

33. Let A be the event that a letter taken at random from his spelling is a vowel  
 Let B be the event that the writer is an Englishman.

We want to calculate  $P(B|A)$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)} = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)}$$

if the man is English,  $P(A|B) = \frac{1}{2}$  if the man is American,  $P(A|B^c) = \frac{2}{5}$

$$\therefore P(B|A) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 0.4}{\frac{1}{2} \times 0.4 + \frac{2}{5} \times 0.6} = \frac{5}{11}$$

37. Let B be the event that it is the fair coin. and Let  $A_1$  be the event that first flip it shows head,  $A_2$  be the event that on first and second flips, it shows head and  $A_3$  be the event that all the ~~three~~ <sup>third</sup> flips it shows ~~head~~ tails

$$(a) P(B|A_1) = \frac{P(BA_1)}{P(A_1)} = \frac{P(A_1|B)P(B)}{P(A_1|B)P(B) + P(A_1|B^c)P(B^c)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(b) P(B|A_2) = \frac{P(A_2|B)P(B)}{P(A_2|B)P(B) + P(A_2|B^c)P(B^c)}$$

and  $P(A_2|B)$  equals the probability that if the coin is fair, ~~the~~ it shows head twice.

so  $P(A_2|B) = \frac{1}{4}$  and if the coin is two-headed, then it always shows head,  $P(A_2|B^c) = 1$

$$\text{so } P(B|A_2) = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{5}$$

(c) if it shows tails, then the coin must be fair so  $P(B|A_3) = 1$

45. Let  $B_i$  be the event that it was the ~~first~~ <sup>i</sup>th coin and A be the event that the coin shows head

$$P(B_5|A) = \frac{P(A|B_5)P(B_5)}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)} = \frac{5/10 \cdot 1/10}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{i}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{10}} = \frac{5}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{10} i} = \frac{5}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{100} \cdot \frac{10(10+1)}{2}} = \frac{5}{55} = \frac{1}{11}$$

47. Let B be the event that all the balls selected are white and  $A_i$  be the event that the die landed on  $i$ . because there are only five ~~balls~~ white balls in an urn, so  $i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^5 P(B|A_i)P(A_i) \quad P(A_i) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(B|A_i) = \frac{\binom{5}{i}}{\binom{15}{i}}$$

$$\text{so } P(B) = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{5}{15} + \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{14} + \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{3}{13} + \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{3}{13} \cdot \frac{2}{12} + \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{3}{13} \cdot \frac{2}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{11} \right] = 0.076$$

$$P(A_3|B) = \frac{P(B|A_3)P(A_3)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{3}{13}}{P(B)} = 0.048$$

49. Let B be the event that the man has the cancer and A be the event that the test indicated an elevated PSA Level

$$(a) P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)} \quad P(A|B) = .268, P(A|B^c) = .135$$

$$\text{case (i)} \quad P(B) = .7 \quad \text{then } P(B|A) = \frac{0.268 \times 0.7}{0.268 \times 0.7 + 0.135 \times 0.3} = 0.822.$$

$$\text{Case (ii)} \quad P(B) = .3 \quad \text{then } P(B|A) = \frac{0.268 \times 0.3}{0.268 \times 0.3 + 0.135 \times 0.7} = 0.460.$$

$$(b) P(B|A^c) = \frac{P(A^c|B)P(B)}{P(A^c|B)P(B) + P(A^c|B^c)P(B^c)} \quad P(A^c|B) = 1 - P(A|B) = .732 \quad P(A^c|B^c) = 1 - .135 = .865$$

$$\text{case (i)} \quad P(B) = 0.7 \quad P(B|A^c) = \frac{0.732 \times 0.7}{0.732 \times 0.7 + 0.865 \times 0.3} = 0.664$$

$$\text{case (ii)} \quad P(B) = 0.3 \quad P(B|A^c) = \frac{0.732 \times 0.3}{0.732 \times 0.3 + 0.865 \times 0.7} = 0.266$$

58. (a) All we know when the procedure ends is that the two most flips were either H,T or T,H

Thus,  $P(\text{the result is head}) = P(\text{the two most flips were H,T} \mid \text{the procedure ends})$

$$= P(H,T \mid H,T \text{ or } T,H) = \frac{P(H,T)}{P(H,T) + P(T,H)} = \frac{P(1-p)}{P(1-p) + P(1-p)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) Let  $A_n$  be the event that the  $n$ th flip is head, so the first  $n-1$  flips are tails

so  $P(A_n) = P(1-p)^{n-1}$  Let A be the event that the result is head.

$$P(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(1-p)^{n-1} = P \cdot \frac{1-p}{1-(1-p)} = 1-p \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

So the answer is no.

