

# ECE2521: Analysis of Stochastic Processes

## Homework 1: Topics 1 and 2 (Set Theory and Probability)

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# Assigned Problems (10)

*Textbook Problems (1.1 - 1.8):* 1.6, 1.9, 2.1, 2.8, 2.14, 2.30, 2.34, and 2.119

*Application Problems (1.9 - 1.10):* Circuit tolerance, Dice Distribution

## Textbook:

- 1.6. A random experiment consists of selecting two balls in succession from an urn containing two black balls and one white ball.
- Specify the sample space for this experiment.
  - Suppose that the experiment is modified so that the ball is immediately put back into the urn after the first selection. What is the sample space now?
  - What is the relative frequency of the outcome (white, white) in a large number of repetitions of the experiment in part a? In part b?
  - Does the outcome of the second draw from the urn depend in any way on the outcome of the first draw in either of these experiments?

- 1.9. The *sample mean* for a series of numerical outcomes  $X(1), X(2), \dots, X(n)$  of a sequence of random experiments is defined by

$$\langle X \rangle_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X(j).$$

Show that the sample mean satisfies the recursion formula:

$$\langle X \rangle_n = \langle X \rangle_{n-1} + \frac{X(n) - \langle X \rangle_{n-1}}{n}, \quad \langle X \rangle_0 = 0.$$

- 2.1. The (loose) minute hand in a clock is spun hard and the hour at which the hand comes to rest is noted.
- What is the sample space?
  - Find the sets corresponding to the events:  $A$  = "hand is in first 4 hours";  $B$  = "hand is between 2nd and 8th hours inclusive"; and  $D$  = "hand is in an odd hour."
  - Find the events:  $A \cap B \cap D$ ,  $A^c \cap B$ ,  $A \cup (B \cap D^c)$ ,  $(A \cup B) \cap D^c$ .
- 2.8. A number  $U$  is selected at random from the unit interval. Let the events  $A$  and  $B$  be:  $A$  = " $U$  differs from  $1/2$  by more than  $1/4$ " and  $B$  = " $1 - U$  is less than  $1/2$ ." Find the events  $A \cap B$ ,  $A^c \cap B$ ,  $A \cup B$ .
- 2.14. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be events. Find expressions for the following events:
- Exactly one of the three events occurs.
  - Exactly two of the events occur.
  - One or more of the events occur.
  - Two or more of the events occur.
  - None of the events occur.
- 2.30. Use Corollary 7 to prove the following:
- $P[A \cup B \cup C] \leq P[A] + P[B] + P[C]$ .
  - $P\left[\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k\right] \leq \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k]$ .
  - $P\left[\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k\right] \geq 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k^c]$ .
- 2.34. A number  $x$  is selected at random in the interval  $[-1, 2]$ . Let the events  $A = \{x < 0\}$ ,  $B = \{|x - 0.5| < 0.5\}$ , and  $C = \{x > 0.75\}$ .
- Find the probabilities of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $A \cap B$ , and  $A \cap C$ .
  - Find the probabilities of  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cup C$ , and  $A \cup B \cup C$ , first, by directly evaluating the sets and then their probabilities, and second, by using the appropriate axioms or corollaries.
- 2.119. Let  $A$  be any subset of  $S$ . Show that the class of sets  $\{\emptyset, A, A^c, S\}$  is a field.

## Application:

**Practical 1.** A circuit contains electrical components resistors, capacitors, and inductors. Each component is one of two types: low tolerance and high tolerance. The number of each component and type in the circuit is shown in the table:

	Resistors	Capacitors	Inductors
High tolerance	120	75	15
Low tolerance	80	25	10

We pick a component in the circuit, and we define the following events:

$A$  = {component is a resistor},  $B$  = {component is a capacitor},  $C$  = {component is an inductor},  $D$  = {high tolerance component}, and  $E$  = {low tolerance component}.

Find the probabilities of the following events:  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $A \cap D$ ,  $C \cap E$ ,  $A \cup B$ ,  $(A \cup B) \cap D$ . Explain what the events mean.

**Practical 2.** [MATLAB Problem] A pair of "fair" dice are rolled and the values of their up-faces are added to obtain an outcome of this random experiment.

(a) Determine the sample space for this experiment and the associated probabilities of its outcomes.

