(.75,2]]} = \frac{P[(.75,1)]}{P[(.75,2]]} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(4)}{\frac{1}{4}(4)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P[A|C^{C}] = \frac{P[[-2,0] \cap [-2,175]]}{P[E^{2},.75]]} = \frac{P[[-2,0]]}{P[[-2,75]]} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{3}{11}$$

$$P[B|C^{C}] = \frac{P[(0,1) \cap [-2,75]]}{P[[-2,75]]} = \frac{P[(0,.75)]}{P[[-2,.75]]} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{3}{11}$$

2.70
$$P[x>2t/x>t] = \frac{P[fx>2t] \cap fx>t}{P[x>t]} = \frac{P[x>2t]}{P[x>t]}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}t}{\frac{1}{7}t} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad t>1$$
This and trivial probability does not depend on t.

The corresponding probability law was said to be scale-invaluation.

2.71 P[2 or more students have some birthday] = 1 - P[all students have different birthdays] P[all students have different birthdays] $= \frac{365}{365} \frac{364}{365} \frac{363}{365} \dots \frac{346}{365} = 0.588$ P[2 or more have same birthday] = 0.412 P[2 or more have same] = 0.507 birthyno class fig. or more have same] = 0.507

2.73 a) The results follow directly from the definition of conditional probability.
$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]}$$

If $A \cap B = \emptyset$ then $P[A \cap B] = 0$ by Corollary 3 and thus $P[A|B] = 0$.

If $A \subset B$ then $A \cap B = A$ and $P[A|B] = \frac{P[A]}{P[B]}$.

If $A \supset B \Rightarrow A \cap B = B$ and $P[A|B] = \frac{P[B]}{P[B]} = 1$.

b) If $P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} > P[A]$ then multiplying both sides by $P[B]$ we have: $P[A \cap B] > P[A]P[B]$

We then also have that $P[B|A] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[A]} > \frac{P[A]P[B]}{P[A]} = P[B]$.

We conclude that if $P[A|B] > P[A]$ then B and A tend to occur jointly.

2.74

$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} \quad \text{for } P[B] > 0.$$

$$A \cap B : C \Rightarrow P[A \cap B] \leq P[B] \Rightarrow P[A|B] \leq 1.$$

$$(ii) \quad P[A|B] = \frac{P[B \cap A]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[B]}{P[B]} = 1$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Sp} \quad A \cap C = \neq \text{then}$$

$$P[A \cup B|B] = \frac{P[A \cup B) \cap B}{P[B]} = \frac{P[A \cap B) \cup (C \cap B)}{P[B]}$$

$$= \frac{P[A \cap B] + P[C \cap B]}{P[B]} \quad \text{sinc} \quad (A \cap B) \cap (C \cap B)$$

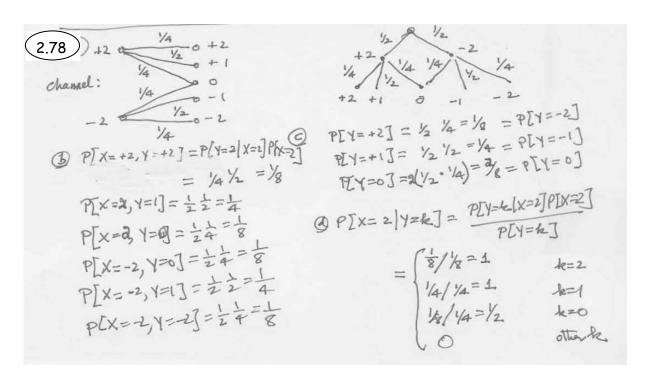
$$= P[A \mid B] + P[C \mid B]$$

$$= P[A \mid B] + P[C \mid B]$$

Jet X denote the input and Y that output

$$P[Y=0] = P[Y=0|X=0] P[X=0] + P[Y=0|X=1] P[X=1]$$

$$= (1-\xi_1) + \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3 + \xi_4 + \xi_4 + \xi_5 + \xi_5$$



