

18) a) 5 ways to choose boy in 4th position
14! ways to order everyone else

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{5 \times 14!}{15!} = \frac{1}{3}$$

b) Same as a)

c) 1 way to put particular boy in 3th position
14! ways to order everyone else

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{1 \times 14!}{15!} = \frac{1}{15}$$

20) Experiment: list of length 4, each element of list is one of A, B, C, D (repetitions allowed)

(eg ABAB represents outcome: owners of first and third broken sets call repairman A, owners of second and fourth call B)

Total number of outcomes: $4^4 = 256$

Successful outcome: list which uses exactly two of the four symbols A, B, C, D.

There are $\binom{4}{2} = 6$ ways to decide on which two symbols (ie, which two repairmen) will be used (AB, AC, AD, BC, BD, CD)

For each such choice, there are 14 successful outcomes (eg, for AB there is:

AAAB
AABA
ABAA
BAAA } A gets called out
3 times exactly

BBBA
BBAB
BABB
ABBB } B gets called out
3 times exactly

AABB
ABAB
ABBA
BAAB
BABA
BBAA } both get called
out twice

Total # successful outcomes : $\binom{4}{2} \times 14 = 84$

$$P(\text{Successful outcome}) = \frac{84}{256}$$

21) Discarding : $P(\text{Success on } k^{\text{th}} \text{ try})$

$$= \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \dots (n-(k-1)) \cdot 1}{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-(k-2))(n-(k-1))} = \frac{1}{n}$$

(This is for $k=1, \dots, n$; otherwise, probability is 0)

Denominator : # ways to pick out k keys from n , where no key is allowed to be picked twice

Numerator : # ways to make the selection above, with the first, second, \dots , $(k-1)^{\text{th}}$ choice all being the wrong key, and the k^{th} choice being the right key

Not discarding : Now trials are independent

$$P(\text{Success on } k^{\text{th}} \text{ trial}) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

← Probability of success on k^{th} trial

↑
Probability of failure on each of the first $k-1$ trials

Terms multiplied since trials are independent

(This is valid for $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$)

23) Experiment is : pick one of the three cards
 $\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{R}$, $\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{B}$, $\overset{(1)}{B} \overset{(2)}{B}$, and then pick one of
the faces to display first ; finally, display
the other face.

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{R}, \overset{(1)}{R}, \overset{(2)}{R}), (\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{R}, \overset{(2)}{R}, \overset{(1)}{R}) \\ (\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(1)}{R}, \overset{(2)}{B}), (\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(1)}{R}) \\ (\overset{(1)}{B} \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(1)}{B}, \overset{(2)}{B}), (\overset{(1)}{B} \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(1)}{B}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$(\overset{(1)}{R} \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(2)}{B}, \overset{(1)}{R})$ means : card which has R on one face
(labeled (1)) and B on other
face (labeled (2)) is chosen ;
face (2) (B) is initially
displayed ; face (1) (R) is
the face that is hidden.

All six outcomes equally likely

Events : $A = \{ \text{Red face is displayed} \}$

$B = \{ \text{Red face is hidden} \}$

Want : $P(B|A) = \frac{P(BA)}{P(A)}$

Two of the six sample points are in BA (the first two listed) so $P(BA) = \frac{1}{3}$

Three of the six are in A (the first two and the third) so $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$P(B|A) = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

24) Four equally likely scenarios:

Elders Youngest

B B

B G

G B

G G

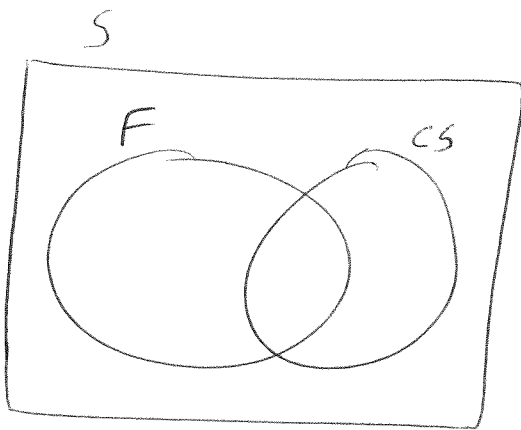
In two of these, a girl is eldest, so our reduced sample space has just ~~two~~ two (equally likely) points.

