

Problem set 05 – Solutions

Exercise 1.

Binomial probability

Binomial coefficient

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

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n - k)!}$$

$$n = 5, p = 0.05$$

$$P(\text{reject}) = P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0)$$

$$P(X = 0) = \binom{5}{0} p^0 (1 - 0.05)^{5-0}$$

$$P(X = 0) = 1 \times 1 \times 0.95^5 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{P(X = 0) = 0.7738}$$

$$\mathbf{P(\text{reject}) = 0.2262}$$

Exercise 2.

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

$$p = 1/3, n = 5, k = 4$$

$$P(X = 4) = \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^{5-4}$$

$$P(X = 4) = 5 \times 0.0123 \times 0.6667$$

$$\mathbf{P(X = 4) = 0.041}$$

Exercise 3

We need $P(x + y + z > 1)$

$$P(x + y + z > 1) = 1 - P(x + y + z \leq 1)$$

Imagine we have a tetrahedron (triangular pyramid) with points

$(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$ that encompass the probabilistic area of

$$\underline{P(x + y + z \leq 1)}$$

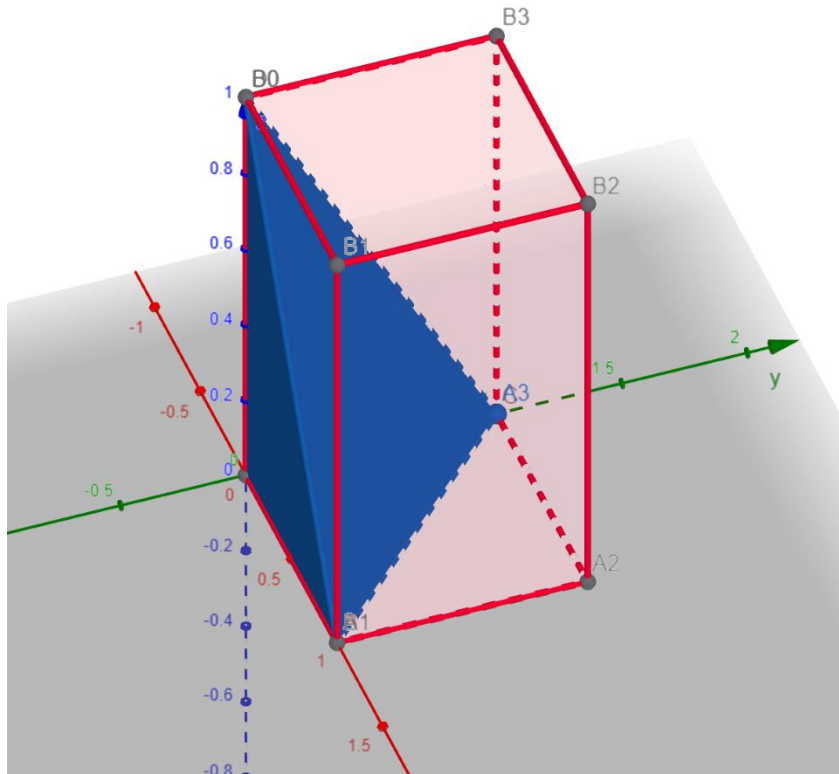
The illustration shows the probabilistic area in **blue** inside the interval $[0,1]$ in **red**

We need to find the volume, V :

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \times B \times h. B = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base triangle} \times \text{height triangle}$$

$$P(x + y + z > 1) = 1 - P(x + y + z \leq 1) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1$$

$$P(x + y + z > 1) = \frac{5}{6} = \mathbf{0.833}$$



Exercise 4

$$S = \{(k_1, k_2) : k_1, k_2 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$$

$$A = \{(k_1, k_2) : k_1 + k_2 \text{ is odd}, k_1, k_2 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$$

$$\text{or } A = \{\text{even, odd}\} \cup \{\text{odd, even}\}$$

$$B = \{(k_1, k_2) : k_1 = 1 \text{ or } k_2 = 1\}$$

$$\text{or } B = \{(1, k) : k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\} \cup \{(k, 1) : k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{(k_1, k_2) : (k_1 + k_2 \text{ is odd}) \text{ or } (k_1 = 1 \text{ or } k_2 = 1)\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{(k_1, k_2) : (k_1 + k_2 \text{ is odd}) \text{ and } (k_1 \neq 1 \text{ and } k_2 \neq 1)\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{(1, k) : 1 + k \text{ is odd}\} \cup \{(k, 1) : k + 1 \text{ is odd}\}$$

$$\text{or } A \cap B = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 6)\} \cup \{(2, 1), (4, 1), (6, 1)\}$$

$$B \setminus A = \{(1, k) : 1 + k \text{ is even}\} \cup \{(k, 1) : k + 1 \text{ is even}\}$$

$$\text{or } B \setminus A = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 5)\} \cup \{(3, 1), (5, 1)\}$$

Exercise 5

$$P(BB) = \alpha, P(GG) = \beta, P(\text{mixed}) = 1 - \alpha - \beta$$

For twins, the firstborn to be a girl: $P(\text{first G}) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$P(GB) = P(BG) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \alpha - \beta)$$