76. Let  $A_n$  be the event that E occurred on the  $n$ th. trials and E,F didn't occur on the first  $n-1$  trials

Let A be the event that E will occur before F.

$$P(A_n) = P(E) \cdot (1 - P(E) - P(F))^{n-1} \quad \text{and } P(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = P(E) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - P(E) - P(F))^{n-1}$$

$$\therefore P(A) = P(E) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (1 - P(E) - P(F))} = \frac{P(E)}{P(E) + P(F)} \quad \text{by using the formula } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n = \frac{a}{1-a} \text{ if } |a| < 1$$

86. (a) Using the hint, Let  $N(B)$  denote the number of elements in B

$$\text{so } P(A < B) = \sum_{i=0}^n P(A < B \mid N(B) = i) P(N(B) = i).$$

because  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and A, B are equally likely to be any of the  $2^n$  subsets of S

$$\text{so } A, B \text{ from binomial distribution } B(n, \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{so } P(N(B) = i) = \binom{n}{i} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$P(A < B \mid N(B) = i) = \frac{2^i}{2^n} \quad \text{so } P(A < B) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{2^i}{2^n} \cdot \binom{n}{i} \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i \binom{n}{i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4^n} (1+z)^n = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n.$$

(b)  $P(AB = \emptyset) = P(A < B^c) = P(A < B) = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$  because  $B^c$  is also equally likely to be any of the subsets

4. Let  $N_i$  denote the event that the ball is not found in a search of box  $i$ , and let  $B_j$  denote the event that it is in box  $j$ .

$$P(B_j | N_i) = \frac{P(N_i | B_j) P(B_j)}{P(N_i | B_j) P(B_j) + P(N_i | B_j^c) P(B_j^c)} \quad P(B_j) = P_j \quad \text{and} \quad P(N_i | B_j) = 1 \quad \text{if } j \neq i$$

$$\text{and } P(N_i | B_j) = 1 - \alpha_i \quad \text{if } j = i \quad P(N_i | B_i^c) = 1$$

$$\text{so } P(B_j | N_i) = \frac{P_j}{(1 - \alpha_i) P_j + 1 \cdot (1 - P_j)} = \frac{P_j}{1 - \alpha_i P_j} \quad \text{if } j \neq i$$

$$P(B_j | N_i) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_i) P_i}{(1 - \alpha_i) P_i + 1 - P_i} = \frac{(1 - \alpha_i) P_i}{1 - \alpha_i P_i} \quad \text{if } j = i$$

$$6 \quad P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = 1 - P((E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)^c) = 1 - P(E_1^c \cap E_2^c \cap \dots \cap E_n^c)$$

because  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are independent events so  $P(E_1^c \cap E_2^c \cap \dots \cap E_n^c) = P(E_1^c) P(E_2^c) \dots P(E_n^c)$

$$\therefore P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = 1 - P(E_1^c) P(E_2^c) \dots P(E_n^c) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - P(E_i))$$

7 (a) They will be all white if the last ball withdrawn from the urn (when all balls are withdrawn) is white. so the answer will be the same as the probability that the last ball withdrawn from the urn is white. Since the probability of drawing a white ball on the  $i$ th ball selected is the same as the probability of drawing a white ball on the first ball selected, this probability is  $\frac{n}{n+m}$ .

$$9. \quad P(AB) = P(\text{both land heads}) = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$P(AC) = P(\text{both land on the same side and first coin lands head}) = P(\text{both land heads}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = P(A) \cdot P(C)$$

$$P(BC) = P(\text{both land heads}) = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = P(B) \cdot P(C)$$

$$\text{But } P(ABC) = P(\text{both land heads}) = \frac{1}{4} \neq P(A) P(B) P(C) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$11. \quad P(\text{At least one head after } n \text{ tosses}) = 1 - P(\text{all tails after } n \text{ tosses}) = 1 - (1-p)^n \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } (1-p)^n \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad n \geq -\frac{\log 2}{\log(1-p)}$$