One of these two is GG, so probability = $\frac{1}{2}$

(Easier: assuming genders of successive children are independent,

$$P(G \text{ second} | G \text{ first}) = P(G \text{ second}) = \frac{1}{2})$$

25)



$$P(F) = .52$$

$$P(CS) = .05$$

$$P(F \cap CS) = .02$$

$$a) P(F | CS) = \frac{P(F \cap CS)}{P(CS)} = \frac{.02}{.05} = .4$$

$$b) P(CS | F) = \frac{P(F \cap CS)}{P(F)} = \frac{.02}{.52} = \frac{1}{26}$$

27) Experiment: Choose factory from A, B
test first radio, test second radio.

Possible outcomes:

A W W

A W D

A D W

A D D

B W W

B W D

B D W

B D D

Probabilities:

$$\frac{1}{2} \times .95 \times .95 = .045125$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times .95 \times .05 = .02375$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \times .05 \times .05 = .00125$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times .99 \times .99 = .049005$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times .99 \times .01 = .00495$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \times .01 \times .01 = .00005$$

(ADW represents: radios came from A, first was defective, second was not)

The outcomes aren't equally likely. Eg,

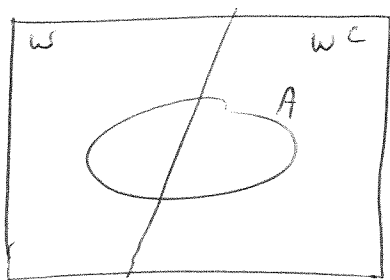
$$\begin{aligned}P(AWD) &= P(A)P(WD|A) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \times P(W|A)P(D|A) \quad (\text{independence}) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \times .95 \times .05 = .02375.\end{aligned}$$

Events : $E = \{ \text{First is defective} \}$

$F = \{ \text{Second is defective} \}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Want } P(F|E) &= \frac{P(FE)}{P(E)} \\&= \frac{P(\{ADD, BDD\})}{P(\{AOW, AOW, AOD, BOW, BOD, BDD\})} \\&= \frac{.00125 + .00005}{.02375 + .00125 + .00495 + .00005} \\&= .043\end{aligned}$$

29) $W = \{\text{Neighbour water}\}$
 $A = \{\text{Plant alive}\}$



Given : $P(W) = .9$
 $P(W^c) = .1$
 $P(A|W) = .85$
 $P(A|W^c) = .2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(A) &= P(A|W) + P(A|W^c) \\ &= P(W)P(A|W) + P(W^c)P(A|W^c) \\ &= .9 \times .85 + .1 \times .2 \\ &= .785 \end{aligned}$$

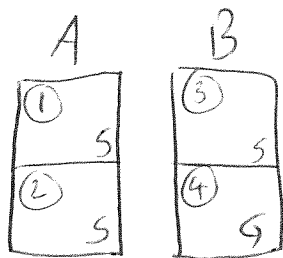
$$\text{b) } P(W^c|D) = \frac{P(W^c D)}{P(D)}$$

$$P(D) = 1 - P(A) = .215$$

$$P(W^c D) = P(W^c)P(D|W^c) = .1 \times .8 = .08$$

$$\text{So } P(W^c|D) = \frac{.08}{.215} = .372 \dots$$

33)

