

1.(a) A and B are arbitrary events with  $0 < P(A) < 1, 0 < P(B) < 1$

TRUE FALSE

- n n  $P(A \cup B) = P(A^c \cap B^c) - P(A^c) - P(B^c) + 1$   
 $[P(A^c \cap B^c) - P(A^c) - P(B^c)] + 1 = -P(A^c B^c) + 1 = 1 - P((A \cup B)^c) = P(A \cup B)$
- n n  $P(A \cup B) > P(A)$   
The conditional probability  $P(A \cup B)$  can be larger, smaller, or the same as  $P(A)$
- n n  $P(A \cup B) = P(A)/P(B)$   
 $P(A \cup B) = P(AB)/P(B) = P(A)/P(B)$  since  $P(AB) = P(A)$
- n n  $P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B^c) = 1$
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Conditional probabilities are a probability measure
- n n If  $P(A) = P(B)$ , then  $P(A \cup B) = P(B \cup A)$   
Since  $P(A) = P(B)$ ,  $P(A \cup B) = P(AB)/P(A) = P(AB)/P(B) = P(B \cup A)$
- n n If  $P(A \cup B) = P(B \cup A)$ , then  $P(A) = P(B)$   
 $P(A \cup B) = P(AB)/P(A) = P(AB)/P(B) = P(B \cup A) \implies P(A) = P(B)$  only if  $P(AB) = 0$
- n n  $P(A \cup B)P(B) + P(A \cap B^c)P(B^c) = P(A)$   
This is just the theorem of total probability!
- n n  $P(A \cup B) = P(B \cup A)P(B)/P(A)$   
Bayes' formula gives  $P(A \cup B) = P(B \cup A)P(A)/P(B)$

(b) X and Y are arbitrary random variables with identical variance  $\sigma^2$

TRUE FALSE

- n n  $E[X^2] = E[Y^2]$   
True if  $E[X] = \pm E[Y]$ , but not in general.
- n n  $\text{var}(X + Y) = 2\sigma^2$   
True if  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$ , i.e. the RVs are uncorrelated, but not in general.
- n n  $\text{var}(X - Y) = 0$   
True if  $P\{X = Y\} = 1$ , but not in general.
- n n  $\text{var}(X + Y) + \text{var}(X - Y) = 4\sigma^2$   
 $\text{var}(X \pm Y) = \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) \pm 2\text{cov}(X, Y)$ . Thus,  $2\text{cov}(X, Y)$  cancels
- n n  $\text{var}(2X + 3Y) = \text{var}(3X + 2Y)$   
Both variances equal  $13\sigma^2 + 12\text{cov}(X, Y)$
- n n  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}(\text{var}(X+Y) - \text{var}(X-Y))$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(\text{cov}(X, Y) + \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) - (\text{cov}(X, Y) - \text{var}(X) - \text{var}(Y))) = \text{cov}(X, Y) / 2 = 0$
- n n X + Y and X - Y are uncorrelated random variables  
 $\text{cov}(X+Y, X-Y) = \text{var}(X) - \text{var}(Y) + \text{cov}(X, Y) - \text{cov}(Y, X) = 0$
- n n X + Y and X - Y are independent random variables  
Uncorrelated random variables are not necessarily independent

3. There are 3 red and 3 black balls in the urn.

(a)  $(R_1 \cap R_2) \cap (B_1 \cap B_2) = (R_1 \cap B_2) \cap (B_1 \cap R_2)$  since  $R_1 \cap B_1 = R_2 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ .

Hence,  $P\{(R_1 \cap R_2) \cap (B_1 \cap B_2)\} = P(R_1)P(B_2 | R_1) + P(B_1)P(R_2 | B_1) = \frac{3}{6} \times \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{6} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$ .

$$P\{B_1 | (R_1, R_2)\} = \frac{P\{B_1, (R_1, R_2)\}}{P\{R_1, R_2\}} = \frac{P\{B_1, R_2\}}{P\{R_1, R_2\}}. \text{ We have already found } P\{B_1, R_2\} = \frac{3}{6} \times \frac{3}{5}.$$