13. Condition on the initial flip. If it lands on heads then A will accumulate  $n$  heads before B accumulates  $m$  with probability  $P_{n,m}$ , whereas if it lands tails then B will start first and B accumulates  $m$  heads before A accumulates  $n$  heads with probability  $P_{m,n}$ . so A accumulates  $n$  heads before B accumulates  $m$  heads with probability  $1 - P_{m,n}$ .

$$P_{n,m} = P(A \text{ accumulates } n \text{ heads before } B \text{ accumulates } m \text{ heads})$$

$$= P(A \text{ first flips heads}) \cdot P(A \text{ accumulates } n \text{ heads before } B \text{ accumulates } m \text{ heads} \mid A \text{ first flips heads}) + P(A \text{ first flips tails}) \cdot P(A \text{ accumulates } n \text{ heads before } B \text{ accumulates } m \text{ heads} \mid A \text{ first flips tails})$$

$$= p \cdot P_{n-1,m} + (1-p) \cdot P_{m,n}$$

15. In order for it to take  $n$  trials to obtain  $r$  successes,  $r-1$  successes must occur in the first  $n-1$  trials and the  $r$ th success occurs on the  $n$ th trial.

there are  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$  possibilities to have  $r-1$  successes in the first  $n-1$  trials

$$\text{so } P(\text{exactly } n \text{ trials are required}) = \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$$

16 Condition on the ~~initial~~ <sup>first  $n-1$</sup>  trials, if the ~~initial~~ <sup>first  $n-1$</sup>  trials result in an <sup>even number of</sup> successes, the probability that  $n$  trials result in an even number of successes is  $1-p$ , and the probability that

the first  $n-1$  trials result in an even number of successes is  $P_{n-1}$ , if the first  $n-1$  trials result in an odd number of successes, the probability that  $n$  trials result in an even number of successes is  $p$  so  $P_n = P(\text{even successes in } n \text{ trials}) =$

$$P(\text{even successes in } n \text{ trials} \mid \text{even successes in } n-1 \text{ trials}) P(\text{even successes in } n-1 \text{ trials}) + P(\text{even successes in } n \text{ trials} \mid \text{odd success in } n-1 \text{ trials}) P(\text{odd successes in } n-1 \text{ trials})$$

$$= (1-p) P_{n-1} + p \cdot (1 - P_{n-1}) = p + (1-2p) P_{n-1} \quad P_0 = 1$$

$$\text{Assume We want to prove } P_n = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^n}{2}$$

First step: prove when  $n=1$ , the probability that first trial result in even number of successes is  $1-p$  because this even number must be 0 so the first trial is a failure.

$$\text{And } 1-p = P_1 = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^1}{2} = 1-p \quad \text{so the formula is correct when } n=1$$

Second step: We assume ~~the~~  $P_n = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^n}{2}$  holds when  $n=k$  trials.

$$\text{so } P_k = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^k}{2} \quad \text{using } P_{k+1} = p + (1-2p) P_k$$

$$\text{When } n=k+1 \quad P_{k+1} = p + (1-2p) \cdot \frac{1 + (1-2p)^k}{2} = p + \frac{1-2p}{2} + \frac{(1-2p)^{k+1}}{2} = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^{k+1}}{2}$$

$$\therefore P_n = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^n}{2} \text{ holds when } n=k+1.$$

So the formula  $P_n = \frac{1 + (1-2p)^n}{2}$  holds for  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$

20.  $\alpha_n$  denote the probability that the  $n$ th ball is chosen from the first urn.

$$\alpha_{n+1} = P(\text{n+1th ball is chosen from the first urn})$$

$$= P(\text{n+1th ball is chosen from the first urn} \mid \text{nth ball is chosen from the first urn}) \times P(\text{nth ball is chosen from the first urn}) + P(\text{n+1th ball is chosen from the first urn} \mid \text{nth ball is chosen from the second urn}) \times P(\text{nth ball is chosen from the second urn})$$

$$= P \cdot \alpha_n + (1-p')(1-\alpha_n) = \alpha_n(p+p'-1) + (1-p')$$

because  $P(\text{n+1th ball is chosen from the first urn} \mid \text{nth ball is chosen from the first urn})$

$$= P(\text{nth ball from the first urn is white}) = p$$

$$P(\text{n+1th ball is chosen from the first urn} \mid \text{nth ball is chosen from the second urn})$$

$$= P(\text{nth ball from the second urn is black}) = 1-p'$$

$$\alpha_1 = P(\text{1th ball is chosen from the first urn}) = \alpha$$

By induction. when  $n=1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} = \alpha$  the equation:

$$\alpha_n = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{n-1} \text{ holds}$$