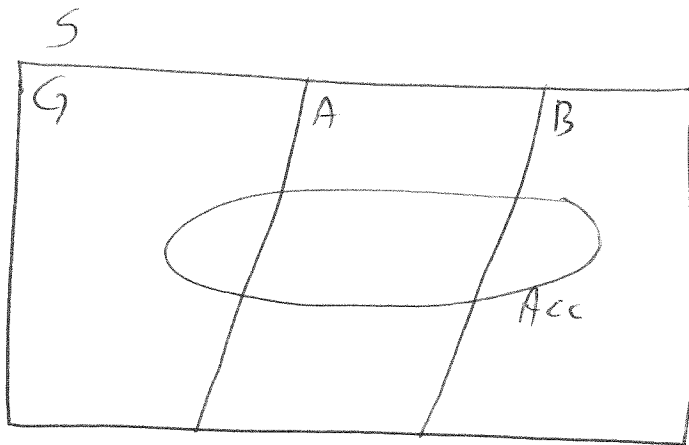


Four equally likely ~~cases~~ ^{outcomes}.
Pick drawer ①, ②, ③, ④

$$P(\text{Silver in second drawer} | \text{Silver in first}) =$$

$$\frac{P(\text{Silver in both})}{P(\text{Silver in first})} = \frac{P(\text{① or ②})}{P(\text{① or ② or ③})} = \frac{2}{3}$$

35)



$$P(G) = .2$$

$$P(A) = .5$$

$$P(B) = .3$$

$$P(\text{Acc} | G) = .05$$

$$P(\text{Acc} | A) = .15$$

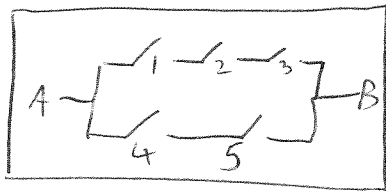
$$P(\text{Acc} | B) = .3$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Acc}) &= P(\text{Acc} | G)P(G) + P(\text{Acc} | A)P(A) + P(\text{Acc} | B)P(B) \\ &= .05 \times .2 + .15 \times .5 + .3 \times .3 \\ &= .175 \quad (\text{17.5\% have accidents}) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(G | \text{Acc}^{\text{No}}) = \frac{P(\text{Acc}^{\text{No}} | G)}{P(\text{Acc}^{\text{No}})} = \frac{P(G)P(\text{Acc}^{\text{No}} | G)}{1 - P(\text{Acc})} = \frac{.2 \times .95}{.825} = .23$$

$$P(A | \text{Acc}^{\text{No}}) = \frac{P(A)P(\text{Acc}^{\text{No}} | A)}{P(\text{Acc}^{\text{No}})} = \frac{.5 \times .85}{.825} = .515$$

37) a)



X through number indicates that relay is open

Good configurations

Probability

} probability is product by independence.

1 2 3 ~~4~~ ~~5~~

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 (1-P_4) (1-P_5)$$

1 2 3 4 ~~5~~

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 (1-P_5)$$

1 2 3 ~~4~~ 5

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 (1-P_4) P_5$$

1 2 3 4 5

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5$$

~~1~~ 2 3 4 5

$$(1-P_1) P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5$$

1 ~~2~~ 3 4 5

$$P_1 (1-P_2) P_3 P_4 P_5$$

1 2 ~~3~~ 4 5

$$P_1 P_2 (1-P_3) P_4 P_5$$

~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5

$$(1-P_1) (1-P_2) P_3 P_4 P_5$$

~~1~~ 2 ~~3~~ 4 5

$$(1-P_1) P_2 (1-P_3) P_4 P_5$$

1 ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 5

$$P_1 (1-P_2) (1-P_3) P_4 P_5$$

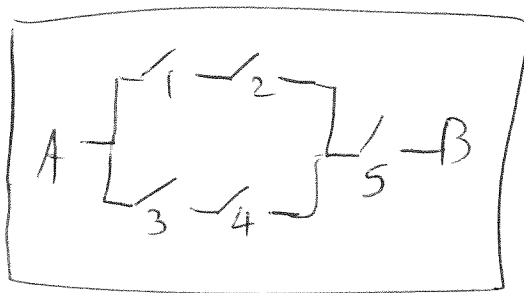
~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 5

$$(1-P_1) (1-P_2) (1-P_3) P_4 P_5$$

Sum of all these is probability of good circuit.