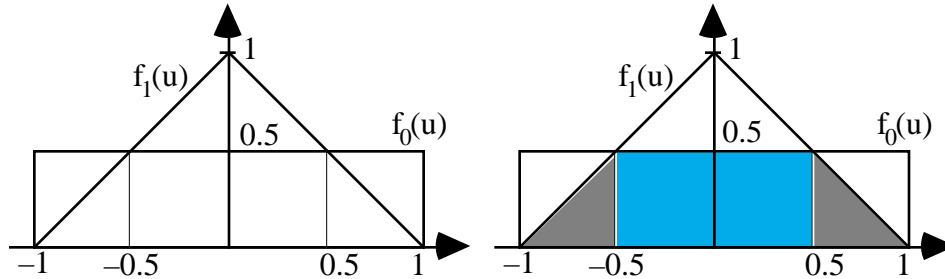
$$\text{Since } P\{R_1, R_2\} = 1 - P\{B_1, B_2\} = 1 - \frac{3}{6} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{24}{30} = \frac{4}{5}, \text{ we get that } P\{B_1 | (R_1, R_2)\} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

(b)  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are neither disjoint nor independent. However,

$$P(R_2) = P(R_2 | B_1)P(B_1) + P(R_2 | R_1)P(R_1) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = P(R_1).$$

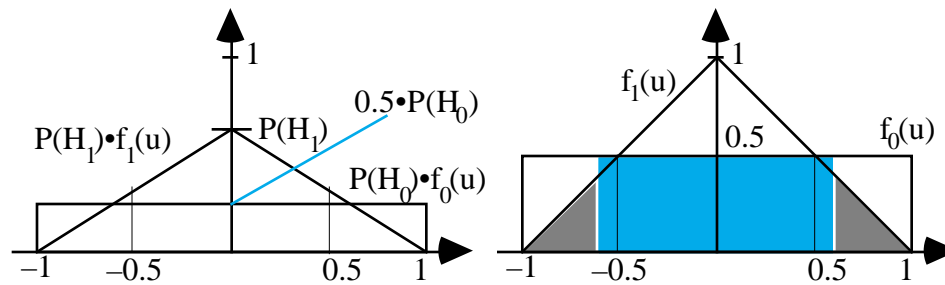
4.  $E[Y] = 2 = (b+a)/2$ .  $\text{var}(Y) = 3 = (b-a)^2/12$  giving that  $b-a = 6$ . Hence,  $b = 5$ ,  $a = -1$ , and  $P\{Y = 1\} = 1/3$ .

5. The pdfs under the two hypotheses are as shown below.



(a) The maximum-likelihood decision rule chooses  $H_1$  if the observed value of  $u$  is in the interval  $(-0.5, 0.5)$  and  $H_0$  if the observed value of  $u$  is outside this interval. Hence,  $P_{FA}(ML) = 1/2$  and  $P_{MD}(ML) = 1/4$ .

(b) If  $P(H_0) < P(H_1)$ , the Bayes' rule compares  $P(H_0) \cdot f_0(u) = 0.5 \cdot P(H_0)$  and  $P(H_1) \cdot f_1(u) = (1-|u|) \cdot P(H_1)$ . Since  $P(H_0) < 0.5$ ,  $P(H_1) > 0.5$ , we see that  $1 - |u|$  must exceed  $0.5 \cdot P(H_0)/P(H_1)$  which is less than 0.5. Hence, the Bayes rule decides in favor of  $H_1$  if  $|u| < 1 - 0.5 \cdot P(H_0)/P(H_1)$  where the RHS is larger than 0.5. The situation is as shown below, and we conclude that  $P_{FA}(\text{Bayes}) > P_{FA}(ML)$  and  $P_{MD}(\text{Bayes}) < P_{MD}(ML)$ . Thus, only (b) is a true statement. This makes sense intuitively. Since  $P(H_1) > P(H_0)$ , the Bayes rule attempts to reduce the chances of error (missed detection) when the more likely hypothesis is true, while accepting a somewhat larger chance of error (false alarm) when the less likely hypothesis is true.



(c) From the left-hand diagram above, we see that the Bayes decision rule will always choose  $H_0$  if  $0.5 \cdot P(H_0)$  is larger than  $P(H_1) = 1 - P(H_0)$ , i.e. if  $P(H_0) > 2/3$ .

6.(a) 
$$P\{2Y < X\} = P\{Y < X/2\} = \int_{u=0}^{1} \int_{v=0}^{u/2} u + v \, dv \, du = \int_{u=0}^1 u^2/2 + u^2/8 \, du = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{5}{24}$$

(b) For  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ ,  $f_X(u) = \int_0^{u/2} u + v \, dv = u + 1/2$ . For all other values of  $u$ ,  $f_X(u) = 0$ .