(b) Develop a MATLAB function `[Ns,s] = Dice2Sum(N)` that stores, in the array `Ns`, the number of times each sum-outcome has occurred given the number `N` of the repeated trials (`N` is a large number). The array `s` should contain the sum-outcomes for the corresponding count. Your function should

- simulate the rolling of a single die (i.e., generate a random integer between 1 and 6, inclusive),
- add two such outcomes to generate the sum-outcome,
- repeat this independently `N` times, and
- accumulate counts in `Ns`.

Using your function and `N = 100000`, compute the outcome probabilities via the relative frequency approach. Plot these probabilities using the bar-graph and verify your results in part (a) above. Submit printouts of the function, your script, and the plot.

(c) The following events are defined:

- $A$  = {event of an odd number sum}
- $B$  = {event of an integer multiple of 3 sum}

Determine  $\Pr(A \cup B)$  analytically and then verify it using your function. Submit a printout of your script.

## Textbook Problems 1 through 8

1.1)

- (a) Sample space  $S = \{\text{black-black, black-white, white-black}\}$
- (b)  $S_{\text{replace}} = \{\text{black-black, black-white, white-black, white-white}\}$
- (c) Relative frequency  $f_{ww,(a)} = 0$  and  $f_{ww,(b)} = \frac{1}{9}$
- (d) In (a) the second draw is dependent, but in (b) the second draw is independent due to replacement

1.2)

Prove:

$$\text{begin} \quad \rightarrow \quad < X >_n \quad = \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X(j) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{bounds} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} X(j) + X(n) \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{distribute} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} X(j) + \frac{X(n)}{n} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{rewrite} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} X(j) * \frac{n-1}{n} \right) + \frac{X(n)}{n} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{definition} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \left( < X >_{n-1} * \frac{n-1}{n} \right) + \frac{X(n)}{n} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{rewrite} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \left( < X >_{n-1} * \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) + \frac{X(n)}{n} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{distribute} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad < X >_{n-1} - \frac{< X >_{n-1}}{n} + \frac{X(n)}{n} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{simplify...QED} \quad \rightarrow \quad = \quad \boxed{< X >_{n-1} - \frac{X(n) - < X >_{n-1}}{n}} \quad (8)$$

1.3)

- (a) Sample space  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$

(b) Events:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ B &= \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \\ D &= \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11\} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Events:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B \cap D &= \{3\} \\ A^c \cap B &= \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \\ A \cup (B \cap D^c) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\} \\ (A \cup B) \cap D^c &= \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \end{aligned}$$

1.4)

Given information with bounds  $[0,1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= |u - \frac{1}{2}| > \frac{1}{4} && \rightarrow && \frac{3}{4} < u < \frac{1}{4} \\ B &:= 1 - u > \frac{1}{2} && \rightarrow && u > \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Events:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \{u \mid u > \frac{3}{4}\} \\ A^c \cap B &= \{u \mid \frac{1}{2} < u \leq \frac{3}{4}\} \\ A \cup B &= \{u \mid \frac{1}{4} > u > \frac{1}{2}\} \end{aligned}$$

1.5)

Expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} i) &= 1events && \rightarrow && (A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap B^c \cap C) \\ ii) &= 2events && \rightarrow && (A \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap C) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C) \\ iii) &\geq 1events && \rightarrow && A \cup B \cup C \\ iv) &\geq 2events && \rightarrow && (A \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap C) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) \\ v) &= 0events && \rightarrow && A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c \end{aligned}$$

1.6)

Corollary 7: if  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$  also implying that  $P[A \cup B] \leq P[A] + P[B]$

(a) Prove that:  $P[A \cup B \cup C] \leq P[A] + P[B] + P[C]$

$$\text{commutativity} \rightarrow P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[(A \cup B) \cup C] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{corollary} \rightarrow \leq P[A \cup B] + P[C] \quad (2)$$

$$\text{corollary, QED} \rightarrow \leq \boxed{P[A] + P[B] + P[C]} \quad (3)$$

(b) Prove that:  $P[\cup_{k=1}^n A_k] \leq \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k]$

$$\text{bounds} \rightarrow P[\cup_{k=1}^n A_k] = P[\cup_{k=1}^{n-1} A_k] \cup P[A_n] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{corollary} \rightarrow \leq P[\cup_{k=1}^{n-1} A_k] + P[A_n] \quad (2)$$

$$\text{bounds} \rightarrow = (P[\cup_{k=1}^{n-2} A_k] \cup P[A_{n-1}]) + P[A_n] \quad (3)$$

$$\text{corollary} \rightarrow \leq P[\cup_{k=1}^{n-2} A_k] + P[A_{n-1}] + P[A_n] \quad (4)$$

$$\text{similarly...QED} \rightarrow \leq \boxed{\sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k]} \quad (5)$$