Easier:
$$\underbrace{P_1 P_2 P_3}_{\text{top closed}} + \underbrace{P_4 P_5}_{\text{bottom closed}} - \underbrace{P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5}_{\text{top and bottom closed}}$$

b)



Good configurations :

1	2	3	4	5	→ $P_1 P_2 (1-P_3)(1-P_4) P_5$
1	2	3	4	5	↓
1	2	3	4	5	etc.
1	2	3	4	5	
1	2	3	4	5	
1	2	3	4	5	
1	2	3	4	5	

Sum up these probabilities

Easier : $P_1 P_2 P_5 + P_3 P_4 P_5 - P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5$

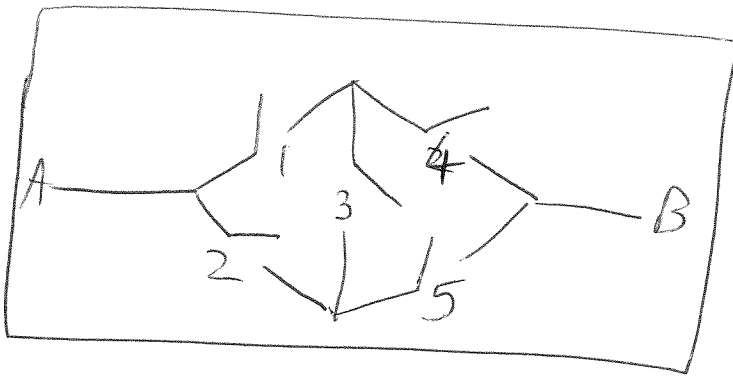
↑
 Prob. that 1, 2, 5 are closed

↑
 Prob. that 3, 4, 5 are closed

↑
 Probability that both possible paths are closed

(Using $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(EF)$)

c)



Good configurations

- 1 ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~
- 1 2 ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~
- 1 ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 5
- 1 2 ~~3~~ 4 5
- 1 2 ~~3~~ ~~4~~ 5
- ~~1~~ 2 ~~3~~ 4 5
- ~~1~~ 2 ~~3~~ ~~4~~ 5

with 3 open

- 1 2 3 4 5
- 1 2 3 4 ~~5~~
- 1 2 3 ~~4~~ 5
- 1 ~~2~~ 3 4 5
- ~~1~~ 2 3 4 5
- ~~1~~ 2 3 ~~4~~ 5
- ~~1~~ 2 3 4 ~~5~~
- 1 ~~2~~ 3 ~~4~~ 5
- 1 ~~2~~ 3 4 ~~5~~

with 3 closed

Probability is sum of probabilities of these 16 configurations.

38) a) If W stands for working, F for not working, here are the configurations of the four components that lead to a working system:

1	2	3	4		
W	W	W	W	→	Probability $P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4$
W	W	W	F		
W	W	F	W		
W	F	W	W		
F	W	W	W		
W	W	F	F		
W	F	W	F	→	Probability $P_1 (1-P_2) P_3 (1-P_4)$
F	W	W	F		
W	F	F	W		
F	W	F	W		
F	F	W	W		

Probability system is working is sum of these 11 probabilities.

b) Now there are 16 good configurations :

1	2	3	4	5
w	w	w	w	w
w	w	w	w	F
w	w	w	F	w
w	w	F	w	w
w	F	w	w	w
F	w	w	w	w
w	w	w	F	F
w	w	F	w	F
w	F	w	w	F
F	w	w	w	F
w	w	F	F	w
w	F	w	F	w
F	w	w	F	w
w	F	F	w	w
F	w	F	w	w
F	F	w	w	w

→ There are slicker ways to do Q 37 and Q 38, but:

It's better to be thorough and correct than slick
and wrong. ←