Sanity check:  $f_X(u) \geq 0$  and  $\int_0^1 u + 1/2 \, du = 1$

(c) 
$$E[Y] = \int_0^1 \int_0^{u/2} v \cdot (u + v) \, du \, dv = \int_0^1 v/2 + v^2 \, dv = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{12} = E[X]. \text{ Why?}$$

(d) 
$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 uv \cdot (u+v) \, du \, dv = \int_0^1 (v/3 + v^2/2) \, dv = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Hence,  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = \frac{-1}{144}.$

(e) Since  $f_X(0.4) = u + 0.5 = 0.9$  from part (a),  $f_{Y|X}(v|0.4)$ , the conditional pdf of  $Y$  given that  $X = 0.4$ , is

given by 
$$f_{Y|X}(v|0.4) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(0.4,v)}{f_X(0.4)} = \begin{cases} \frac{10}{9} \cdot (0.4 + v) & \text{if } 0 \leq v \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

(f)  $Z = X + Y$  can take on values in the range  $[0, 2]$ . For  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ ,  $F_Z(z) = P\{Z \leq z\} = P\{X + Y \leq z\}$

$$= \int_{v=0}^z \int_{u=0}^{z-v} u + v \, du \, dv = \int_{v=0}^z ((z-v)^2/2 + v(z-v)) \, dv = -((z-v)^3/6 + v^2/2 - v^3/3) \Big|_0^z = z^3/3.$$

For  $1 < z \leq 2$ ,  $1 - F_Z(z) = P\{Z > z\} = P\{X + Y > z\} = \int_{v=-1}^1 \int_{u=-v}^1 u + v \, du \, dv$

$$= \int_{v=-1}^1 (v + 1/2 - (z-v)^2/2 - v(z-v)) \, dv = v^2/2 + v/2 + ((z-v)^3/6 - v^2/2 + v^3/3) \Big|_{-1}^{-1}$$

$$= z^3/3 - z^2 + 4/3, \text{ giving } f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 2z - 2, & 0 \leq z \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 Sanity check:  $F_Z(z) = z^3/3$

increases from 0 to 1/3 as  $z$  increases from 0 to 1, while  $F_Z(z) = 1 - (z^3/3 - z^2 + 4/3)$  has value 1/3 at  $z = 1$  and increases to 1 at  $z = 2$ .

7.(a)  $X$  is a binomial random variable with parameters  $(25600, 0.5)$ .

(b)  $E[X] = 25600 \cdot 0.5 = 12800$ .  $\text{var}(X) = 25600 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.5 = 6400$ .

(c) Since  $X + Y = 25600$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  cannot be independent random variables. Knowing one tells is the other.

(d)  $X$  and  $Y$  are either both even or both odd. Hence,  $X - Y$  cannot equal the lead of B over A; one or the other of A and B must win.

(e)  $Z = X - Y = 2X - 25600$  has mean  $E[Z] = 2 \cdot E[X] - 25600 = 0$  and variance  $\text{var}(Z) = 4 \cdot \text{var}(X) = 25600$ .

(f) According to the Central Limit Theorem, the CDF of  $Z$  can be approximated by the CDF of a  $N(0, 25600)$

random variable. Thus,  $P(B \text{ wins}) = P\{Z \leq 536\} \approx \Phi(536/\sqrt{25600}) = \Phi(536/160) = \Phi(3.35) \approx 0.9996$

(g) Now,  $X$  is binomial with parameters  $(25600, p)$  and thus  $Z = X - Y = 2X - 25600$  now has mean  $E[Z] = 2 \cdot E[X] - 25600 = 2 \cdot 25600 \cdot p - 25600 = 25600 \cdot (2p - 1)$  and variance  $4 \cdot \text{var}(X) = 25600 \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$ .

In order for  $P(A \text{ wins}) = P\{Z \leq 538\} \approx 1 - \frac{538 - E[Z]}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Z)}} = 1 - \frac{538 - 25600 \cdot (2p - 1)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Z)}}$  to be 0.5 or

more, the argument of  $\Phi$  must be at most zero, i.e.  $538 - 25600 \cdot (2p - 1)$ , that is,

$$p \frac{538 + 25600}{2 \cdot 25600} = 0.5 + \frac{538}{51200} = 0.5105\dots$$
 Note that it is not necessary to compute  $\text{var}(Z)$  at all!