(c) Prove that:  $P[\cap_{k=1}^n A_k] \geq 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k^c]$

$$\text{DeMorgans} \rightarrow P[\cap_{k=1}^n A_k] = 1 - P[\cup_{k=1}^n A_k^c] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{result(b)...QED} \rightarrow \geq \boxed{1 - \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k^c]} \quad (2)$$

1.7)

Given information with bounds  $[-1, 2]$ :

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 A := \{x < 0\} & \rightarrow & x < 0 & \rightarrow & \frac{1}{3} \\
 B := \{|x - 0.5| < 0.5\} & \rightarrow & 0 < x < 1 & \rightarrow & \frac{1}{3} \\
 C := \{x > 0.75\} & \rightarrow & x > 0.75 & \rightarrow & \frac{1.25}{3} = \frac{5}{12}
 \end{array}$$

Events:

(a)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 P[A] = \frac{1}{3} & P[A \cap B] = \phi \\
 P[B] = \frac{1}{3} & P[B \cap C] = \frac{1}{12} \\
 P[C] = \frac{5}{12} & P[A \cap C] = \phi
 \end{array}$$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 P[A \cup B] & = & \{[-1, 1)\} \text{ or } P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B] & = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 P[A \cup C] & = & \{[-1, 0), (0.75, 2]\} \text{ or } P[A] + P[C] - P[A \cap C] & = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}} \\
 P[A \cup B \cup C] & = & \{[-1, 2]\} \text{ or } P[A] + P[B] + P[C] - P[A \cap B] - P[B \cap C] - P[A \cap C] & = \boxed{1}
 \end{array}$$

1.8)

Using equation 2.49 (from page 74):

$$(i) \text{ (2.49a)} \rightarrow \phi \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(ii) \text{ (2.49c)} \rightarrow \text{if } A^c \in \mathcal{F} \text{ then } A \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(iii) \text{ (2.49c)} \rightarrow \text{if } A \in \mathcal{F} \text{ then } A^c \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(iv) \text{ (2.49b)} \rightarrow \text{if } A, A^c \in \mathcal{F} \text{ then } A \cup A^c = S \in \mathcal{F}$$

## Application Problems 9 through 10

1.9)

	Resistor	Capacitor	Inductor	<i>total tol.</i>
High Tol.	120	75	15	210
Low Tol.	80	25	10	115
<i>total comp.</i>	200	100	25	<b>325</b>

Events: A{resistor}, B{capacitor}, C{inductor}, D{high tol.}, E{low tol.}. {A, B, C} independent from {D, E}. The chances of picking various components are:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 i) & P[A] & = \frac{200}{325} = \frac{8}{13} & \text{chance of resistor} \\
 ii) & P[B] & = \frac{100}{325} = \frac{4}{13} & \text{chance of capacitor} \\
 iii) & P[C] & = \frac{25}{325} = \frac{1}{13} & \text{chance of inductor} \\
 iv) & P[D] & = \frac{210}{325} = \frac{42}{65} & \text{chance of high tol. component} \\
 v) & P[E] & = \frac{115}{325} = \frac{23}{65} & \text{chance of low tol. component} \\
 vi) & P[A \cap D] & = \frac{8}{13} * \frac{120}{200} = \frac{120}{325} & \text{chance of high tol. resistor} \\
 vii) & P[C \cap E] & = \frac{1}{13} * \frac{10}{25} = \frac{10}{325} & \text{chance of low tol. inductor} \\
 viii) & P[A \cup B] & = \frac{8}{13} + \frac{4}{13} = \frac{12}{13} & \text{chance of resistor or capacitor} \\
 ix) & P[A \cup B] \cap D & = \frac{12}{13} * \frac{195}{300} = \frac{195}{325} & \text{chance of high tol. [resistor or capacitor]}
 \end{array}$$

