

DISCRETE PROBS

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FAIR 6 SIDED DIE

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A = \text{EVEN} \quad \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$B = \text{PRIME} \quad \{2, 3, 5\}$$

$$C = \text{SQUARE} \quad \{1, 4\}$$

NEED PROBS OF INDIVIDUAL
OUTCOMES.

HOW? IS ANOTHER QUESTION
PHYSICS? COMMON SENSE?

$$P(1) = P(2) = \dots = \frac{1}{6}$$

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

$$P(C) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{6}$$

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$$A \cap B = \{2\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$P[A \cup B] = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$$

$$\frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}$$

3-WAY COMBOS

$$P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[A] + P[B] + P[C]$$

$$- P[A \cap B] - P[B \cap C] - P[A \cap C]$$

$$+ P[A \cap B \cap C]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} - 0 - \frac{1}{6} + 0 = \frac{7}{6}$$

WRONG!

$$= 1$$



$A \cap C$?

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$A = \text{EVEN} = \{2, 4, 6\}$

$C = \text{SQUARE} = \{1, 4\}$

$A \cap C = \{4\}$

$$P[A \cap C] = \frac{1}{6}$$

$A \cap B = \emptyset$

ASSUME: INDEPENDENCE

DEFINE $D = \{4\}$

$$D \subset C$$

$$P[D] \leq P[C]$$

$$P[D] = \frac{1}{6} \quad P[C] = \frac{1}{3}$$

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HOW TO GET LOW LEVEL
PROBS?

EXPT: TOSS A COIN TWICE,
YOU GET TO DEFINE OUTCOMES.

OUTCOMES: ~~H~~ HEADS.

$$S = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

WHAT ARE PROBS??

HARD

$$P(0) = P(1) = P(2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

COMMENTS?

UNLIKELY,

NOT POSSIBLE IF THE

TWO TOSSES ARE INDEPENDENT,

REASONABLE IS

S

$$P[0] = \frac{1}{4} \quad P[1] = \frac{1}{2} \quad P[2] = \frac{1}{4}$$

BECAUSE LOOKING AT DETAILED

OUTCOMES

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} TT, & TH, & HT, & HH \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \frac{1}{4}, & \frac{1}{4}, & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right\}$$

FOR EACH TOSS $\{H, T\}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

THIS ONE IS EASY.

MONTY HALL PROBS CAUSES
ARGUMENTS

$$\sum \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = \frac{1}{2} + \sum \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} A \rightarrow A = 1$$

UNIFORM [0,1]

$$P[a < x < b] = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

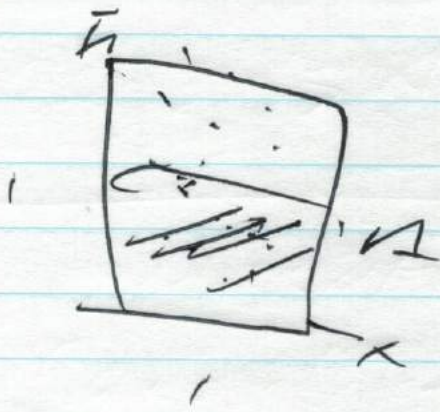
COMBO TYPE

WAITING FOR CAR AT AIRPORT

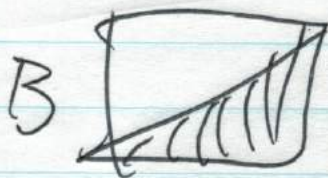
T = TIME WAITING

$$P(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

~~P(T) =~~ $P(X > T) = c 2^{-T}$
RANDOM VARIABLE PARAM



A: $Y \leq \frac{1}{2}$
 $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$



B: $X \geq Y$
 $P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

$C = A \cap B$



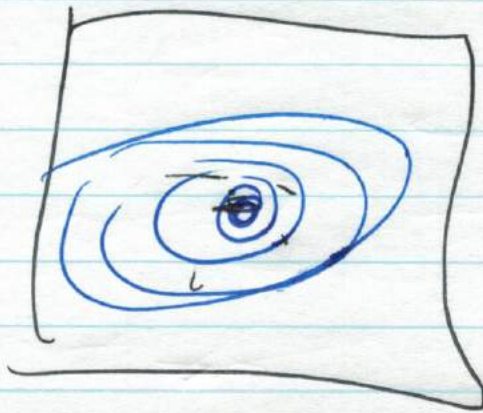
$P(C) = \frac{3}{8}$

$D = A \cup B$



$P(D) = \frac{5}{8}$

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ASSUMES POINTS CAN
UNIFORMLY. IS IT TRUE?



ASSUME YOU'RE
TRYING TO HIT
TARGET

POINTS NOT UNIFORM

COMBINATORICS

eg. TOSS COIN N TIMES

WANT PROB OF K HEADS

$$N=2 \quad P = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$$

GENERALIZE

$$N=3 \quad P = \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{1}{8}$$

PROB OF 1 HEAD IN
 3 TOSSES IS # WAYS YOU
 CAN GET 1 HEAD, 2 TAILS

\Rightarrow

HTT
 THT
 TTH

$$P = \frac{3}{8}$$

TOTAL # WAYS =

N TOSS, K HEAD

$$P = \binom{N}{K}$$

$$= \frac{N!}{K!(N-K)!}$$

N CHOOSE K

$$\binom{10}{5} = \frac{10!}{5!5!} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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11 COINS. 5 QUARTERS
 2 DIMES
 2 NICKELS
 2 PENNIES

↑
 URN

$$P(\text{DRAW QUARTER}) = \frac{5}{11}$$

$$P(\text{DIME}) = \frac{2}{11}$$

$$P[2 \text{ QUARTERS}]$$

$$= P(\text{DRAW QUARTER}) \cdot P(\text{DRAW ANOTHER})$$

$$\frac{5}{11} \cdot \frac{4}{10}$$

FOR 2nd DRAW, GIVEN 1st COIN WAS QUARTER, WE HAVE NOW 10 COINS, 4 QUARTERS
 "DRAWING w/o REPLACEMENT"