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$$\begin{array}{ll} P[\text{chip defective}] &=& P[\text{def.}|A]P[A] + P[\text{def.}|B]P[B] + P[\text{def,}|C]P[C] \\ &=& (10^{-3})p_A + 5(10^{-3})p_B + 10(10^{-3})p_C \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} P[A|\text{chip defective}] &= \frac{P[\text{def.}|A]P[A]}{P[\text{def.}]} = \frac{10^{-3}p_A}{10^{-3}p_A + 5(10^{-3})p_B + 10(10^{-3})p_C} \\ &= \frac{p_A}{p_A + 5p_B + 10p_C} \end{split}$$

Similarly

$$P[C|\text{chip defective}] = \frac{10p_C}{p_A + 5p_B + 10p_C}$$

(2.81) Let X denote the input and Y the output.

a)
$$\begin{split} P[Y=0] &= P[Y=0|X=0]P[X=0] + P[Y=0|X=1]P[X=0] \\ &+ P[Y=0|X=2]P[X=2] \\ &= (1-\varepsilon)\frac{1}{2}+)\cdot\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon\cdot\frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}-\frac{\varepsilon}{4} \end{split}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{split} P[Y=1] &= \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (1-\varepsilon)\frac{1}{4} + 0\varepsilon\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \\ P[Y=2] &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{4} + (1-\varepsilon)\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \end{split}$$

b) Using Bayes' Rule

$$P[X = 0|Y = 1] = \frac{P[Y = 1|X = 0]P[X = 0]}{P[Y = 1]} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon}$$

$$P[X = 1|Y = 1] = \frac{P[Y = 1|X = 1]P[X = 1]}{P[Y = 1]} = \frac{(1 - \varepsilon)\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}} = \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon}$$

$$P[X = 2|Y = 1] = 0$$

2.5 Independence of Events

P[ANB] = P[fi]] =
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 = P[A] P[B] = $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

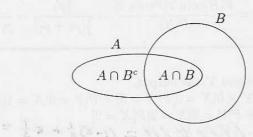
P[ANC] = P[fi]] = $\frac{1}{4}$ = P[A]P[C] = $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

P[BNC] = P[fi]] = $\frac{1}{4}$ = P[B] P[C] = $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

P[ANBNC] = P[fi]] = $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ P[A] P[B] P[C] = $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

Not independent

The event A is the union of the mutually exclusive events $A \cap B$ and $A \cap B^c$, thus



$$P[A] = P[A \cap B] + P[A \cap B^c] \text{ by Corollary 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A \cap B^c] = P[A] - P[A \cap B]$$

$$= P[A] - P[A]P[B] \text{ since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

$$= P[A](1 - P[B])$$

$$= P[A]P[B^c] \Rightarrow A \text{ and } B^c \text{ are independent}$$

Similarly

$$P[B] = P[A \cap B] + P[A^c \cap B] = P[A]P[A] + P[A^c \cap B]$$

$$\implies P[A^c \cap B] = P[B](1 - P[A]) = P[B]P[A^c]$$

$$\implies A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

Finally

$$P[A^c] = P[A^c \cap B] + P[A^c \cap B^c] = P[A^c]P[B] + P[A^c \cap B^c]$$

$$\implies P[A^c \cap B^c] = P[A^c](1 - P[B]) = P[A^c]P[B^c]$$

$$\implies A^c \text{ and } B^c \text{ are independent}$$

$$P[A|B] = P[A|B^c] \Longrightarrow \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[A \cap B^c]}{P[B^c]}$$

$$\Longrightarrow P[A \cap B]P[B^c] = P[A \cap B^c]P[B]$$

$$= (P[A] - P[A \cap B])P[B] \text{ see Prob. 2.58 solution}$$

$$\Longrightarrow P[A \cap B] \underbrace{(P[B^c] + P[B])}_{1} = P[A]P[B]$$

$$\Longrightarrow P[A \cap B] = P[A]P[B]$$