

Midterm Exam-Solution ECE 313/ECE317, Fall 2023

Problem 1: (5.75 points)

Suppose we are about to roll a balanced six-sided die once. Let the sample set $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, and the following events

$$A = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$B = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$C = \{3, 6\}$$

1) Determine the outcomes of each of the following events:

a) A and C occur $\rightarrow A \cap C = \{6\}$ (0.25)

b) B and C occur $\rightarrow B \cap C = \{3\}$ (0.25)

c) A and B and C occur $\rightarrow A \cap B \cap C = \emptyset$ (0.25)

d) A occurs and not B and not C $\rightarrow A \cap B^c \cap C^c = A - (B \cup C) = \{2, 4\}$
(0.25)

2) Compute the following probabilities:

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.25) \quad \mathbb{P}(A \cap C) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.25) \quad \mathbb{P}(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(C) = \frac{1}{3} \quad (0.25) \quad \mathbb{P}(A \cap B \cap C) = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

3) Compute the probabilities: $\mathbb{P}(A|C)$, $\mathbb{P}(B|C)$, $\mathbb{P}((A \cap B)|C)$ and answer to the following questions:

$$\mathbb{P}(A|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.5)$$

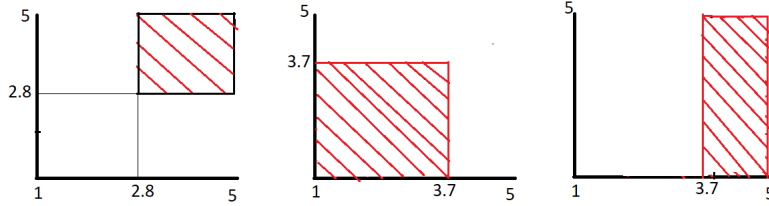
$$\mathbb{P}(B|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbb{P}((A \cap B)|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

a) Are A and C independent: \rightarrow Yes, since $\mathbb{P}(A|C) = \frac{1}{2} = \mathbb{P}(A)$ (0.25)

b) Are B and C independent: $(\rightarrow$ Yes, since $\mathbb{P}(B|C) = \frac{1}{2} = \mathbb{P}(B)$ (0.25)

c) Are A and B independent: \rightarrow No, since $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0 \neq \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{4}$
(0.25)



(0.75) → (0.25) for each plot

d) Are A and B conditionally independent knowing C: → **No**, since

$$\mathbb{P}((A \cap B)|C) = 0 \neq \mathbb{P}(A|C) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|C) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (0.25)$$

Problem 2: (4.75 points)

Sara and Bob each choose at random a number in the interval $[1, 5]$. Consider the following events: (Indication: It is a continuous probability law and not discrete — — — > you should consider the area)

$$\text{Area}(\Omega) = 4 \times 4 = 16$$

A) Both numbers are greater than 2.8 → $\text{Area}(A) = (5 - 2.8) \times (5 - 2.8) = 4.84$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{\text{area}(A)}{\text{area}(\Omega)} = \frac{4.84}{16} = 0.3025 \quad (01)$$

B) Both numbers are less than 3.7 → $\text{Area}(B) = (3.7 - 1) \times (3.7 - 1) = 7.29$

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{\text{area}(B)}{\text{area}(\Omega)} = \frac{7.29}{16} = 0.4556 \quad (01)$$

C) Sara's number is greater than 3.7 → $\text{Area}(C) = (5 - 3.7) \times 4 = 5.2$

$$\mathbb{P}(C) = \frac{\text{area}(C)}{\text{area}(\Omega)} = \frac{5.2}{16} = 0.32 \quad (01)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = \frac{\text{area}(A \cap C)}{\text{area}(C)} = \frac{(5 - 2.8) \times (5 - 3.7)}{5.2} = 0.55 \quad (01)$$

- Plot the above areas.

Problem 3: (5 points)

In a group of sick persons, two diseases D_1 and D_2 are present at 55% and 45% respectively. We gave a drug M to this group of sick persons, and we remarked that 53% from patients having D_1 are relieved and 61% of patients having D_2 are relieved. We have the following probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}(D_1) = 0.55, \quad \mathbb{P}(D_2) = 0.45, \quad \mathbb{P}(R|D_1) = 0.53, \quad \mathbb{P}(R|D_2) = 0.61$$

1. When we randomly choose an individual from this group, what is the probability that this person relieved?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(R) &= \mathbb{P}(R \cap D_1) + \mathbb{P}(R \cap D_2) \\
 &= \mathbb{P}(R|D_1) \cdot \mathbb{P}(D_1) + \mathbb{P}(R|D_2) \cdot \mathbb{P}(D_2) \\
 &= (0.53) \cdot (0.55) + (0.61) \cdot (0.45) \\
 &= \mathbf{0.566} \quad (1.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the likelihood that a patient has D_1 knowing that this person has been relieved?

$$\mathbb{P}(D_1|R) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_1 \cap R)}{\mathbb{P}(R)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(R|D_1) \cdot \mathbb{P}(D_1)}{\mathbb{P}(R)} = \frac{(0.53) \cdot (0.55)}{0.566} = \mathbf{0.515} \quad (1.5)$$

3. What is the likelihood that a patient has D_2 knowing that this person has been relieved?

$$\mathbb{P}(D_2|R) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_2 \cap R)}{\mathbb{P}(R)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(R|D_2) \cdot \mathbb{P}(D_2)}{\mathbb{P}(R)} = \frac{(0.61) \cdot (0.45)}{0.566} = \mathbf{0.485} \quad (1.5)$$

- 4) This drug works better for which disease?

- The drug works better for disease D_1 (0.5)

Problem 4: (4.5 points)

A study investigated causes of sudden death in one area. A sample of 523 such death revealed the following

| | Cardiovascular(CV) | Cerebral(C) | Respiratory(R) | Other | Total |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Males (M) | 264 | 38 | 36 | 21 | 359 |
| Females (F) | 89 | 27 | 29 | 19 | 164 |
| Total | 353 | 65 | 65 | 40 | 523 |

- 1) Suppose one of these cases is randomly selected. What is the probability that the person was female?

$$\mathbb{P}(F) = \frac{|F|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{164}{523} = \mathbf{0.3136} \quad \mathbf{1.5}$$

- 2) What is the probability that the cause was cardiovascular ?

$$\mathbb{P}(CV) = \frac{|CV|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{353}{523} = \mathbf{0.675} \quad \mathbf{1.5}$$

- 3) Given the cause was cardiovascular in nature, what is the probability the person was female (i.e $\mathbb{P}(F|CV)$)?

$$\mathbb{P}(F|CV) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(F \cap CV)}{\mathbb{P}(CV)} = \frac{|F \cap CV|}{|CV|} = \frac{89}{353} = \mathbf{0.2521} \quad \mathbf{1.5}$$