Assume. when  $n=k$ ,  $\alpha_k = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{k-1}$

$$\text{so when } n=k+1, \alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k(p+p'-1) + 1-p' = (p+p'-1) \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^k$$

$$+ 1-p' = (1-p') \left(\frac{p+p'-1}{2-p-p'} + 1\right) + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^k = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^k$$

$$\text{so } \alpha_n = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{n-1} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

Because  $0 < p, p' < 1$  so  $|p+p'-1| < 1$  so  $(p+p'-1)^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}$$

$P_n$  denote  $n$ th ball is white. ~~nth~~ ball from the first urn  $n$ th

$$P_n = P(\text{nth ball is white} \mid \text{nth ball is white}) P(\text{nth ball from the first urn})$$

$$+ P(\text{nth ball is white} \mid \text{nth ball from the second urn}) P(\text{nth ball from the second urn})$$

$$= P \cdot \alpha_n + \cancel{(1-p')} p' (1-\alpha_n)$$

$$= P \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} + P \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{n-1} + p' - p' \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'} - p' \left(\alpha - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{p+p'-2pp'}{2-p-p'} + (p-p') \left(2 - \frac{1-p'}{2-p-p'}\right) (p+p'-1)^{n-1}$$

as  $|p+p'-1| < 1$  so  $(p+p'-1)^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n = \frac{p+p'-2pp'}{2-p-p'}$$

22.  $P_n = P(\text{it will be dry } n \text{ days later} \mid \text{the weather is dry on Jan 1.})$

$= P(\text{it will be dry } n \text{ days later} \mid \text{the weather will be dry } n-1 \text{ days later, dry on Jan 1.})$

$\cdot P(\text{it will be dry } n-1 \text{ days later} \mid \text{dry on Jan 1}) + P(\text{dry } n \text{ days later} \mid$

it will be wet  $n-1$  days later, dry on Jan 1)  $P(\text{it will be wet } n-1 \text{ days later} \mid \text{dry Jan 1})$

$$= P \cdot P_{n-1} + (1-p)(1-P_{n-1}) = (2p-1)P_{n-1} + (1-p)$$

By induction.  $P_0 = 1$ . when  $n=1$   $P_1 = P(\text{it will be dry 1 days later} \mid \text{dry on Jan 1}) =$   
 $= \cancel{P \cdot P_0} + (1-p)(1-P_0) = \cancel{P} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1) = p$

the equation  $P_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^n$  holds

Assume that when  $n=k$  the equation holds so  $P_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^k$

so  $P_{k+1} = P \cdot P_k + (1-p)(1-P_k) = (2p-1)P_k + (1-p) = \frac{1}{2}(2p-1) + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^{k+1} + (1-p)$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^{k+1}$  the equation holds

so  $P_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(2p-1)^n$ ,  $n=1, 2, \dots$

29. Let  $H$  denote the next  $m$  flips also result in all heads,  $F_n$  denote the first  $n$  flips all result in heads and  $C_i$  denote  $i$ th coin is selected.

$$\text{so } P(H|F_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k P(H|F_n, C_i) P(C_i|F_n) =$$

$$P(H|F_n, C_i) = P(H|C_i) = \left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^m$$

$$P(C_i|F_n) = \frac{P(F_n|C_i) \cdot P(C_i)}{\sum_{i=0}^k P(F_n|C_i) \cdot P(C_i)} = \frac{\left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{k+1}}{\sum_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{k+1}} = \frac{i^n}{\sum_{i=0}^k i^n}$$

$$\text{so } P(H|F_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^m \cdot \frac{i^n}{\sum_{j=0}^k j^n} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^{n+m}}{\sum_{j=0}^k \left(\frac{j}{k}\right)^n} \approx \frac{\int_0^1 x^{n+m} dx}{\int_0^1 x^n dx} = \frac{n+1}{n+m+1}$$