We need $P(\text{second G} \mid \text{first G})$

$$P(\text{second G} \mid \text{first G}) = \frac{P(\text{second G and first G})}{P(\text{first G})}$$

$$P(\text{second G} \mid \text{first G}) = \frac{P(GG)}{P(GB)+P(GG)} = \frac{\beta}{\frac{1}{2}(1 - \alpha - \beta) + \beta}$$

$$P(\text{second G} \mid \text{first G}) = \frac{2\beta}{1 - \alpha + \beta}$$

Exercise 6

Hits: $P(S_1H) = \frac{1}{2}, P(S_2H) = \frac{2}{3}, P(S_3H) = \frac{3}{4}$

Misses: $P(S_1M) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, P(S_2M) = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}, P(S_3M) = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

We want $P(S_nM \mid 2H) = \frac{P(S_nM \text{ and } 2H)}{P(2H)}$, for $n = 1, 2, 3$

$$P(S_1M \text{ and } 2H) = (M, H, H) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow P(S_1M \text{ and } 2H) = \frac{6}{24}$$

$$P(S_2M \text{ and } 2H) = (H, M, H) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow P(S_2M \text{ and } 2H) = \frac{3}{24}$$

$$P(S_3M \text{ and } 2H) = (H, H, M) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow P(S_3M \text{ and } 2H) = \frac{2}{24}$$

$$P(2H) = \frac{6}{24} + \frac{3}{24} + \frac{2}{24} \Leftrightarrow P(2H) = \frac{11}{24}$$

$$\bullet \text{ For } n = 1, P(S_1M \mid 2H) = \frac{P(S_1M \text{ and } 2H)}{P(2H)} = \frac{\frac{6}{24}}{\frac{11}{24}} \Leftrightarrow P(S_1M \mid 2H) = \frac{6}{11}$$

$$\bullet \text{ For } n = 2, P(S_2M \mid 2H) = \frac{P(S_2M \text{ and } 2H)}{P(2H)} = \frac{\frac{3}{24}}{\frac{11}{24}} \Leftrightarrow P(S_2M \mid 2H) = \frac{3}{11}$$

$$\bullet \text{ For } n = 3, P(S_3M \mid 2H) = \frac{P(S_3M \text{ and } 2H)}{P(2H)} = \frac{\frac{2}{24}}{\frac{11}{24}} \Leftrightarrow P(S_3M \mid 2H) = \frac{2}{11}$$

Exercise 7

Airline misses: $P(A_1) = 0.4$, $P(A_2) = 0.2$, $P(A_3) = 0.1$

We want $P(R_1 | \text{no arrival}) = \frac{P(R_1 \text{ and no arrival})}{P(\text{no arrival})}$

$$P(\text{no arrival}) = P(R_1) + P(R_2) + P(R_3)$$

$$P(R_1) = P(A_1) \Leftrightarrow P(R_1) = 0.4$$

$$P(R_2) = P(A_1^c \cap A_2) = [1 - P(A_1)] \times P(A_2) = 0.6 \times 0.2 \Leftrightarrow P(R_2) = 0.12$$

$$P(R_3) = P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3) = [1 - P(A_1)] \times [1 - P(A_2)] \times P(A_3)$$

$$P(R_3) = 0.6 \times 0.8 \times 0.1 \Leftrightarrow P(R_3) = 0.048$$

$$P(\text{no arrival}) = P(R_1) + P(R_2) + P(R_3) \Leftrightarrow P(\text{no arrival}) = \mathbf{0.568}$$

$$P(R_1 | \text{no arrival}) = \frac{0.4}{0.568} \Leftrightarrow P(R_1 | \text{no arrival}) = \mathbf{0.704}$$

Exercise 8

$P(A)$: Car

$P(B)$: Imported

a) The vehicle is a light truck

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A) = \mathbf{0.69}$$

b) The vehicle is an imported car

$$P(A \text{ and } B) \text{ or } P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.31 + 0.22 - [1 - P(A^c \cup B^c)]$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.31 + 0.22 - 0.45$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \mathbf{0.08}$$

	Cars (A)	Light Trucks	Total
Domestic	23%	55%	78%
Imported (B)	8%	14%	22%
Total	31%	69%	100%

Exercise 9

$A = \{R = 6, W = 1\}$ (single outcome (6, 1))

$B = \{R + W \text{ is even}\}$ (18 different outcomes)

We want: $P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

But, $A \subseteq B^c$

$$P(A | B) = 0$$

or

$$A \cap B = \{\emptyset\} \text{ therefore: } P(A | B) = 0$$

Exercise 10

If $A = \{x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$,

$B = \{x^2 + y^2 > 0.25\}$ and

$S = \{(x, y): -1 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$

We want $P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

If $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

Imagine we have a ring with radius $0.5 < r < 1$ inside a square.

$$A \cap B = \pi r_A^2 - \pi r_B^2 = \pi 1^2 - \pi 0.5^2 \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$B = \alpha^2 - \pi r_B^2 = 2^2 - \pi 0.5^2 \Leftrightarrow B = \frac{16 - \pi}{4}$$

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{3\pi}{4}}{\frac{16 - \pi}{4}} = \frac{3\pi}{16 - \pi}$$

$$P(A | B) = \mathbf{0.733}$$

CAREFUL!!!

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{\frac{3\pi}{4}}{P(S) = 4}$$

