CS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory
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DIS 9A

1 Probability Potpourri

Provide brief justification for each part.

(a) For two events A and B in any probability space, show that $\mathbb{P}(A \setminus B) \geq \mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(B)$.

(b) Suppose $\mathbb{P}(D \mid C) = \mathbb{P}(D \mid \overline{C})$, where $\overline{C}$ is the complement of C. Prove that D is independent of C.

(c) If A and B are disjoint, does that imply they're independent?

2 Symmetric Marbles

A bag contains 4 red marbles and 4 blue marbles. Leanne and Sylvia play a game where they draw four marbles in total, one by one, uniformly at random, without replacement. Leanne wins if there are more red than blue marbles, and Sylvia wins if there are more blue than red marbles. If there are an equal number of marbles, the game is tied.

(a) Let A_1 be the event that the first marble is red and let A_2 be the event that the second marble is red. Are A_1 and A_2 independent?

(b) What is the probability that Leanne wins the game?

(c) Given that Leanne wins the game, what is the probability that all of the marbles were red?

Now, suppose the bag contains 8 red marbles and 4 blue marbles. Moreover, if there are an equal number of red and blue marbles among the four drawn, Leanne wins if the third marble is red, and Sylvia wins if the third marble is blue.

(d) What is the probability that the third marble is red?

(e) Given that there are k red marbles among the four drawn, where $0 \leq k \leq 4$, what is the probability that the third marble is red? Answer in terms of k.

(f) Given that the third marble is red, what is the probability that Leanne wins the game?

3 Poisoned Smarties

Supposed there are 3 people who are all owners of their own Smarties factories. Burr Kelly, being the brightest and most innovative of the owners, produces considerably more Smarties than her competitors and has a commanding 45% of the market share. Yousef See, who inherited her riches, lags behind Burr and produces 35% of the world's Smarties. Finally Stan Furd, brings up the rear with a measly 20%. However, a recent string of Smarties related food poisoning has forced the FDA investigate these factories to find the root of the problem. Through her investigations, the inspector found that one Smarty out of every 100 at Kelly's factory was poisonous. At See's factory, 1.5% of Smarties produced were poisonous. And at Furd's factory, the probability a Smarty was poisonous was 0.02.

(a) What is the probability that a randomly selected Smarty will be safe to eat?

(b) If we know that a certain Smarty didn't come from Burr Kelly's factory, what is the probability that this Smarty is poisonous?

(c) Given this information, if a randomly selected Smarty is poisonous, what is the probability it came from Stan Furd's Smarties Factory?