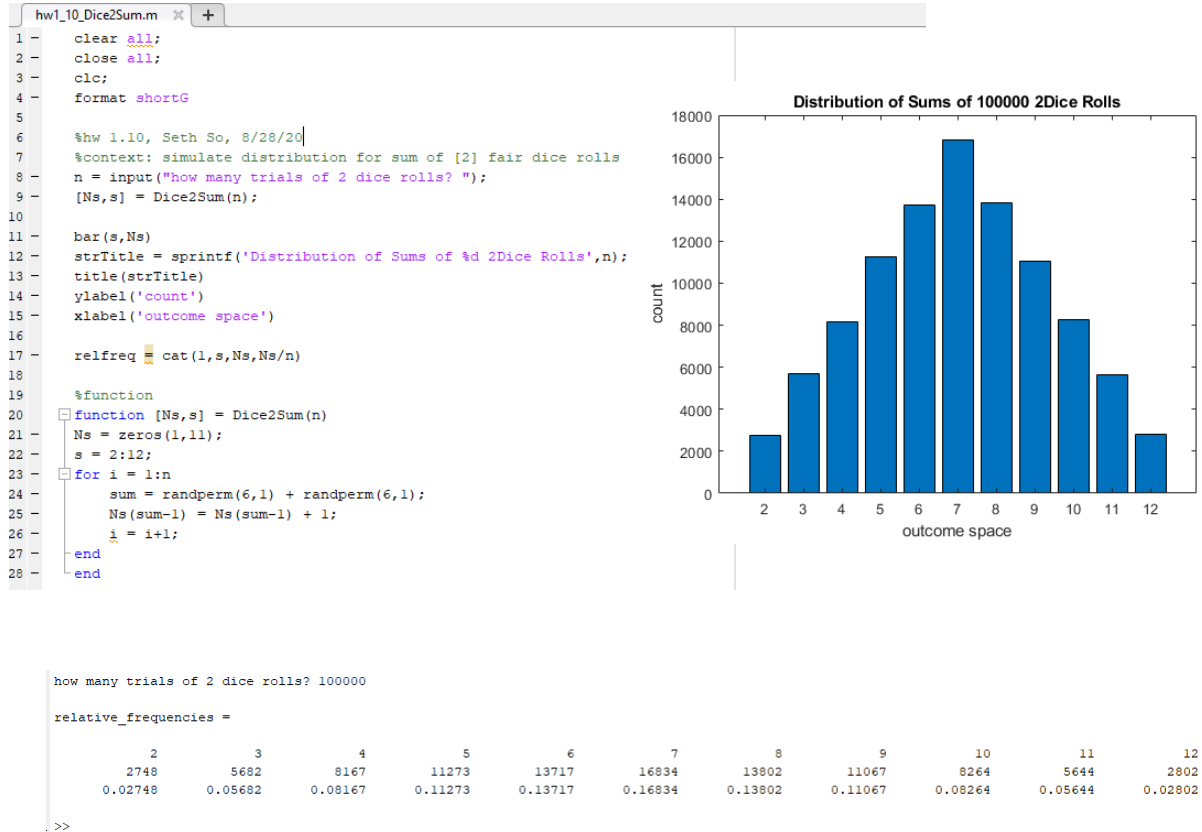
### 1.10)

Context: Roll 2 dice  $10^5$  and observe distribution of sums:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Samplespace} &= \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\} \\ \text{Probabilities} &= \left\{ \frac{1}{36}, \frac{2}{36}, \frac{3}{36}, \frac{4}{36}, \frac{5}{36}, \frac{6}{36}, \frac{5}{36}, \frac{4}{36}, \frac{3}{36}, \frac{2}{36}, \frac{1}{36} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Code, plot, and relative frequencies (outcome, count, relative frequency):



(c)  $A = \{\text{odd sum}\}$ ,  $B = \{\text{multiple of 3 sum}\}$  find  $P[A \cup B]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{3, 5, 7, 9, 11\} \quad , \quad B = \{3, 6, 9, 12\} \\ A \cap B &= \{3, 9\} \quad , \quad A \cup B = \{3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12\} \\ P[A \cup B] &= P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B] = \frac{18}{36} + \frac{12}{36} - \frac{6}{36} = \boxed{\frac{24}{36} \approx 0.667} \end{aligned}$$

Using the relative frequencies calculated in (b), this is verified with the simulation:

$$\begin{aligned} P[A \cup B] &= f_3 + f_5 + f_6 + f_7 + f_9 + f_{11} + f_{12} \\ &= 0.05682 + 0.1127 + 0.1372 + 0.1683 + 0.1107 + 0.05644 + 0.02802 \\ &= \boxed{0.670} \end{aligned}$$